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New Chief for Wilson's Landing Fire Department

A familiar face will be under the Chief's white helmet for the [Wilson's Landing Fire Protection District](#).

Ronaye Beck has been appointed by the Regional District of Central Okanagan as Chief of the paid-on-call department. She's been Acting Chief since July 1st following the retirement of Don Bennison.

Ronaye was Deputy Chief of the department since mid-2017. She's been a firefighter and a member of the department for the past four years and previously served as an Instructor and trainer for exterior firefighting and new recruits. She's also assisted with department planning, administration and daily operations and led the team to achieve First Medical Response status.

Ronaye's excited about the new challenge of leading the great Wilson's Landing fire team and building on the successes of her predecessor Don Bennison. "I joined the department, like so many others, to give something back to my community. My technical background as a Chemical Engineer and past corporate leadership roles along with a passion for safety and training led me into leadership within the fire department. My experience and the skills learned since joining the department will assist us with our training, teamwork and continual improvement so that we continue to provide our neighbours with the best fire and first medical response services."

RDCO Fire Services Manager Ross Kotscherofski adds, "Ronaye has established herself as an excellent team member and leader – she's the first one in and the last one out during live fire training. Ronaye's been involved in fire and wildfire fighting responses in the Traders Cove and Wilson's Landing communities and assisted with the department's support during the more recent wildfires in Joe Rich. She's a respected and valued member of the Wilson's Landing department and played an important role in the year-long training effort that resulted in launching the First Medical Response program this past spring. Like all paid-on-call fire members, she has a passion for service and her community."

The department provides fire suppression and First Medical Response services to Westside Road communities from Trader's Cove to Shelter Cove including Lake Okanagan Resort.

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Attached: Photo of new Wilson's Landing Fire Chief Ronaye Beck

