

Fire chiefs association supports former Chief Petrin of Albion

LINCOLN - The Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs president, Timothy McLaughlin, on Tuesday issued a statement in support of former Albion Chief Richard Petrin.

He said, "Chief Petrin has demonstrated his dedication and commitment to the Albion Fire District, the town of Lincoln

and the fire service community for more than 30 years.

"His recent dismissal from the position of chief of the department, despite his impeccable service record, improvements to the department, reputation in the community and loyalty to and from his department, is an injustice to the fire service, and to the Albion community."

The statement, issued through the Regan Communications Group, continued, "following a thorough investigation, the Department of the Attorney



Richard Petrin

General issued a formal letter to Michael Napolitano, member of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Albion Fire District, dated March 28, 2008, informing him that no evidence was found to support his allegations against the Albion Fire District for violation of

the Access to Public Records Act. The Department of the Attorney General ceased its investigation of the Albion Fire District and closed the file."

Petrin, named chief of the department in 2003, has served on the RIAFC board of directors and as second vice president, according to the association.

Members of the Albion board of commissioners have made the point that Petrin wasn't dismissed but his contract was not renewed.