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MEMORANDUM

To: Kirkland City Council
Dave Ramsay, City Manager

From: Jeff Blake, Director Fire & Building

Date: December 4, 2008

Subject: Fire Captain Larry Peabody 30 Year Service Award

Captain Larry Peabody began his career with the City of Kirkland on October 7, 1978. He has been assigned to all of our Fire Stations over the years and to the Rose Hill Station #26 and our Ladder Company since 1992. Since 1980 Larry has worked as part of our Apparatus Planning & Design Team and is currently working with our team on our next fire engine and medical aid unit projects. Larry has a passion for research, development and design of our apparatus and equipment. Larry also enjoys art design; having designed the current logo for Kirkland Fire, as well as the past logo along with the logos for the Washington State Fire Mechanics and Zone One Technical Rescue. He has participated as a Board Member of the Northwest Burn Foundation, The Eastside Municipal Credit Supervisory Committee, Boys and Girls Club Fund raisers, Kirkland Little League and the Kirkland Christmas Basket Program.

Larry has been Firefighter of the Year twice and was awarded the Regional Fire Instructor of the Year in 2004 and 2006. He has performed work in all aspects of the Department's operations and Training Division as well as working extensively teaching regionally. He has been an Emergency Medical Technician Competency Based Instructor since the inception of the program in the State. Larry is also a certified Technical Rescue Technician and Instructor. He is has been the City's Rescue Team Leader since 1996 and is currently Chairman of King County Fire Zone One Technical Rescue Committee which encompasses all 12 of the Eastside's Fire Departments.

Larry is a local kid that graduated from Lake Washington High School, married his high school sweetheart (Shaunie) and they have been married for 28 years. They have two children, Justin 25 and Courtney 22. Both children are Lake Washington grads as well. He resides in Kirkland and walks to work via the NE 100th St. emergency vehicle/pedestrian overpass. Away from work Larry enjoys touring the country on his Harley, snow skiing, exploring new places with his wife and being on the water. To quote Larry "He is a lucky man".

Larry has been an asset to the Kirkland Fire department and the citizens of Kirkland as well as the region for 30 years. Thank you Larry and a job "well done".