

Watchmen Voter Guide for West Pend Oreille Fire District - Sub District 1

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	Christine Coyle	Anthony Emord	David Van Natter
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Declined to Respond		Hello, My Name is David Van Natter I am running as the Republican for West Pend Oreille Fire Commissioner Subdistrict 1 to replace a retiring Fire Commissioner.
2. How could your fire district be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	Declined to Respond		Tax Payers and the Staff working or living in the Fire District are the most important of district Resources. 1# All focus has to be to put people first, Communicate our mandate to protect Life and Property. 2# Improvement comes from following State Laws working collaboratively with Tax payers and our Fire Chief to efficiently use funds or if needed apply for grants or other sources of revenue. 3# Volunteers are the life blood of our Fire District we need to continue to recruit, train and motivate quality individuals, this is Your and our Fire District. I am running to represent you.
3. What are your views on the rapid growth of North Idaho?	Declined to Respond		I first came to Bonner County in 1962 and have been in The Fire District since 1985. People are drawn here by the conservative values and Idaho is a great place to live. Currently growth in our District is about 6% per year. The Fire District has 600 emergency calls/per year, but will increase proportional to the population growth. More Volunteers are needed or the Commissioners' may have to look at additional incentives or paid staff in the upcoming years.
4. Do you feel that the Fire District has a responsibility to protect the public's best interests to insure scalable growth?	Declined to Respond		As a Commissioner I will do all in my power and tax funds to Protect Life and Property. Some Grants are available it is up to the Voters if the need exists to increase the tax rate in the future.
5. Instead of taxing current residents to pay for growth, what are your suggestions to increase revenue for your fire district?	Declined to Respond		Continue to pursue Impact Fees from the building of new homes to put new and existing home owners on equal footing to move in to the future. Oldtown, Idaho has seen a large increase in business and homes. If Grants or Impact fees are available an additional Fire Station, equipment and Volunteers may be needed

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6. What role should the Fire District have in the design and authorization of new developments?	Declined to Respond		Cities and Counties have jurisdiction in approval of new developments. As a Fire District we will provide review and recommendations to any New or existing developments.
7. Do you believe access to city managed water should be increased to rural communities and why?	Declined to Respond		This is not a Fire Commissioner decision. I would support the Cities and adjacent communities to establish large volume water sources. Available in times of Fire or other Needs.
8. In your opinion, what areas can be improved with forest management in your fire district?	Declined to Respond		I have Training and 40 years experience in Forest Management and Wildland Fire fighting. I have been on National (Type 1) and Regional (Type 2) Fire Management teams. The State of Idaho has requirement to reduce fire hazards associated with Logging. Generally by far the best improvement is...usable roads in to National forest and logging to break up the chance of Crown fires. Forest thinning. Logging and Roads are the best improvements we can make as a community
9. What should be the role of the fire district be in working with local governing authorities (county commissioners, city planners, etc.) and why?	Declined to Respond		In the United States we operate as a republic form of government with the people in the Fire District electing their representation and having local control. We are also working in Unity with County and other Local government. The District can provide mutual aid to adjoining and over lapping local governments and may ask for help when needed as well. The Fire District currently has unified command with Bonner County on approximately 300 Advanced Life Support Calls a year.
10. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	Declined to Respond		I have been involved with Fire Fighting for 40 years, and over the past 5 years I have been with West Pend Oreille fire as Chaplain, EMT, and fire fighter. I have a Degree for the University of Idaho in Forest Management with a minor in Business Management. For 20 years I have been on National and Regional Incident Management Teams on Large fires from Alaska to Florida I have successfully Served as Church President, Board of Elders Sherrifs Chaplain and Finacial Treasure for multiple organization to prepare me to lead as a Fire Commissioner