



# Stop Dyersburg Mayor and Fire Chief From Striking a Match to Public Safety

Your tax dollars should pay for fire fighters working in the field saving lives, not sitting behind a desk.

But Dyersburg Mayor & Fire Chief restructured our department when two battalion chiefs retired. Instead of replacing the chiefs with experienced leaders, the positions have gone unfilled. To make matters worse, a third battalion commander has been taken off our streets saving lives and assigned to a fire administration position in an office.

Whether there's a fire and victims are trapped, or people need to be rescued in a host of emergency situations, these battalion chiefs play a critical role in emergency response and oversight – they are in command on the emergency scene to control the chaos, and to make sure every life and all the property that can be saved is saved.

Taking the battalion chief off the streets and not replacing those who have retired puts our community in more danger – and it wastes tax dollars.

## Your Tax Dollars Should Go To Emergency Response, Not To Bureaucracy

From 8:00 in the morning until 5:00 p.m., the Mayor has approved a plan to put a “Captain of Administration” on duty for field work. That’s his “solution” for taking three commanders off the job of protecting you. Not only is it silly, but it ignores the fact that 57 percent of emergency calls in Dyersburg over the past 15 years have occurred after 4:00 p.m.

National safety standards require a commander on scene to direct fire fighter crews in an emergency. The loss of these critical frontline leaders is putting our neighbors and fire fighters in greater danger.

Only action by the citizens that we protect can stop the politicians from doing further harm to public safety and wasting your money.

**Support the Fire Fighters - Fight for Public Safety**  
**Tell the Mayor and City Council to Stop Playing with Fire**

