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### **Next Fire Chief Selected from Finalists**

Kent, Wash – July 26, 2017– The Governance Board of the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, with the support of the stakeholder groups assisting in the selection process, has made a conditional offer of employment as the new Fire Chief to Matthew Morris, currently Fire Chief of the Henderson Fire Department, Henderson, Nevada.

The conditional offer of employment is based on a contract being agreed upon by both parties and a site visit to Mr. Morris’s current place of employment.

According to Bill Boyce, RFA Governance Board member, “This was a difficult decision because of the high quality candidates we had in the final three. The support and input of the stakeholder groups were crucial in determining our next Fire Chief.” He ended by saying, “I want to thank Chief Heitman and Chief Helm for their time and consideration, and I know we all wish both men the best in their careers.”

If the conditional offer of employment terms are met, the Governance Board is expected to ratify Chief Morris’s selection at the August 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

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