

Complaint Description

[Marcie Maxwell](#) (Thu, 21 Nov 2019 at 3:36 AM)

Attached - Images of the front page of "first ever" Renton Regional Fire Authority four page newsletter showing "volume one, issue one" and inside page showing column and photo of board chair Armondo Pavone who was campaigning for Mayor of Renton at this time.

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

One can see that this Renton Regional Fire Authority "first ever" mailer during the third week in October 2019 was produced and mailed by RRFA using RRFA public tax dollars just in time to affect the outcome of a local city mayor election by promoting and supporting Renton Regional Fire Authority's board chair Armondo Pavone in his 2019 election campaign for Mayor of Renton.

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List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found.

See attached mailing by the Renton Regional Fire Authority which was received by postal mail in homes on approximately October 25, 2019 - during the same time period voters were casting votes for the November 5th election. While it seems like a typical mailing, this first ever four page mailer by the Renton Regional Fire Authority is "Volume One, Issue One" - never before produced and mailed by the RRFA except during this election vote casting week when the RRFA board chair Armondo Pavone is campaigning for Mayor of the City of Renton. This first ever RRFA newsletter featured a prominent photo and column by RRFA board chair Armondo Pavone. Note - RRFA Chief Rick Marshall was an active endorser and donor to Armondo Pavone's 2019 election campaign for Renton Mayor, and the RRFA Fire Chief is the public agency administrator under whose decision making authority this first ever newsletter was produced and mailed, and was funded by public RRFA tax dollars.

Note - the Renton Regional Fire Authority is the taxing district and service provider for fire and aid services to the City of Renton.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.**Complaint Certification:**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

interested in entering the emergency medical field in roles such as an EMT or firefighter. The program also helps graduating seniors enter the North Seattle Community College (NSCC) Emergency Medicine Degree program. This degree program is one we support as the main provider of their mandated student ride-alongs. Our support of this program, as well as our work with Hazen, gives us the opportunity to meet potential new recruits. It also gives them the opportunity to meet our team and learn more about how we work in the community.

All of these outreach efforts have led to a more educated and informed community and a familiarity that attracts individuals interested in emergency medicine and public service to Renton RFA. Some of our firefighters who were raised right here in Renton include Captain Morgan, who graduated from Hazen High School; Lieutenant Rismiller, Firefighter Kimbrel, and Firefighter Fisher, who graduated from Liberty High School; and one of our newest members, Firefighter Armstrong, who graduated from Kentridge High School. Even our own Deputy Fire Chief of Support Services Chuck DeSmith is a lifelong Renton resident and has served the fire service for decades.

Like all of our firefighters, these locally grown members go above and beyond for their community. This year, Renton's own Lieutenant Rismiller was awarded a Medal of Valor for his heroic acts on the job to save the life of a fellow Renton resident.

Lt. Rismiller responded to a call for aid in March alongside the crew of Engine 13. The call was for a reported vehicle fire with a potential victim inside. When Lt. Rismiller arrived on-scene with the Engine 13B shift crew, they sprang into action. While the crew secured a line to extinguish the blaze, Lt. Rismiller inspected the vehicle for occupants. Discovering an occupant trapped inside the vehicle, he risked his own life to enter the engulfed vehicle and pull the victim to safety, saving the young man's life.

It's important to us to cultivate an organization that reflects the beautiful community we proudly serve. Hiring firefighters that show such dedication to Renton is a great step in our effort. If you're interested in learning more about joining Renton RFA, visit: rentonrfa.org/careers



Message from the Board Chair

We all have a stake in our community's safety. I would like to thank our residents and business community for entrusting us with the opportunity to serve each one of you. I would also like to recognize the City of Renton and King County Fire Districts 25 and 40 for their help and support as well. Because of your support, we are able to provide excellent and relevant service in a way that will serve not only our current needs but also the needs of the future. Our area is continuing to grow at a fast pace, and we need to continue to look at innovative ways to provide emergency response, fire prevention, public education, and community outreach.

Simply put, we care about you and the community you live and work in. We, your Governance Board, as well as the uniformed and civilian personnel of Renton RFA, are dedicated to quality service and accountability—ensuring the highest level of emergency service to each of you. Your safety and well-being is our highest priority.

I am proud to serve as Chair of the Renton RFA Governance Board. We look forward to our continued service to the Renton Community. Thank you for your confidence and continued support.

Armondo Pavone

Chair, Renton RFA Governance Board

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