“Lyle Lutt- New City of Norfolk Risk Manager”

As a City of Norfolk Fire Division Captain, Lyle Lutt knew all about risks—evaluating threats to life and property was part of the job. As the new Risk Manager for the City of Norfolk, Lutt is now working to protect the assets of the City in a different way.

“It’s a new challenge. I’m learning about identifying, assessing and limiting risks in the City operations. I’ll also be managing claims, recommending plans and strategies to minimize risk and making purchases in compliance with City policy,” Lutt said.

Lutt was hired by the Norfolk Fire Division in 1999. He worked as a Firefighter/Paramedic and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant in 2002. He served in the Nebraska National Guard as a flight medic on a Blackhawk Helicopter. Lutt was ordered to active duty in 2003 under Operation Enduring Freedom and deployed to the Balkans (Kosovo) before returning home in February 2004.

In a going away party at the Norfolk Fire Division, Lutt surprised his co-workers, friends and relatives by marrying Neisha Twaddle, an event that made front page news at the time. The couple now have two children.

Lutt became a Norfolk Fire Division Shift Captain in 2012. He is a Nationally Registered Paramedic after going through the course at Northeast Community College. He has an Associate’s Degree in Fire Protection Technology from Southeast Community College in Lincoln and a Bachelor’s Degree in Leadership from Bellevue University. He currently holds a real estate sales license and has taken courses towards a commercial real estate appraisal license but is not working as a Realtor.

“I’m a numbers person and was intrigued about the opportunity of managing risk for the City. Hopefully, my experience in property evaluation and firefighting will serve me well in this new position,” Lutt said.

Lutt started as Risk Manager on January 5. The Fire Division has not announced the replacement for Fire Captain.