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A CALL FOR CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The members of Western Coventry Fire District (WCFD) Board of Directors that form the District's management team today are likeminded in their views of how WCFD should be managed and organized for the present and for the foreseeable future. Because of the support shown by the voters of the District during recent annual meetings, it is evident that these views and resulting actions are generally consistent with the expectations of the vast majority of the District's voters. Those expectations are fire and rescue response for a reasonable tax rate while supporting an effort to avoid being drawn into a significantly more expensive town-wide organization for the same services.

Most importantly, the current WCFD administration believes that major financial decisions must be made with the involvement of and approval by the voters of the District and this practice needs to be maintained by the District's future leadership. Because the current members of the management team cannot be expected to serve indefinitely, it is imperative that other community minded residents that feel strongly about the wellbeing of WCFD become involved.

The election to take place during the District's Annual Meeting on **April 5, 2021 will be to fill one of the five Board of Directors positions. The elected candidate for this position will serve a term of 3 years.**

The best way to develop an understanding of the workings of the District is to simply attend one or more monthly meetings of the District and to listen and learn what is going on and take the opportunity to participate in the discussions while contributing to the decisions made. Our public board meetings take place on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Summit Station, 1110 Victory Highway. During the COVID-19 emergency, the Board meetings are only being held via tele-conference, and can be accessed by utilizing this phone number: (401) 388-4996. The agendas for these meeting are posted on the RI Secretary of State's web site, <http://www.sos.ri.gov/>, and locally at the Summit Station, Koszela Lumber and Summit General Store at least 48 hours in advance of these meetings.

In addition to the Board of Directors' positions, we have a need for assistance at the committee level. As examples, the Standard Administrative Procedure Committee (responsible for the creation and updating procedures for the control of the District in compliance with the District's Charter and By-Laws) and the Charter and By-Laws Committee (addressing and recommending to the voters By-Laws that periodically need updating to keep pace with our ever changing legal and demographic environment). Involvement with these committees is yet another very important and excellent way to compliment your service to our community.

The success of this appeal for more concerned residents of the District to become involved is critical to the continuation of an efficient, cost effective and independent fire district. Please consider getting involved.

Express any interest in responding to this appeal to the attention of the District Clerk, Mariann Gardener at clerk@wcfd.net, or address a letter to the attention of the Clerk, Western Coventry Fire District, 1110 Victory Highway, Greene, 02827, or notify any member of the District's Board or Officers by way of contact information listed on WCFD's web site, <http://www.wcfd.net/board-of-directors-district-officials.html>/board-of-directors-district-officials.html.

Please note that in accordance with the By-Laws, candidates for the District's Board of Directors are required to be qualified voters of the District. Candidates for the Board of Directors and Officers must submit a "Letter of Intent" to the Clerk no later than midnight, December 31, of the previous year.

Western Coventry Fire District, Board of Directors, October 15, 2020