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WFCA/WFC Legislative Day

## PDC Filing Reminder

Fire commissioners must file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission by April 15, 2020. Filing instructions can be found at [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov). If you need assistance with filing, contact PDC staff at: [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov), toll-free 877.601. 2828 or 360.753.1111.

NOTE: Commissioners who serve small districts with fewer than 1,000 registered voters do not file the F-1.

## Thank You, Members

By Roger Ferris, Executive Director

On behalf of the WFCA Board of Directors, I take this opportunity to thank member districts, regional fire authorities, public fire authorities and others for your 2020 dues payment. Your financial support allows the association to continue providing educational programs, research and legislative representation for members. Your dues also allow the WFCA Board of Directors and committees to develop programs and services that are valuable to fire service administrators in their role as policy-makers.

Upon receipt of dues, member agencies were mailed flash drives containing the 2020 Commissioner Handbook, Fire Service Lawbook and Pamphlets & Helps List. This quarter we published the last hard copy *Fire Service Directory*, which we mailed out to our members with log-in credentials for the official

Online Directory. Please check your agency's listing and let the office know if you find inaccuracies so we can correct our records.

As you are aware, the Coronavirus has put all of us in uncharted waters. We are committed to making sure the association operates as smoothly as possible and at the same time, protect our employees' health by working remotely. Look for email blast as new information arises.

Finally, I want to welcome our new WFCA staff members Tori Pettis, our Communications Specialist and Wendi Hill, our Finance Manager. They are extremely qualified and have hit the ground running. We are excited to look at new innovative ways to provide services to the WFCA membership.

Once again, thank you for your continued support!



## Message From the President

I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve you as the President of the WFCA. My thanks to Gerry Gustafson for his years of leadership.

I want to thank those of you that attended the WFCA/WFC Legislative Day. It is important to stay in contact with your state legislators to make sure they understand our concerns. A face to face discussion is invaluable, even for a few minutes.

Recently, there have been many changes to the staff at our Olympia office. We have been fortunate to have Sandy and Nora working so hard to make our organization what it is today. The hard work by both of them over the last several decades will be hard to replace. A HUGE thank you to them.

With that in mind, I can assure you that our staff and executive board worked diligently to find replacements for them. There were a couple bumps in the road, but our secession planning worked well and we have hired two highly qualified and very personable individuals that we feel will continue to provide you with the exceptional communication and resources you have grown to expect.

A special thank you to Roger for leading us through the process with integrity and respect to all.

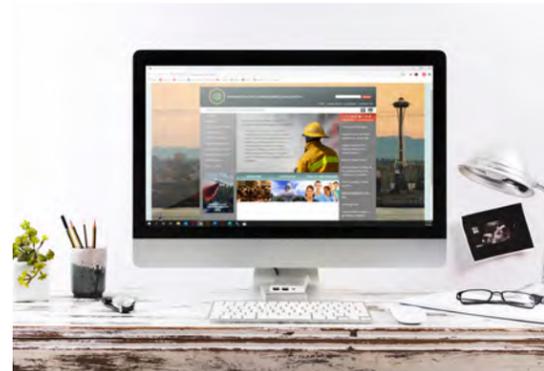
The WFCA is well known for its quality service and effectively representing our member districts and RFAs. Your board is dedicated to keeping these priorities at the forefront as we move forward. Our education committee works hard to provide meaningful classes at both our seminars and at conference. The WFCA Health Care Program is first class and is continuing to find ways to enhance plans and to keep rates the lowest possible. We are fortunate to have members serving on both of these committees, committed to providing the best programs they can.

I believe that communication is the key for success in any organization. Please feel free to reach out to our Olympia office staff, your board of directors or myself if you need any assistance, have questions, concerns or suggestions.

I promise to serve you to the best of my abilities and with the help of your board, guide the organization to greater achievements in the year ahead.

### Brad Lothspeich

President Lothspeich is the former Fire Chief at Clark County Fire District 6, and during the past several years he has been very active at the WFCA.



### New On the Web

The 2019 Annual Report has been mailed to member districts and RFAs and posted on the WFCA website. The report summarizes 2019 activities and provides a snapshot of the WFCA's financial and operational condition.

Follow us on social media to get fire service news and event updates!



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## New WFCA Staff Members

In December the WFCA welcomed Tori Pettis, who joined the team as our Communications Specialist. Along with other duties, Tori is taking over design and authorship of the WFCA newsletter *Fireline*, and the association website. Questions or updates regarding the website and directory can be conveyed to Tori, the new point person.

Wendi Hill joined the WFCA team in February as the new Finance Manager. Working hard to implement new ideas, Wendi is streamlining accounting processes. As the new Finance Manager, Wendi will take care of all billing and invoices for registrations and membership dues.



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Chelan

June 6

### Seminar

**Chelan, Campbell's Resort**

#### Morning Session

One of the most important aspects of a fire commissioner's duties is to manage your district/RFA's exposure to legal proceedings and protect your organization from litigation. This seminar will examine some of the leading issues in risk management, such as:

- Hiring & Termination
- Sexual Harassment
- Social Media
- Discrimination
- Employee Discipline

#### Afternoon Session

Presenting the afternoon session, Attorney Brian Snure will provide the knowledge and background needed to understand and address the challenges involved in governing, leading and operating fire districts and regional fire authorities.



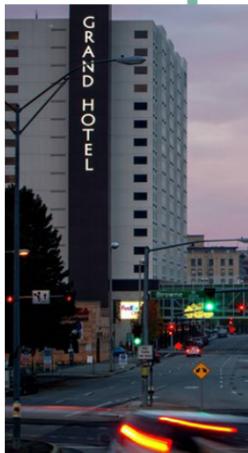
Spokane

October 22-24

### Conference

**Spokane, Davenport Grand Hotel**

Join us for the WFCA Annual Conference, hosted this year at the Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane, WA. With conference comes the opportunity to network with district personnel and our valuable sponsors. Topics and speakers will be set in June and registration will begin in August.



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