



# Yakima Fire Department



# **News Release**

**Subject: YFD Welcomes New Deputy Fire Chief**

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## **YFD Welcomes New Deputy Fire Chief**

D.J. Goldsmith is the new Deputy Chief for the Yakima Fire Department (YFD).

"It is exciting to have D.J. on board as Deputy Fire Chief," said Fire Chief Aaron Markham. "This brings us up to full staffing in that role and helps share the workload."

A native of Spokane, Goldsmith was previously a Battalion Chief for the Yakima Training Center Fire Department. The former State Trooper moved to the Yakima Valley 15 years ago when the Washington State Patrol assigned him to the Yakima detachment.

Prior to joining the State Patrol, Goldsmith worked for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources managing wildland fires.

"I've been blessed," Goldsmith said of his firefighting and law enforcement careers. "They intertwine very well and they are both all about serving the community."

Including service as a volunteer firefighter, Goldsmith has 25 years of firefighting experience. He has volunteered with the West Valley and East Valley Fire Departments and is currently a volunteer with the Naches Fire Department.

"Firefighting has always been my passion," he said.

Goldsmith said he is impressed with YFD.

"It is a great organization with phenomenal employees," he said. "They are so involved in the community and committed to be the best."

Goldsmith began his new role as YFD Deputy Chief on June 1<sup>st</sup>. YFD operates with two deputy chiefs. He fills the post previously held by Patrick Reid. Jeremy Rodriguez was promoted to the other Deputy Chief post in June 2019.

Goldsmith has two children in the West Valley School District. Among his interests outside of firefighting is coaching youth sports teams.

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