



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY MEDIA RELEASE

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### New Chief for Balfour Harrop Fire Department

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Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is pleased to welcome and introduce Pat Hergott as the new Fire Chief of the Balfour Harrop Fire Department.

“The Fire Chief plays a very important role in the community, and the responsibilities include everything from the administration of the hall, operational readiness of firefighters and equipment, and maintenance of a training program,” said Nora Hannon, Acting Regional Deputy Fire Chief of the RDCK and former Balfour Harrop Fire Chief. “It’s a big job, and I would like to recognize Chief Hergott’s dedication and commitment to serving the community.”

Chief Hergott is a long-time Balfour resident and brings his background and experience as a volunteer RDCK firefighter to the role. Rising through the ranks has given him a firsthand understanding of what it means to be a volunteer firefighter and the personal and family commitment that goes along with it.



“What started off as my favourite hobby has now evolved into my career,” said Chief Hergott. “I’ve always enjoyed serving my community and supporting my fellow firefighters, so having the opportunity to do that in a leadership role is totally amazing.”

Chief Hergott continued, “I would like to thank Chief Hannon, who for the past 10 years has served her community as a well-respected firefighter, friend, and Chief. The Fire Department wishes her well and continued success in her career.”

The Balfour Harrop Fire Department is one of the busiest fire departments in the RDCK, and the only one to have two fire halls—one in Balfour and one in Harrop.

For inquiries about volunteering with the Balfour Harrop Fire Department, contact Fire Chief Pat Hergott at [PHergott@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:PHergott@rdck.bc.ca).

*Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160*

*services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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