



Payne named as Assistant Fire Chief

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Jason Payne

Jason Payne is the new Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal for Fountain Hills Rural/Metro Fire Department.

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Jason Payne will be introduced to the Town Council this week as the Fountain Hills Rural/Metro Fire Department Assistant

Chief/Fire Marshal.

Payne fills the vacancy left with the retirement of Chief Randy Roberts and promotion of his assistant, Dave Ott to the chief position.

Born in Dallas, Texas, Payne lived in Australia and Germany before coming back to the U.S. living in several states.

He came to Arizona when his dad took a job with Garret Systems. A graduate of Dobson High School in Mesa, Payne attended ASU before deciding to become a firefighter. He received his AA in Fire Science from Mesa Community College. He also holds a bachelor's degree in business management from University of Phoenix.

Payne now has 20 years in the fire service with Rural/Metro, Fort McDowell Fire Department and Salt River Fire Department. He holds certifications for Inspector I and II, fire investigation and plan review. He became a Certified Emergency Paramedic in 1991.

He has taught fire engineering at Scottsdale Community College and assisted at SCC with paramedic school.

"I love the scenery and small town atmosphere in Fountain Hills," Payne said. "I want to live and work in the same place. I look forward to the opportunity to work as assistant chief and fire marshal."

Payne currently lives in Gilbert with a son and daughter. He plans to relocate to Fountain Hills when the school year concludes next spring.

He said his daughter has aspirations to attend the Air Force Academy to become a fighter pilot. She comes by the passion for flight in her genes. Her grandfather was a pilot and Payne said he earned his pilot's license and his driver license the same day.

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Election results still being finalized
 By Ben Berman
 A public accounting firm is auditing the election results for the September 13 primary. The audit is expected to be completed by the end of the week. The results of the election will be announced after the audit is complete.

P&Z recommends changes to Town noise ordinance
 By Ben Berman
 The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended changes to the town's noise ordinance. The changes include increasing the maximum noise level from 65 decibels to 70 decibels and increasing the maximum duration of noise from 15 minutes to 30 minutes.

Slide the City cancelled
 By Ben Berman
 The annual Slide the City event has been cancelled for this year due to weather concerns. The event was scheduled for September 18th but has been postponed to a later date.

Oktoberfest returns for 9th year
 By Ben Berman
 The 9th annual Oktoberfest celebration is set to take place in Fountain Hills on September 16th and 17th. The event will feature live music, food, and beer.

Day of Play is this Saturday
 By Ben Berman
 The annual Day of Play event is scheduled for this Saturday, September 17th. The event will feature a variety of activities for children, including games, crafts, and a scavenger hunt.

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 By Ben Berman
 The Fountain Hills Fire Department has named a new Assistant Fire Chief. The new chief is a former member of the department and has extensive experience in fire service.

9/11 remembered
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 The community will remember the 9/11 attacks on the Fountain Hills. A memorial service will be held on September 11th at the town square.

Activity Center offers Medicare program
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 The Fountain Hills Activity Center is offering a Medicare program for its members. The program provides a variety of services, including transportation, meals, and social activities.

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 Forecast for the week of September 14-20, 2016. Highs in the 70s and 80s, lows in the 50s and 60s. Chance of rain on September 15th and 16th.

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