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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **New Public Information Officer**

Kent, Wash – June 14, 2019 – The Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority would like to introduce to the media our new Public Information Officer, Captain Joe Root.

Captain Root has been with the department for over 28 years and has served as a firefighter, engineer, engine company officer, hazardous materials response team captain, and was most recently serving as a code enforcement officer.

His wide range of experience will be invaluable while representing the department and he will continue to provide the same high level of public information that Puget Sound Fire is known for.

Captain Root is currently settling into his new position and you will see him at incidents beginning Monday, June 17, 2019. He will be replacing Captain Kyle Ohashi, who has served as the PIO for the last 15 years.

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