

TOWN OF JEROME

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

To: The Honorable Mayor and Council

From: Jerome Fire Department

Date:02/05/2025

Meeting Date:02/11/2025

TITLE: Fire Department Assistant Chief

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Promote Carl Whiting to the position of Assistant Fire Chief

ACTION SUMMARY:

Carl Whiting has been with the Jerome Fire Department as a paid employee for a little over four years. Due to his experience as a captain with other fire departments and in the field of Wildland fire, Carl was moved into a captain's position almost immediately. After reviewing his resume, discussion with my former Assistant Chief Allen Muma and other officers in the department, it was decided to promote Carl Whiting to the rank of Battalion Chief in 2022. With the position of Assistant Chief becoming available I would like to promote Carl to the position of Assistant Chief.

DISCUSSION:

Background/History:

Carl Whiting has learned about the town's structure and has got to know many of the residents. Carl has been our engine boss and has been out with our Wildland type 6 truck all over the country dozens of times since his employment. Carl is very knowledgeable and experienced with command structure and capable of taking charge of an incident. Carl will be able to step into the command position when I am not available

Key Considerations:

To have another qualified person available to handle complex incidents when needed. Carl Whiting is a full-time resident of Jerome at this point. I do not have the budget to hire from outside the current fire department structure.

Community Benefits and Considerations:

Community Involvement:

None

Financial Implications: \$2.00 an hour added to his existing wage.

Options and Alternatives: Post the position and bring in a person from outside the area.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Interim Town Manager (*Acknowledgment that all reviews have been completed and required approvals initialed below.*)

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DATE OF COUNCIL APPROVAL: _____