



**PUGET SOUND
REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY**
INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED FIRE AGENCY
Jim Schneider Fire Chief

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Chief Schneider Retires

Kent, Wash – September 1, 2017 – After 15 years with the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, Fire Chief Jim Schneider has retired.

Before being hired to lead Puget Sound Fire, Chief Schneider spent eight years as the Fire Chief for the Clovis Fire Department in Clovis, California. Prior to that, he served for 21 years with the Eugene, Oregon, fire department. He held the rank of Assistant Chief for Eugene, when he was hired by the City of Clovis.

During his tenure with Puget Sound Fire, Chief Schneider had a long list of accomplishments, including:

- International Accreditation
- Building of Fire Station 78 in Covington
- Becoming a Regional Fire Authority
- Contracting with the City of SeaTac for emergency services
- Developing the South King County Fire Training Consortium
- Creation of the FDCARES program
- Expansion of the Logistics Division
- Developing the Planning Section for data analytics
- Renaming to Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority

Two things that help define Chief Schneider were the fact that he was very punctual and that he loved to use stories to illustrate a point. If he said a meeting started and ended at certain times, then they would and almost every presentation that he made began with the phrase, “the other day I heard a story...”

More than anything else, Chief Schneider will be remembered for his lead-by-example attitude, his caring, and his professionalism. He always took time to communicate and would often stop people, shake their hand, and ask how they are doing. His quote, “none of us is as smart as all of us,” will continue to help us be successful in the future.

All of us in the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority and everyone else he touched regionally wish the very best for Chief Schneider and his wife Kathy as they both move forward and enjoy retirement.

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