

## **REPRESENTATIVE GENE WHISNANT, DISTRICT 53**

PRESS RELEASE  
November 14, 2008

Contact: Megan Schenewerk  
503-986-1453

### **REP WHISNANT VISITS LA PINE FIRE CHIEF**

*Sunriver Legislator makes pre session courtesy visits with local officials*

La Pine---State Representative Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver) visited La Pine Fire Chief Jim Gustafson on November 13. Rep. Whisnant was joined by his new Legislative Assistant, Megan Schenewerk and Tiffany Lewis, District Liaison, as they met with District officials in preparation for the 2009 Legislative Session.

“It is important to have a personal relationship with District officials whom I may call on to seek their expertise on issues we are facing in Salem and to be sure that they know they can contact me and staff to help with their issues,” commented Rep. Whisnant who was elected to his fourth term as District 53 State Representative.

Rep. Whisnant added, “Constituent issues remain the priority for me and my staff. I consider myself a public servant who works for the people of District 53 and Oregon. However, public safety is a priority and a core function of Government. La Pine and South Deschutes County face the danger of fire and I want to be sure that Chief Gustafson has the proper state support to protect the citizens and their property.”

“This visit also gave me the opportunity to congratulate Chief Gustafson, the Fire District Board and the citizens for passing the 9-63 La Pine RFPD Levy to fund more fire fighters,” Rep. Whisnant commented.

Earlier, Rep. Whisnant and his staff visited with La Pine Mayor Ginny Woodruff, City Manager Christine Nelson, and Clerk Luana Damerval. They discussed city plans, issues, and topics on which the State could help Oregon’s newest city.

“Megan Schenewerk recently joined our staff,” he reported. “Megan graduated from Corban College and worked in the Washington DC office of Rep. Mike Pence (R-Indiana). Also she served on the staff of Oregon House Representatives Krieger, Morgan, and Greg Smith.

Tiffany Lewis has worked as Rep. Whisnant’s District liaison for about one year. She attends events and activities for him during the session and interim when he is not available.

During the session, constituents may contact Rep. Whisnant at 900 NE Court Street, Salem, Oregon 97301; phone is 503-986-1453; email at [rep.genewhisnant@state.or.us](mailto:rep.genewhisnant@state.or.us). Also, you can follow his work by asking to be added to his “Legislative Updates” emails and watch the Salem committee hearings and floor session on closed circuit television, the link is

<http://www.oregonchannel.org/rams.htm>.

---

---



Rep. Gene Whisnant congratulating Chief Jim Gustafson on the passage of the levy.