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## Your Details

Basic information about yourself

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Please list any/all social media account URLs.

n/a

## Getting to Know You

This next section will give you the opportunity to provide details about who you are as a person, candidate, and member of the community.

### Tell us about yourself.

**I am a retired Fire Captain/Paramedic from Spokane County Fire District 9 who is wanting to continue to serve my community. I have lived at my current address since 2005. Married with two adult daughters, my wife and I are now empty nesters. I enjoy the outdoors, skiing, archery hunting, pickleball and enjoying our cabin on CDA Lake.**

### List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.

The last 8 years of my 30+ career, I was a Captain/Paramedic. I continue serving in the fire service by working for WA DNR in the summer as part of an Incident Management Team. I am the Incident Safety Officer for North East Washington Interagency Incident Management Team #3. I worked in that capacity on both the Gray and Oregon Road fires in Spokane County during the summer of 2023. I also teach wildland firefighting at Spokane Community College's Fire Science Program. I also started volunteering last winter for Spokane Fire District 4 as a Water Tender driver/instructor.

### Describe your duty to the office you are running for and how you will achieve success.

I firmly believe my 30+ years of trusted front-line experience as a firefighter/officer/paramedic will bring a unique and invaluable perspective to Fire District 4's Board of Commissioners. I have a long history of working with both paid and volunteer firefighters and fully understand the critical importance of providing the appropriate manpower, equipment and technology to safely care for our citizens in their time of need.

### What does success look like for this position and what key performance indicators should voters use to evaluate you?

Success would be making myself available to listen to the key stake holders of the fire district, including

the public, fire administration and line firefighters. Only by hearing the voice of the stakeholders, will I be equipped to implement sound policies and manage our budget responsibly.

**What community activities are you engaged in? Have you held leadership roles in any of these organizations?**

I served many years as a volunteer in the Mead School District, serving as PTO President at Colbert Elementary. My wife and I also service in children's ministry at our church and we were the volunteer Directors of the Children's Camp.

**Your Political Beliefs**

This section contains a series of questions about your alignment concerning broad governmental philosophies as well as some specific issues.

**Where do our rights as citizens of the United States come from? Under what conditions can government infringe or suspend them?**

Our rights as US Citizens was given to us by the Constitution. There are very few conditions in which it would be appropriate for government to infringe upon or suspend our rights. In a very limited capacity, our rights could be limited under severe emergency situations. Unfortunately, during the COVID "Pandemic", our rights were severely infringed upon by the ruling party at the time. People lost their freedoms and many were forced to take an experimental vaccine in order to save their jobs and livelihoods. I pray we never experience anything like that again.

**Do you consider yourself a constitutional originalist or do you prescribe to it as a living document? Please explain.**

Tough question. I believe our forefathers were amazing in their ability to try to protect our rights and freedoms from a Tyrannical Government, however in limited capacity, it may need amendments, but that should only be done as a last resort and with bipartisan support.

**What is the purpose of government? If elected, how will you perform your duties based on that "purpose?"**

To protect citizens, maintain order and promote the general welfare within a society. This should be done via a strong defense and strong borders. I will be focusing on providing the highest level of quality emergency services possible based on the budget provided and supported by the citizens via property tax base, levies and bonds approved by the voters.

**When does life begin and at what point does the government have a duty to protect it?**

Conception. Enough said.

**Do you have any criminal convictions, ever filed for bankruptcy, have any active or unresolved tax liens, any conflicts of interest that may jeopardize your candidacy?**

None of the above.

**Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative, adhering to the values and answers you've provided in this questionnaire.**

I will remain open to hear various viewpoints and be available at public events to engage with the public, as well as the firefighters and other stakeholders.

**Please provide any feedback, comments, or questions that you have for the SCRCC.**

I would value your endorsement.

**Please rate this process.**

