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## PRESS RELEASE

### **City of Sumner Joins East Pierce in Mourning Chief Dan Packer**

Sumner, WA—East Pierce Fire and Rescue confirmed that Chief Dan Packer passed away while fighting fires in northern California. The City of Sumner joins East Pierce in sending thoughts and prayers to the entire Packer and East Pierce family.

“There are people alive in Sumner because of Dan Packer and his wonderful vision,” said Mayor Dave Enslow. “Professionally, he knew how to bring people together to give them the best fire service possible. You can see it in East Pierce and the wonderful service it provides to so many communities, including Sumner. That’s all because of Dan. And personally, you can’t find a better guy than Dan. He knew that firefighting was really about people, about being part of a community in good times and bad. That’s why Dan was in our parades and celebrations and also helping us in our hardest hours of fires and floods. We’ll do all we can to help now that it’s East Pierce’s saddest hour.”

Mayor Enslow has declared all flags to fly at half-staff in the City of Sumner in a tribute to Chief Packer.

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