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Public Safety Advisory Committee Selection Board

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RE: Public Safety Advisory Committee – Fire Representative (County of the Fourth Class)

Dear Members of the Governing Board,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Public Safety Advisory Committee as the fire department representative from a county of the fourth class. I currently serve as Fire Chief of the Wasatch Fire District and have nearly 35 years of experience in Utah's fire and EMS service.

My career began as a paid call EMT and part-time firefighter, eventually leading to a full-time role as a firefighter/paramedic in the Salt Lake Valley. I later served with the Park City Fire District, where I was actively involved in the planning of the 2002 Winter Olympics. I had an opportunity to rise through the ranks, while at Park City, retiring as Battalion Chief over the county's rural EMS system in 2018. Following retirement, I continued to serve as Fire Marshal for Park City Municipal, for just over one year, before joining Wasatch County Fire District in 2020. I was appointed Deputy Chief in 2021 and Fire Chief in 2022.

Wasatch County is one of Utah's fastest-growing fourth-class counties, transitioning from rural community to becoming a world class tourist destination. My experience in both metropolitan and rural departments, combined with my involvement in system growth and interagency coordination, has prepared me to represent the interests of similar counties on the PSAC. I am committed to supporting statewide emergency communications and ensuring rural and fast-growing regions continue to have a strong voice.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be honored to contribute to the important work of the committee and represent Utah's third- and fourth-class counties.

Respectfully,

Eric Hales
Fire Chief,
Wasatch Fire District

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