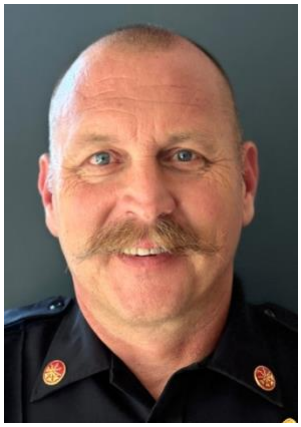
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Fossum named Marathon Fire Rescue Division Chief

MARATHON, FL (Oct. 14, 2026) – Marathon Fire Rescue Chief Shana Rogers recently announced the promotion of firefighter Jesse Fossum to Division Chief.



“I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve Marathon Fire Rescue as Division Chief,” Fosssum said. “This promotion means a great deal to me, both professionally and personally, because Marathon has been my home for the past 17 years and this department has been such an important part of my life.”

Fossum has been with the MFR for 16 years, starting as a volunteer with Monroe County Fire Rescue before joining Marathon Fire Rescue in 2010.

Early in his career with Marathon, Fossum spent nearly four years making medical transport to Miami. Those long transports, along with the countless emergency calls and experiences throughout his career, taught Fossum a great deal about patient care, responsibility, teamwork, and the importance of being there for people when needed most.

Fossum believes accepting a leadership position does not mean that you stop learning, and he said he plans to continue his education and professional development in the fire service.

“As I move into the position of Division Chief, I understand that this role brings greater responsibility — not only in emergency operations, but also in supporting our personnel, training, department operations, fire prevention, and the continued development of Marathon Fire Rescue,” Fossum said. “I look forward to working alongside our new Fire

Chief, Shana Rogers, and supporting her as we work together to move the department forward."

Fossum continues to look to the future.

"I want to continue learning from the people around me, strengthen my abilities as a leader, and pass that knowledge and experience on to the next generation of firefighters and officers within our department," Fossum said.

"Most importantly, I am grateful for the trust that has been placed in me," Fossum continued. "I have spent the majority of my fire service career with Marathon Fire Rescue, and I am proud of where I started, proud of how far I have come, and proud to continue serving the community that I call home.

"I look forward to this next chapter and to serving the City of Marathon, our residents, our visitors, and the men and women of Marathon Fire Rescue as Division Chief."

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