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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Fire Protection District No. 2, Kittitas County, Washington (the "District") will hold a Special Joint Meeting **on May 29th, 2024, at 10:00am. This meeting will be at Station 29 located 400 E. Mountain View Ave Ellensburg, Washington.** The meeting is called for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following agenda items:

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Agenda
Action Item: **Motion to approve**
3. Fire Chief Succession Planning Update- Press Release
Action Item: **Motion to approve**
4. Good of the order
5. Adjournment
Action Item: **Motion to Adjourn**

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/s/ _____ Sydney McBride
Secretary of the District

Per Chapter 188, Laws of 2012, this notice has been distributed as follows on Friday, May 24, 2024.

- *Notice e-mailed to Board of Fire Commissioners*
- *Notice e-mailed to The Daily Record*
- *Notice e-mailed to the KVFR website coordinator for posting before the end of the week.*
- *Notice posted in the window of the lobby outside of the conference room at Station 29*



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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 29th, 2024

After serving over 19 years with Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue (KVFR), Chief John Sinclair will be retiring on December 31, 2024. Chief Sinclair will retire after a 48-year career in the Fire Service, starting his service as a volunteer firefighter in 1977, becoming a firefighter-paramedic, and climbing through the ranks to become Chief.

Chief Sinclair was selected after a statewide search to be the fire chief for Kittitas County Fire District 2 in February of 2005. At that time, District 2 was separate from the Ellensburg Fire Department. Chief Sinclair credits the previous fire chief of KCFD 2, Stan Baker, with setting the District up financially to allow a merger between the District and the City of Ellensburg.

Chief Sinclair, along with Chief Rich Elliott, was integral in merging the City of Ellensburg and Fire District 2 in 2007 to become what we know today as KVFR. In 2007, the year KVFR was formed, we responded to 2,754 calls for service. Staffing was 2 chiefs, 4 administrative personnel, 23 career firefighters, and 115 volunteer firefighters. Additionally in 2017, the City of Kittitas annexed into KVFR. KVFR responded to 4831 calls in 2023 and has 2 chiefs, 6 administrative personnel, 43 career firefighters, and 90 volunteer firefighters. KVFR has continued to invest in the community building headquarters (Station 2-9), maintenance facility, four volunteer stations (Station 2-2, Station 2-3, Station 2-4 and Station 2-8), and rebuilding the living quarters at Station 2-1. As the needs of the community have grown, KVFR has grown with the community.

Chief Sinclair has been involved with the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) serving in leadership positions for 24 years culminating in being elected President 2016-2017. He continues to serve on national boards related to fire and emergency medical services (EMS). Just this past week Chief Sinclair received the Washington Fire Chiefs, Chief Dan Packer Fire Chief of the Year Award. Chief Sinclair was nominated by a peer and selected by the WFC board of directors.

His retirement will be marked with a retirement celebration this fall. Full details will be announced later this year.

The Kittitas County Fire District 2, Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) now have the difficult task of recruiting and selecting the next Fire Chief. The BOFC has sought assistance from Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) to aid in the nationwide search for a new Fire Chief.

Your elected BOFC is composed of Board Chair Ross Ogan, Vice Board Chair Pat Clerf, Commissioner Jerry Pettit, Commissioner Neil O'Neil, and Commissioner Scott Ciraulo. "As a board we are poised to seek a leader who has the expertise and vision to help KVFR face the needs of a growing and evolving community, while retaining the values and compassion that are at the heart of KVFR," said Board Chair Ross Ogan. KVFR's jurisdiction provides unique challenges, from the size of the area we serve to the

types of incidents our firefighters respond to. We are looking for a leader that is going to continue to develop, what Chief Sinclair has created at KVFR.

As we search for a new fire chief, we'll be gathering community input to ensure we find candidates who reflect the values and priorities of our district. Regularly scheduled commissioner meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of every month, 7:00 PM, Station 2-9, located at 400 East Mountain View, Ellensburg. Citizens are encouraged to share their thoughts and opinions about the qualities and characteristics they desire in the next Fire Chief.

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