

**EAST COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE
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East County Fire and Rescue Chief Ed Hartin to retire in December

CAMAS, WA-East County Fire and Rescue's Fire Chief, Ed Hartin, has advised the board of fire commissioners that he intends to retire effective December 31, 2024, after completing an over 50-year fire service career, with the last two as East County's fire chief. Chief Hartin looks forward to spending more time with his wife Sue and having time to travel. However, he advised the board that he would continue full throttle right up until the end of December.

Chief Hartin thanked the board of fire commissioners for the opportunity to serve the residents of East County and the district's members. The board complimented Chief Hartin on the work that has been accomplished over the last two years including developing a long-term financial plan, capital projects plan, revision of the district's strategic plan, right sizing the district's fleet of apparatus, increased emphasis on training, increased staffing, and improved labor relations.

East County Fire and Rescue has begun a national recruitment for its next Fire Chief.

East County Fire and Rescue provides fire and life safety services to roughly 10,500 people over 60 square miles in southeast Clark County north and east of the Cities of Camas and Washougal. We are a combination full-time, part-time, and volunteer-staffed fire district responding to an average of 1,100 calls a year on both sides of the Washougal River.

More information about East County Fire and Rescue can be found at www.ecfr.us. Fire Chief Ed Hartin also welcomes your questions at ehartin@ecfr.us or (360) 834-4908.

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