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LEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY WELCOMES NEW FIRE CHIEF

FORT MYERS, Fla. (March 5, 2018) – The Lee County Port Authority (LCPA) has named Tracy Wayne Young as chief of the Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) department. He will be responsible for managing all ARFF services including the planning and coordination of aircraft rescue, firefighting, medical response, fire safety, disaster preparedness and development of training programs for the 42-member department at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers.

Young's fire-rescue career spans 26 years as a firefighter for the United States Air Force Emergency Services. Since 2009, he served as the deputy fire chief at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) Fire Emergency Services in Dayton, Ohio, where his responsibilities included administration and strategic planning of all firefighting, rescue, fire prevention, public education and advanced life support emergency medical services. From November 2015 to March 2017, Young served as fire chief for Wright-Patterson AFB during its fire chief's deployment. He also worked for the Mad River Township Fire Department, City of New Carlisle Fire Division and the Bethel Township Fire Department, all located in Clark County, Ohio.

Young has a bachelor's degree in fire science from Columbia Southern University in Alabama. He holds many certifications including Firefighter I & II, Airport Firefighter, Fire Officer IV, Fire Instructor III and Fire Inspector III. He is also certified as a paramedic by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and received the Chief Fire Officer designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

Young has received numerous awards and recognition during his career, including the WPAFB Firefighter of the Year in 2006, the Air Force Material Command Heroism Award in 2014 and the Air Force Civilian Achievement Medal in 2017.

The Lee County Port Authority operates Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for the operation or improvement of either airport. For more information, please visit www.flylcpa.com.



Chief Tracy Young

Lee County Port Authority Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting