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### **Mike Tisdelle Appointed Assistant Fire Chief**

Fire Chief Marc Norris announced on July 11 that Lieutenant Mike Tisdelle is promoted to the position of Assistant Fire Chief, responsible for operations and training. The announcement was made to department members at their monthly meeting where Lieutenant Tisdelle received a standing ovation. Mike started in his new role on July 18.

Mike has been an active and dedicated member of the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department for the past sixteen years. For the past eleven years he has served the department as a company officer after being promoted to Lieutenant in 2005. Mike has a background in construction and sales; he spent the last 5.5 years as the Vancouver Island sales representative for a large fire equipment sales and service company. Mike is married with a daughter and son and is a long-time resident of Parksville.

Assistant Chief Tisdelle's responsibilities will include coordination of training of Parksville Fire Department members, development of training programs and liaising with training stakeholders including other local fire departments. He will be responsible for operational coordination as well as actively supervising emergency operations.

Assistant Chief Tyrone Heigh continues in his role, responsible for fire prevention, including coordination of fire and life safety inspections, public education and fire cause investigation program, along with active operational duties.

Fire Chief Norris stated, "I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Tisdelle as Assistant Fire Chief and look forward to our continued relationship. Mike has consistently demonstrated competence and has earned the confidence and respect of fellow firefighters. He is a welcome addition to our chief officer staff."

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by three career firefighters and up to forty volunteer firefighters. PVFD firefighters are a dedicated and diverse group of highly trained professionals, both women and men. The Parksville fire protection area includes the City of Parksville and contract areas within the Regional District of Nanaimo including San Pareil, Morningstar, Columbia Beach, French Creek, Fourneau Road, and the Forever Green Estates. The population of the fire protection area is estimated at 20,000 people. The department responds to fires, motor vehicle incidents, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, utility emergencies, carbon monoxide alarms and performs rescue services, along with other public services.

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#### **For more information:**

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