

VCOS 2020 Elections

Norvin Collins

Fire Chief

San Juan Island Fire & Rescue, Friday Harbor WA

Western Division

I have been honored to represent you as a Board Member and past Secretary/Treasurer; I am seeking re-election. With 30+ years of experience, originating as a volunteer and currently Chief of a combination department, I see volunteerism in the fire, rescue and EMS services more relevant today, than ever before. I have been fortunate to be involved with VCOS through the delivery of the two Symposiums and have been honored to give back to this organization and its members through that and other areas.

Working with departments from across the country on topics such as recruitment, retention, and leadership development is my passion and has educated me as to the varied needs of large, small, combination, and exclusively volunteer departments. I have long held a love for the volunteer fire service and our ability to lead our departments to the betterment of our communities, the fire service, and ourselves.

My background includes service in varied sized combination departments. I served with Tualatin Valley F&R (OR) for 19+ years holding ranks from firefighter/paramedic to division chief; Sauvie Island FD (OR) for 9 years as Chief; and now as Fire Chief for San Juan Island F&R (WA) for 1.5 years. My experience, commitment, and education will help the VCOS continue to be successful.

The energy seen within our departments is what makes it so exciting to work with them! The dedication of the VCOS membership is palpable; I want to continue to be part of the leadership of the Section to maintain a handle on that pulse and work to improve its rhythm! Being the best we can be will serve our membership, our communities, and our service for years to come. I have the support and endorsement of many VCOS members; I humbly ask for your vote of support for re-election.