

## Clallam County Fire District 3

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Clallam County Fire District 3 Announces Key Leadership Appointments

Clallam County Fire District 3 (District) is pleased to announce the appointment of Justin Grider as the new Fire Chief and Misty Shaw as the new Finance Manager.

Justin Grider: A Seasoned Leader in the Fire Service.

On Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>,2024, the District extended Justin Grider a conditional offer of employment. With a distinguished career in the fire service, Justin Grider brings a wealth of experience and leadership to the role of Fire Chief. He previously was the Deputy Fire Chief of Los Alamos Fire Department. He currently holds the Deputy Fire Chief position at Clallam County Fire District 2 in Port Angeles. His commitment to community safety and extensive background in emergency response make him the ideal candidate to lead District 3 into the future. Grider's proven track record and dedication to excellence align seamlessly with the District's mission of safeguarding lives and property. Chief Grider will replace Interim Chief Daniel Orr, who has been leading the District since May of 2023 and previously held an Assistant Chief position since 2015.

Misty Shaw: Strategic Financial Expertise

On Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>,2024, the District extended Misty Shaw an offer of employment. Misty Shaw joins the District as the new Finance Manager, bringing a strategic approach to financial management. With a solid background in finance and a keen understanding of organizational needs, Ms. Shaw is well-equipped to navigate the financial landscape of the District. Her expertise will play a pivotal role in ensuring the District's fiscal health and sustainability. Ms. Shaw comes to the District from Texas, where she currently is employed with the City of Granbury as an Assistant Director of Finance. Ms. Shaw is replacing the current Finance Manager, Alwynn Whitaker, who has been with the District 8 years.

District officials express confidence in both Grider and Shaw, emphasizing the positive impact their leadership will have on the community and the organization.

"The Board is confident these new Leaders are well equipped to successfully navigate the current and future challenges of Clallam County Fire District 3" said Clallam County Fire District 3's Board Chairman Jeffery Nicholas.

The District extends an invitation to the community to join in welcoming Justin Grider and Misty Shaw to their new roles.