



REGIONAL DISTRICT OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN PRESS RELEASE

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New Fire Chief for Willowbrook Fire Department

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is pleased to announce that Mr. Patrick Lantz has accepted the position of Fire Chief for the Willowbrook Fire Department. (WFD)

Mr. Lantz is a resident of the area and has been an active member of the WFD for 12 years. Pat is an experienced Fire Officer who previously held the positions of Truck Captain, Training Captain and Deputy Fire Chief within the department.

“Mr. Lantz is a dedicated Fire Officer with a strong history of community safety involvement who is passionate about training to do the job right. We wish Mr. Lantz success in his new role as Fire Chief with WFD,” said Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Chair, Karla Kozakevich.

The Regional District would also like to thank Mr. Brad Fossett for serving as Fire Chief for the past 5 years. Through Mr. Fossett’s leadership the WFD has updated its fire fighter training program to meet the Office of the Fire Commissioner’s Playbook Standards. He also upgraded essential equipment, increased WFD’s firefighter membership and was involved with the 9-1-1 Radio Project as a committee member of the 9-1-1 Radio Users Group.

Two key success drivers for the Regional District are to be a high performing organization and to build sustainable communities. The provision of safe and efficient fire and emergency services through community run fire departments is important to the high quality of life within our service area.

The WFD is one of seven RDOS operated Fire Departments involving over 150 dedicated community members that manage and operate fire departments within the Regional District.

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Karla Kozakevich, Chair
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

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