



Snohomish County FIRE DISTRICT 7

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Pictured from left to right: Fire Chief Gary Meek, Lieutenant Jeremy Karapostoles and Lieutenant James Hammeren.

New Lieutenants take oath during badge pinning ceremony

[Monroe, WA] – At last night’s Board of Commissioner’s meeting, Fire Chief Gary Meek had the honor of pinning our two newly promoted Lieutenants, James Hammeren and Jeremy Karapostoles. The Lieutenants took their oath and received their badges in the presence of their families, friends, and the Board of Commissioners.

Lieutenant Hammeren started with Fire District 7 as a firefighter/EMT at the beginning 2008. Prior to being hired, Hammeren was a volunteer and a part-time firefighter with various other departments. Through his career at Fire District 7 he has been a member of the Safety Committee and has spent a lot of his time instructing on fire behavior. Hammeren has spent most of his career being assigned to Station 72 and Station 76 in Mill Creek.

Later in 2008, Lieutenant Karapostoles was hired on with Fire District 7 as a firefighter/EMT. Since being hired, Karapostoles has become an active member of Fire District 7’s Honor Guard and Water Rescue Team. He also has a passion for teaching and has taken a lead role in instructing Fire District 7’s Red Card certification classes for Wildland firefighting.

Lieutenant Hammeren and Lieutenant Karapostoles are currently assigned as Company Officers for the first Snohomish County Fire Training Academy. They will be assigned to their new stations and crews after the fire academy graduation.

Both Lieutenants work hard in providing the highest level of service to our citizens and are always seeking ways to improve.

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Snohomish County Fire District 7 provides fire and life safety services to over 116,000 people over 98.5 square miles in central and east Snohomish County, including the communities of Clearview, Maltby, Mill Creek and Monroe. In 2017 our emergency personnel responded to over 11,500 emergency calls. Through taxpayer support, Fire District 7 has built the most advanced emergency response system in Snohomish County with highly-trained personnel, facilities, apparatus, and rescue programs. We appreciate your support and are grateful for the opportunity to serve your community.

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