

Dear Copper Community,

I've been fortunate to call both Copper Mountain and Frisco home for the past 23 years. In an area which has undergone extensive and rapid growth over that time, I'm excited to continue to play a part in serving our community. With SFE oversight of not just the residential and commercial fire operations and permitting, along with the EMS component, we also have the additional complications of wildfire interface. It's an exciting dynamic, and one which I feel we as an elected board have immense responsibility and potential to help. It's a real opportunity to have a positive, meaningful impact, and to help our neighbors.

There are several challenges facing our district today, but none more pressing than the potential for wildland fires. I'm proud to have been a part of the current SFE board, which under Chief Davis has taken steps to create a new and separate Wildland Fire Division of our department. Another challenge is the scheduled sunset of 1A funds, which impacts both the day to day operational as well as capital budgets of our district. In addition, we need to continue to study and refine our compensation packages for firefighter and EMS personnel, ensuring we remain competitive in attracting great staff. Finally, balancing the desire for a new fire station in Silverthorne with the actual needs as that area increases in population. This last one will require the board and staff to examine both the current data as well as make some solid projections which are regularly updated in order to not fall behind in service times.

I'm proud of my 15+ years of experience overseeing fire operations as a Director on the Copper Mountain Metro District board. I'm also proud of my decade of service on the Summit Fire Authority board, along with overseeing the creation of the Summit Fire & EMS IGA which led eventually to the current SFE Fire Protection District. I'm a team player who has a proven record of working with others to determine the best path forward for those we represent, and I am not afraid to make decisions that I feel best represent the needs of our taxpayers. I hope my previous contributions to this and other boards, along with the personal relationships I've been fortunate to forge with many of you in the past, better explain who I am and what I can bring to the organization than a couple of typed responses. I promise to continue to further the work we started together several years ago, and hope you give me the opportunity to do so.

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