Western Fire Chiefs Association
Vice President Candidate
Chief Brent L. Christopherson
IAFC Member #0039128

Dear WFCA Members,

I am Chief Brent L. Christopherson, and I am asking for your support for election as Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Western Fire Chiefs Association (WFCA). I have served the Montana State Fire Chiefs Association (MSFCA) for 11 years as a representative to the WFCA Board of Directors.

My qualifications/credentials for this position include:

- 37 years in the fire service
- 23 years as a chief officer
- Currently an Assistant Chief of the Missoula Rural Fire District
- Master’s degree, Public Administration
- Bachelor’s degree, Fire Science
- Graduate, National Fire Academies Executive Fire Officer Program
- Two terms, IAFC elections committee
- Post-event branch lead, WFCA Wildfire Policy Committee

I decided to run for Vice-President because I am able to devote the time necessary to fill this important position. The Western Division prides itself as a “get-it-done” group, and thanks to exceptional staff and directors, both past and present, our achievements have been tremendous. I am committed to our continued success.

My Goals as Vice-President:

- Maintain or increase the level of responsiveness to our membership.
- Actively promote our stakeholder and private partnerships as we tackle new ways of doing business to improve outcomes for both fire service and membership.
• Strategically plan for the future by utilizing past items that have worked well, while exploring and promoting new tools to better accomplish our mission. While this does involve some risk, if data supports change, then we must embrace it.
• Continue to devote proper attention to the wildland fire part of what we do in the western states. Continue to bring the necessary players together to achieve change where appropriate.
• Continue regular communication with the membership to assure we are where we need to be.

I most sincerely appreciate your consideration and ask for your vote in the upcoming election for Vice-President of the WFCA.

Thank you.

Brent L. Christopherson
Chief