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Fire Chief Steve Heitman's Statements Regarding Governor Inslee's Proclamation 21-14

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"Renton Regional Fire Authority will comply with Governor Inslee's Proclamation 21-14, requiring all firefighter EMTs to be fully vaccinated by October 18, 2021.

We understand that this issue is complex and highly personal. However, it is my duty as Fire Chief to ensure that Renton RFA is not only upholding the law but ensuring the safety of our members and the community that trusts us with their health.

We are currently in the process of reviewing exemption requests and will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations for those who qualify. Our goal is to retain all of our firefighters while upholding the law and ensuring the health and safety of our community and organization."

Steve Heitman, Fire Chief

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 over 135,000 community members (2020). 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 or call 425-275-9500.

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