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City of Marysville Announces New Fire Chief Appointment!

Marysville, CA (June 21, 2018) – Effective July 2, 2018, the City of Marysville will welcome a new Fire Chief, Ron Karlen, to its Executive Management team. Currently a Fire Captain with CalFire, Ron has also served as Deputy Fire Chief in Vacaville, Fire Division Chief in Dixon and Fire Captain in Dixon and Winters.

“We are thrilled to have Ron join our Executive Management team. His considerable experience in fire prevention, department and personnel management, grant writing, managing operational and project budgets, training and development, and community relations will make him a tremendous asset to the Marysville team. He’ll fit in perfectly and has so much to offer the City and community,” enthusiastically commented Marysville City Manager Marti Brown.

With a Bachelor of Science in Professional Vocational Studies from Cal State, Long Beach and an Associate Science degree in Fire Science from Solano Community College, Ron brings 30 years of fire service experience to the City. In addition to Ron’s impressive Fire Service history, he has extensive experience in administrative and financial management, operations, EMS/Ambulance transport, dispatch, CERT training, fleet and facility management, fire investigation, legal/policy compliance and Information Technology/GIS.

When asked to comment about his appointment, future Fire Chief Karlen had this to say, “I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of Marysville and Hallwood District 10 as the City’s new Fire Chief. In preparing for the transition, the Marysville team has already been supportive and welcoming during and after the hiring process. I look forward to meeting and working with the communities the City serves and the Marysville Fire Department personnel as we continue to provide the highest quality public safety services possible.”

In early March, Marysville Fire Chief Dale Vogelsang announced his retirement as of June 30, 2018 leaving the position vacant. Immediately following, the City started its search for a new Fire Chief and only recently concluded the final selection and negotiations.

In closing, City Manager Brown added, “In my short tenure in the City of Marysville, Chief Vogelsang has been a strong and supportive team member to work with and vocal advocate of fire safety measures that best serve the interests of this community. We wish Chief Vogelsang all the best in his retirement - both in fun and future professional pursuits.”

Ron Karlen will be publicly sworn in as the City’s new Fire Chief at the July 17 City Council meeting at 6:00 pm.

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