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EXECUTIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRE OPS 101

Executive Aaron Reardon will participate in Washington State Council of Fire Fighters (WSCFF), “Fire Ops 101,” May 4-5, 2007 in Richland.

The basic fire ground operations orientation at the Volpentest Hammer Training and Education Center in Richland is intended for public officials, representatives of the media and civilians, and will emphasize the required skills and inherent risks of professional fire fighting and emergency medical response.

Reardon’s participation is sponsored by the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2597. Captain Mike Zimmerman, Snohomish County Airport Fire Department will accompany Reardon. Zimmerman said “There is no substitute for hands-on experience and this training demonstrates what is expected of first responders.”

Reardon said, “The experience will help my understanding of the needs and the environment in which Snohomish County firefighters and emergency medical response personnel function daily.”

Up to 30 participants will suit up in fire fighter protective clothing, don a self-contained breathing apparatus and experience a controlled live fire environment demonstration.

Fire Ops 101 is sponsored by The Washington State Council of Fire Fighters, the Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Fire Fighters.