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**Open house to celebrate fire chief’s retirement May 30**

*Public invited to enjoy presentation and refreshments*

OTHELLO, Wash. — After 43 years of dedicated service, Fire Chief Gary Lebacken is retiring, and the community is invited to help celebrate his remarkable career. Adams County Fire District 5 will host an open house on Friday, May 30, 2025, at the station located at 220 S Broadway Ave.

The event will run from 2 - 5 p.m., with light refreshments provided. A special presentation by the Board of Commissioners and Volunteer Firefighters will begin at 4 p.m.

Chief Lebacken has been a steady presence in the fire service, known for his leadership, mentorship, and commitment to public safety. His retirement marks the end of an era for the department and the many community members he has served over the years.

The open house is free and open to the public. Community members, colleagues past and present, and friends are encouraged to stop by, share their well wishes, and honor Chief Lebacken’s legacy.

For more information, please contact 509-488-2951 or email [secretary@acfd5.com](mailto:secretary@acfd5.com).

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*Adams County Fire District 5 provides fire suppression, rescue, and wildland fire services to 0ver 7,600 residents across 215 square miles in the heart of the Columbia basin. The district also serves the City of Othello, home to 7,000 residents, through a contract for service in place through 2026. Five full-time and 21 volunteer personnel respond to a range of emergencies with professionalism and pride. Learn more at* [*www.acfd5.com*](http://www.acfd5.com)*.*