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City of Mount Vernon Hires New Fire Chief

Mayor Jill Boudreau is pleased to announce the appointment of Bryan Brice to the position of Fire Chief for the City of Mount Vernon.

Chief Brice is currently relocating his family to Mount Vernon from Southern California, and will bring with him 26 years of experience in fire service. As the current Fire Chief for the City of Oxnard, CA, Chief Brice has been responsible for the oversight of 8 career fire stations, and 128 personnel.

Brice considers the move to a smaller Mount Vernon Fire Department (3 stations, less than 50 personnel) as a win because of all that Skagit Valley has to offer.

“When I first drove through the Valley, I got a flood of memories.” Brice spent his teenage years growing up in a small farming town.

“Mount Vernon has a relaxed and inviting atmosphere about it,” he said. “I knew this was a special area.”

When Chief Brice begins in Mount Vernon on Monday, August 8th, he will be replacing retiring MVFD Chief Roy Hari who has served the City with excellence for the past nine years.

“What sealed my decision to come to Mount Vernon was the interaction I had with the staff here. From the Mayor to the firefighters, I was impressed with the professionalism and friendliness of those I spoke with.”

Mayor Boudreau mentioned Chief Brice’s leadership philosophy as a deciding factor in his selection. Brice stated that his approach to firefighting and leadership are intertwined.

“I believe in investing in the members of the department so that they are prepared to do the job they signed up for,” he said. “And I want to take advantage of systems to improve service. We can always stream line our delivery and provide a better fire and first responder system. In the end, it’s about how I can serve the community and ensure that firefighters go home safely.”

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