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New Fire Chief Chosen

The County of Grande Prairie is pleased to announce the selection of a Fire Chief – Everett Cooke. Serving as Deputy Chief of Rural Operations since July 2009, Cooke has been acting Chief since January.

“Fire Chief Cooke’s qualifications and knowledge of the area made him the top candidate for the position,” explained Bernie House, Director of Protective Services, Parks and Recreation.

Fire Chief Cooke served as a volunteer firefighter for the Sexsmith Fire Department for nine years and then as their Fire Chief.

“The County of Grande Prairie Fire Service is moving in exciting directions,” stated Chief Cooke. “We are purchasing new fire apparatus, increasing training throughout our stations and providing a better service overall. I am proud to be a part of this service and very fortunate to be appointed to lead our service into the coming years.”

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