For Immediate Release

Kirkwood Narrows List of Fire Chief Candidates to Four

March 14, 2016

Kirkwood, Missouri: The City of Kirkwood is pleased to announce the names of the four final applicants for the position of Fire Chief for the City of Kirkwood. The four long-time fire department professionals are Gary B. McCarraher, Leo A. Meyer, Jr., John J. Shea, and James L. Silvernail.

McCarraher is the Fire Chief of Franklin, Massachusetts. Meyer is the Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal for the Kirkwood Fire Department. Shea was the Fire Chief of Clinton Township, Michigan, until June 2015. Silvernail is a Battalion Chief with the Metro West Fire Protection District in Wildwood, Missouri.

The City had assistance from GovHR USA with the recruitment and received more than 70 applications. The finalists will be in Kirkwood on March 17 and 18 for interviews with Chief Administrative Officer Russ Hawes. At that time they will also participate in an Assessment Center, which is a process whereby the candidates are evaluated in a variety of areas by a group of observers from outside the City.

“Meet the Finalists” Reception: A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m., on Friday, March 18, at Kirkwood City Hall in Council Chambers. This is open to the public for anyone wishing to meet the finalists. Comment cards will be available for anyone wishing to leave comments about one or more of the candidates, and these will be forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer.

###