

## News Release

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### Commissioner Dick Spring Resigns

District 6 Fire Board Commissioner Dick Spring has resigned for personal reasons. Spring made the announcement during the April 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting and is effective immediately.

“Resigning (retiring) was a very difficult decision,” said Commissioner Spring. “The Board always worked for the betterment of the Fire District and its citizens.”

Dick Spring was first elected to the District 6 Board of Fire Commissioners in November 2003 to complete the remaining two years of a vacated position. In November 2005, citizens of Fire District 6 elected Commissioner Spring to a full-term of six years. Spring served as District 6 Board vice Chair in '06 and '07 and Board Chair in '08 and '09. Spring also sat on state and national governing Boards as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Washington Fire Commissioners Association (WFCA) and Washington State Director on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Elected Fire Officials (NAEFO). He was a Portland firefighter for 31 years, retiring as a Captain and a fire science instructor at Portland Community College for 18 years. Commissioner Spring has been actively involved with the fire service for a total of 57 years.

“Fire District 6 is an enormous group of professional firefighters and volunteers ready to respond to any emergency. I, at 74, have truly enjoyed my time as Commissioner,” Spring said.

The remaining Commissioners, Casey Collins and Dean Bloemke, now have 90 days to appoint someone to the vacated term, which expires at the end of 2011.

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