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UFA Selects New Fire Chief



The Unified Fire Authority (UFA) Transition Committee has made an initial job offer to current Jackson County (Oregon) Fire District 3 Chief Dan Petersen to assume the position of UFA Fire Chief.

Finalizing a search that began in August, the committee unanimously selected Chief Petersen as the next leader of the organization due in part to his outstanding experience as not just a fire chief, but in working with fire safety since 1979, when he started as a volunteer firefighter.

“We had many excellent candidates but felt that Chief Petersen best fits the current and future needs of UFA,” UFA Vice Chair Chris Pengra said. “He is the right man for the job and brings an incredible wealth of experience and knowledge to the position.”

Petersen holds a Masters in Management from Southern Oregon State University, a Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration from Western Oregon State University, and an Associate of Science in Fire Science from Rogue Community College. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program and is an accredited Fire Officer 4.

Originally from the Chicagoland area, he has called Southern Oregon home since 1979.

Career Highlights:

- Jackson County Fire District 3 Fire Chief/CEO/Budget Officer: 2010 to current
- City of Medford Fire Department, Deputy Chief of Administration/Training and EMS Chief, Shift Battalion Chief: 1988 to 2010
- Valley Fire Service, Captain, Engineer, Firefighter: 1979-1988
- 1ST Vice President - Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) Board of Directors Chair of Legislative and Professional Development Committee
- Member of Labor/ Management Relations Committee
- Vice President for the Oregon Fire Chiefs Foundation Board of Directors