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TOWN HALL WITH THE CHIEFS: UNPRECEDENTED DISCUSSION ON MERGING OUR TWO FIRE DISTRICTS

Coos Bay, – Millington RFPD and Sumner RFPD, leaders in community safety and emergency response, are pleased to announce a groundbreaking event, "Town Hall with the Chiefs," where the community will be invited to join the discussion on the potential merger of these two esteemed volunteer fire districts.

There will be two events, the first taking place on January 31st, 2024, at Millington Station 1, starting at 5:30 pm. The second event will take place on February 10th, 2024, at Sumner Community Church, starting at 5:30 pm. The aim is to foster open dialogue between community members, stakeholders, and the leadership teams of both fire districts to explore the possibilities and benefits of merging operations. This initiative reflects a commitment to enhancing emergency response capabilities, optimizing resources, and ultimately ensuring the highest level of safety for our communities.

Fire Chiefs Samantha Mason and Rob Aton will lead the discussion. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the potential benefits of merging the two fire districts, such as increased efficiency, improved response times, and cost savings. The Chiefs will provide insights into the collaborative efforts required and address any concerns or questions from the community.

"We believe that transparency and community involvement are crucial elements in making decisions that impact the safety and well-being of our residents," said Chief Aton. "Town Hall with the Chiefs will provide an open forum for residents to engage with the decision-makers, ask questions, and gain a deeper understanding of the potential merger's implications."

The event will feature a Q&A session, allowing community members to voice their thoughts, concerns, and suggestions. In addition to Chiefs Mason and Aton, key representatives from both fire departments will be present to share their perspectives and contribute to the informative discussion.

Town Hall with the Chiefs Event Details:

Date: January 31st, 2024 Time: 5:30 pm Location: Millington Station. 1, 62866 Millington Frontage Road.

Date: February 10th, 2024 Time: 5:30 pm Location: Sumner Community Church 95099 Stevens Lane .

We invite all community members, stakeholders, and interested parties to join us for Town Hall with the Chiefs and actively participate in this crucial discussion on the potential merger of two fire districts. Your input and engagement are vital as we work together to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our community.

For media inquiries, please contact: Chief Rob Aton, at [raton@centralcoos.com](mailto:raton@centralcoos.com), 541-267-3151.

About Millington and Sumner Fire: The two districts are Oregon Special District-based organizations dedicated to providing top-notch emergency services and ensuring the safety and security of our community. With a commitment to excellence, innovation, and community engagement, we strive to be at the forefront of emergency response and preparedness.