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**2020 STATISTICS**

*Sept. 1 — Sept. 30*

**District Average  
Response Time:**

X min. XX sec.

**Responses by  
Type:**

Fire: XX

EMS: XXX

Other: XXX

**Total: xxx**



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communities of Blaine,  
Birch Bay, Custer, Laurel  
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**NWFR Welcomes Interim Fire Commissioner**



The North Whatcom Fire and Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners is pleased to welcome Kimberly Calman-McMurray as the newly appointed Commissioner position #5.

Kimberly McMurray grew up in Whatcom County. She attended K-12 and graduated from the Meridian School District. She went on to attend Northwest Nazarene University where she earned her Bachelors degree in Business Administration. After graduation she worked for the Seattle Pacific University Athletic Department.

She married then moved to Lewiston Idaho where she worked at Cargill Real Estate as a Property Manager. The family moved back to Lynden in August of 1999 where she has since worked for the family business J. Calman Industries. Kimberly has two grown children Mikayla and Hunter who also attended Meridian K-12

and reside in Whatcom County.

Kimberly was burned over sixty-five percent of her body when she was a senior in high school. She was hospitalized in the Harborview Burn Center for ninety-five days, she returned home just a few days before Christmas. She returned to school in January and was able to graduate with her class.

Kimberly has two younger sisters who were ages 13 and 11 at the time of "the fire". It irrevocably changed their lives. Through that experience, what they saw in the burn center and what they experienced as a family during Kimberly's long recovery, inspired their careers. Middle sister, Kristi, became a licensed family and marriage counselor, specializing in helping families in crisis and through trauma, she is also a life coach.

The youngest sister, Jamie, was intrigued by the physical therapy treatments. She is a university clinical professor, program director, certified athletic trainer, who teaches physical therapy, kinesiology, athletic training, exercise science and earned a PhD in nutrition.

Through her experience Kimberly has learned a lot about people. She has spent decades serving, speaking and volunteering for The American Burn

Association, Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, Harborview Medical Burn Center, burn camps, and burn treatment research projects. Locally she and her family have served and volunteered for Salt on the Street through Cornwall Church, Salvation Army and The Lighthouse Mission.

In her free time Kimberly and her husband, Dan, enjoy spending time with their children, extended family and friends, boating, kayaking, fishing and traveling. Between the two of them they have been to all 50 states and traveled to abroad to Italy, Ireland, Grand Cayman, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and all ten Canadian provinces.

Kimberly is honored to be selected for this interim fire commissioner position and the opportunity to give back to the emergency service personnel who saved her life and her community.

