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## CRD appoints VFD and SAR Chiefs

The Cariboo Regional District Board has appointed Chiefs for the regional district's 14 volunteer fire departments (VFD) and Central Cariboo Search and Rescue. Each department holds an election for the position and the Board appoints the Chief for a three-year term. Wildwood VFD held an election for Chief and the remaining Chiefs were acclaimed.

"Welcome to our new Fire Chiefs – Chris Haddad at 108 Mile, Jim Sales at Ten Mile, Lance Wilkins at West Fraser, and Brad Elliott at Wildwood – and congratulations to all our returning Chiefs," states CRD Chair Margo Wagner. "Our Board and staff are looking forward to working with our new slate of Chiefs over the next three years."

"I also want to say thank you to our outgoing Chiefs for their dedication, many of them have served their communities for many years and continue to volunteer as department members. The service and commitment of all our fire and search and rescue department members and Chiefs is tremendous and we cannot say thank you enough."

The Board appointed the following Chiefs from April 1, 2019, until March 31, 2022:

Department	Fire Chief
108 Mile VFD	Chris Haddad (new)
150 Mile VFD	Stan McCarthy
Barlow Creek VFD	Jerrod Dreveski
Bouchie Lake VFD	Jeff Lefebvre
Deka Lake VFD	Al Boyce
Forest Grove VFD	Aron Zabloutny
Interlakes VFD	Eric de Vries
Kersley VFD	Steve Koning
Lone Butte VFD	Jon Grieve
Lac La Hache VFD	Terry Murphy
Miocene VFD	Jason Ward
Ten Mile VFD	Jim Sales (new)
West Fraser VFD	Lance Wilkins (new)
Wildwood VFD	Brad Elliott (new)
Central Cariboo Search and Rescue	Rick White

The Regional District has also welcomed Kathy Ferguson as its Regional Fire Services Supervisor. Kathy will be working closely with all the CRD's fire and search and rescue departments to support their administrative, financial and training needs.

The CRD's Protective Services department provides a variety of services throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin, including 9-1-1, emergency planning, search and rescue, highway rescue and structural fire protection.

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For more information about the CRD's VFDs or information about joining these groups of dedicated volunteers, visit [cariboord.ca/firedepartments](http://cariboord.ca/firedepartments).

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