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Your Details

Basic information about yourself

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I am a candidate running for...	Spokane County Fire Protection District 9 Commissioner position 3

Please list any/all social media account URLs.

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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.

**First elected to Steven's County District 1 Commissioner in 1999
Elected Spokane County Fire Commissioner in 2013 and again in 2019
ran unopposed.
Have been a Paramedic in Spokane for 33 1/2 years and 16 years in
Florida.
Graduated from Whitworth University with a BS Organization
Management and a MBA in International Business and Management.**

**Served two terms as president of the Spokane County Fire
Commissioner's Association.**

List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.

Chairman of NE Washington Emergency Communications Board and built the 800mHz network spine across eastern Washington with Federal Dollars.

Previous service as a Paramedic Fire Captain in Florida, volunteer firefighter in Steven's County and educator for Medstar, American Heart Association and Central Washington University.

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

I bring a strong conservative approach with an eye for details on the spreadsheet which guide my decisions for being mission ready. I'm mindful of where dollars in our budget come from and make them extend as far as possible. Families depend on our services, but we can't afford to ignore the impact to

family budgets as we build a vigilant safety net for everyone.

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

High standards of care
Responsive access and response times
Rating Bureau scores that influence lower insurance costs
High employee morale and safety
A responsible and respectful budget

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

Currently the incumbent Commissioner, past President of the County Association of Commissioners.
past President and CEO of Deer Park Ambulance a non-profit NGO.
Served as Board Chairman for Spokane Fire District 9 for four 1 year terms

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?

The Constitution and the Bill of rights...they are inalienable rights and should be beyond reproach. Nothing should separate citizens from these rights as they are as inalienable as the very breath of God that bestows life itself.

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

The Constitution and the original Bill of Rights have Divine inspiration and past that point becomes a living document in my mind

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

Government is the servant of the people a necessary construct to protect and elevate the rights of the people.

Soundly and adequately fund and manage the resources of a strong Fire Protection District.

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

My personal belief is at the moment of conception for both!

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?

No, none of the above. But, I collect guns and consider myself a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment and feel as a lawful owner that One party is working overtime to criminalize me and others.

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.

Our meetings are posted and open for in-person appearances and on-line. Plus we regularly schedule Open Houses in each Fire Station so we can hear what the Public wants and expects from their Commissioners and Fire District.
We also attend other Community Meetings with neighborhood councils and clubs to further gauge community support.

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

Look forward to earning your support and helping in any way possible.

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