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Chief James Eddy began his fire service career with the Swansea Fire Department, where he served as a firefighter at Station 1. He later transferred to Station 4, serving as firefighter then as Captain.

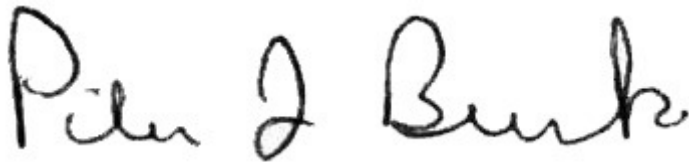
Jim was appointed as a career firefighter with the Barrington, RI Fire Department, where he progressed to the rank of Deputy Chief. His career later took him to the Durham, NH Fire Department, where he served as Fire Chief.

In 1982, he departed his position with Durham, NH, to accept the position of Fire Chief with the Swansea Fire Department, a position once held by his father, the late Russell P. Eddy. Chief Eddy worked tirelessly to deliver current training and equipment to the Swansea Fire Department. He was successful in acquiring a new engine for Station 1, and the first heavy rescue vehicle for Station 2. In addition, he was the driving force behind the construction of Station 2 on New Gardner Neck Road, which still operates today and serves as fire headquarters.

Chief Eddy's tenure with the Swansea Fire Department brought about many changes that enhanced the services delivered by the personnel of the department. The Swansea Fire Department can be grateful for the success it has experienced, and continues to this day, due to the efforts of Chief Eddy.

The Swansea Fire Department will sadly miss Chief Eddy. The members and officers of the department extend their heartfelt sympathy to his wife Dianne, his children, grandchildren, and the entire Eddy family.

Regretfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter J. Burke". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chief Peter J. Burke
Chief of Swansea Fire Department