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City of Arlington Appoints Dave Kraski as Fire Chief

(Arlington, WA) – The City of Arlington is pleased to announce that Acting Fire Chief Dave Kraski was appointed as Fire Chief on Monday, December 17, 2018.

Mayor Barb Tolbert stated, “It is an honor to promote Dave Kraski to the position of Fire Chief for the City of Arlington. His depth of experience, commitment to his staff, his teamwork with his peers, and his sense of duty to the citizens of Arlington made this an easy choice.”

Chief Kraski joined the Arlington Fire Department in 1991 as a volunteer firefighter, and was hired full-time in 1995. In 1999, he was promoted to Fire Captain, a position he held until his promotion to Deputy Fire Chief in July 2017. Chief Kraski has served as Acting Fire Chief since the departure of former Fire Chief Bruce Stedman in October 2017.

Chief Kraski has an Associates Degree from Everett Community College in Fire Science and is currently pursuing his Bachelor’s Degree in Fire Administration.

Besides managing all facets of the organization, Chief Kraski’s focus will be on the future of the department. Stated Chief Kraski, “The Arlington Fire Department is now one of only three municipal fire departments in Snohomish County along with Everett and Mukilteo. As growth continues to occur in North Snohomish County and our demands for service increase, we will have decisions to make as to how to best provide the highest level of service the community can reasonably afford.”

He concluded, “The organization is fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented team of firefighters and paramedics who provide a great service to the community. I am grateful for this opportunity to continue to serve the citizens and businesses Arlington, and I’m humbled by the faith and trust our Mayor and City Council have placed in me to lead the Arlington Fire Department.”

Chief Kraski has been married to his wife Denise for 25 years and has two daughters, a sophomore at the University of Louisville and a junior at Arlington High School.