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## **Burlington Firefighter Resigns Following Simple Assault Citation**

**Burlington, VT** – On Sunday, November 22, 2020 Burlington Firefighter Kevan Mahoney was cited by the Burlington Police Department to answer the charge of simple assault for alleged actions that occurred while on duty. Firefighter Mahoney was immediately placed on administrative leave while an internal investigation into the incident was conducted. The investigation has now been completed and Mr. Mahoney has resigned his employment with the City of Burlington. The investigation also included a review of the actions of all Fire Department personnel on scene and found no other policy violations occurred.

This incident took place outside of the Burlington Police Department, so the Fire Department immediately obtained footage from the building's video cameras of the incident. That footage is available to view via this link: <https://youtu.be/VFRvV3jdEPk>

“The role of our City’s public employees is to provide care and service for Burlingtonians, and our residents need to know that when they call for help they will receive it in a safe and professional manner,” said Mayor Miro Weinberger. “This behavior is unacceptable in a Fire Department that regularly demonstrates its commitment to serving and protecting our public, and Mr. Mahoney is being held to account.”

Fire Chief Steven Locke stated, “The Department takes these accusations very seriously and understands the trust the public places with us. The video of this incident is very concerning and the actions taken by Firefighter Mahoney are not in line with the Department’s mission, vision or values.”

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