



## ***KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE 7***

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The Fire District #7 Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce that they have taken the first step in their plan to initiate full time leadership of the Fire Department. The District has engaged the services of Chief Roy Palmer to serve as a full-time interim Fire Chief for the next 4 to 6 months while the District awaits the results of the November Ballot, at which time the Board will begin its search for a permanent full-time Fire Chief. Chief Palmer has some 45 years of fire service experience and hails from the State of Oregon where he served in the ranks of Douglas County Fire District #2 as a firefighter, engineer, battalion chief, administrative assistant, assistant chief, and fire marshal. He went on to be Chief of Polk County Fire District #1 and later served as its Chief Civil Service Examiner. After retiring, he began work as a Consultant to emergency services which led to a number of Interim Fire Chief positions throughout the State of Oregon to include West Valley Fire District, South Lane County Fire and Rescue, the Sutherlin Fire Department, Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue, the Pendleton Fire Department, Pleasant Hill Fire and Rescue, and Jackson County Fire District #4. Chief Palmer has extensive experience as a permanent chief as well as stepping in as an interim chief to help numerous other fire departments through their transitions. Chief Palmer's formal training includes college, attendance at the National Fire Academy, member of the International Conference of Building Officials, is certified by the International Fire Code Institute, the Oregon Fire Officers School, the Management Development Institute, and is an instructor for the National Fire Prevention Association. His experience, training and work record make him an ideal leader to help Fire District #7 through our transition to a full-time leadership model. We welcome him to the upper county and look forward to the leadership and experience he brings to us!

Thank you,

Kittitas County Fire District 7 Board of Commissioners.