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INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED FIRE AGENCY  
Jim Schneider Fire Chief

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **New Chief Confirmed by Board**

Kent, Wash – August 17, 2017 – Matthew Morris, the candidate selected by the Puget Sound RFA Governance Board to be the next Fire Chief, was confirmed by the board at last night's meeting.

Chief Morris, who will be replacing current Fire Chief Jim Schneider, was at the meeting and spoke briefly to the board, thanking them for the opportunity.

The board ratified the selection after getting a positive report following the site visit to Chief Morris's home in Henderson, Nevada by Chief Schneider and Board member Bill Boyce. The vote to hire Chief Morris was unanimous.

Prior to his starting date, September 11, 2017, Chief Morris will be meeting with members of the department to learn and become familiar with the different aspects of the Puget Sound RFA.

Last night's board meeting was Chief Schneider's last and bitter sweet as each board member spoke to the audience and the Chief about their personal experiences working with him. All the members praised Chief Schneider for his leadership style, for setting the example of how to serve the public, and for all of the volunteer time both he and his wife Kathy performed in our community during his 15 years here.

Chief Schneider will be retiring at the end of August.

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