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### Renton RFA Fire Chief Meets with National Leadership in Washington D.C.

[RENTON, WA – June 18, 2019] The week of June 10th was a busy one for Fire Chief Rick Marshall as he travelled to Washington D.C. to represent Renton in discussions with national leadership regarding the future of emergency response. Chief Marshall joined fire chiefs from around the country to provide insight into the services provided by the fire department and where further support is needed from elected officials. Some of the leadership he met with during his trip included Congresswoman Suzanne Delbene, Congresswoman Dr. Kim Schrier, Senator Patty Murray, and Senator Maria Cantwell.

Upon his return, Chief Marshall also met with Congressman Adam Smith to discuss how fire services are provided to Representative Smith's constituents. The conversation included issues of first responder interoperability, urban interface/wild land fire concerns, and effective management of non-emergency calls on emergency response. Chief Marshall outlined how Renton RFA has managed to overcome many of these obstacles through strategic planning and local partnerships.

"We are proud of the partnership between Renton Regional Fire Authority and our national leadership. We are especially grateful for Congressman Adam Smith's unwavering support of public safety." – Fire Chief Rick Marshall

Renton RFA continues to maintain strong relationships with local and national leadership in an effort to foster understanding about the fire service and further discussions on how to continually improve public safety.

#### **About Renton Regional Fire Authority**

*Renton Regional Fire Authority serves the communities of Renton, Fire District 25, and Fire District 40. With a coverage area of 33.29 miles, Renton RFA provides fire and life safety services to 131,869 community members (2017). The Renton RFA team abides by the guiding principles of professionalism, integrity, leadership, accountability, and respect, and continually works to build an organization that reflects the unique diversity of the Renton community. Learn more at [www.RentonRFA.org](http://www.RentonRFA.org) or call 425-430-7000.*

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