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Staff departures, promotions, and new arrivals



New CWFD Captain Ben Silva

Longtime Camas-Washougal Fire Department Captain Earl Scott retired on May 30, 2014 after serving nearly 23 years first with the Washougal Fire Department and then completing his tenure with the combined Camas-Washougal Fire Department. Hired on October 15, 1991, Captain Scott was heavily involved in firefighter safety programs and fire and building code enforcement. CWFD extends its gratitude to Captain Scott for his many years of dedicated service to our communities and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

Captain Scott's retirement left an immediate captain's vacancy. CWFD subsequently an-

nounced the immediate promotion of Firefighter/Paramedic Ben Silva to the position of Captain. Captain Silva was hired at the Camas Fire Department on February 16, 1999. Captain Silva has assisted with emergency vehicle design, mapping, and the department's safety program. CWFD would like to congratulate Captain Silva on his well-earned promotion.

Captain Scott's retirement and Ben Silva's promotion created an entry level vacancy. In June, Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Martizia was hired. Jeff is an experienced firefighter and paramedic who lives locally with his wife and two boys. For the last several years he has been commuting to work in the Dalles, Oregon, where he excelled in a similar department. Welcome, Jeff!

Finally, a temporary administrative assistant position needed to be filled at the new fire marshal's office. Sandra Zatta was subsequently hired to fill this position. Sandra has extensive experience and spent many years working for Hewlett-Packard. Please stop by the new fire marshal's office and welcome Sandra to the Camas family.



In May, Vancouver Fire Chief Joe Molina and CWFD Fire Chief Nick Swinhart were among the hundreds that attended the Washington Fire Chiefs Association annual conference in Kennewick. Among interesting programs were seminars on new laws affecting the fire service and a presentation on the recent Oso mudslide by some of the command staff who worked the scene.

Our Mission:

"To provide the highest quality service to our community through the protection and preservation of life and property"

Fireworks

It's that time of year again, and CWFD wants to remind everyone to always practice safety when discharging fireworks. Camas and Washougal have different ordinances related to fireworks, so the following information is provided as a reminder:

Sales in Camas : July 1-3, 9 am-11 pm; July 4th , 9 am-12 midnight; July 5th , 9 am-6 pm

Discharge in Camas: July 1-3, 9 am-11 pm; July 4, 9 am-12 midnight

Sales in Washougal: July 2-4, 9 am-11 pm

Discharge in Washougal: July 4th only, 9 am-12 midnight



Several CWFD personnel celebrated anniversaries recently. BC Allen Wolk (left) celebrates 28 years with the department. Chief Wolk has also served as the fire marshal of Camas. Firefighter Aron Black (middle) celebrates 14 years with CWFD. Aron came to us from the Boise (ID) Fire Department. BC Larry Larimer (right) hit the 13 year milestone with the department. Larry previously worked for the Santee Fire Department in California and has served Camas as deputy chief and interim fire chief. Finally, Firefighters Ron Nickles and Butch Steigmann celebrate 9 years of service. Both spent most of those years with the former WFD. Congratulations to all on your many years of dedicated service!



Division Chief/Fire Marshal Ron Schumacher and Deputy Fire Marshal Randy Miller recently attended an intensive seminar on giving expert court testimony. The class was provided as part of the annual Northwest Fire Investigators Conference in Leavenworth and was facilitated by experienced attorneys and even a sitting judge.



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