

September 20, 2021

Board of Directors & Members
Nederland Fire Protection District

Dear NFD members,

Please consider this note and attached resume my application for the Acting Chief position. As you know I have been the Fire Marshal here for the past few years and have extensive public safety experience that makes me an ideal candidate. I meet all the posted minimum qualifications and have many of the preferred qualifications as well.

Over my past 4 years in Nederland, I've worked with most aspects of the department. In addition to the Fire Marshal work, I cover shifts as needed, assist with training, attend training, assist with maintenance, and am involved in other projects and activities. I am also well acquainted with our surrounding agencies as I have worked in the Boulder County system for over 30 years and am a past board member of Timberline Fire.

I work extensively with the Town government and am involved in many town activities and projects as well as attend town meetings on a regular basis. I look forward to continuing these relationships and improve our outward presentation to the community.

My career fire experience has all been in career/volunteer mix ("combination") departments. At "Longmont Rural" I worked out of the central station and responded with volunteer stations on every call. As a collateral duty, I was the training coordinator and developed and presented training to both volunteers and career staff. In Summit County I was the training coordinator for seven fire districts. Here at Nederland, I work with our volunteers daily and have been thoroughly impressed with their dedication to training, skill development, and professionalism. We need to continue to keep them motivated through training, and recognition for work well done.

I have been a volunteer with Rocky Mountain Rescue Group for almost 30 years. In that time, I have served in almost every capacity including Group Leader (In charge of all operational activities) and Board member. I continue to be active as an operational retired "qualified" member.

The Nederland Fire Department is poised to become a great fire department. We have motivated members at all levels, great skills, and great teamwork. What we need at this point is a leader with a solid background and understanding of the issues to continue moving us forward. Although this position is only temporary, I feel that I am the right person to keep us moving in the right direction and get us ready for a permanent Chief in a few months.

Thank you,

"Rik" C. Henrikson