



City of Ketchum

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## Tom Ancona Named Assistant Fire Chief

KETCHUM, Idaho – Tom Ancona has been named assistant fire chief/fire marshal in Ketchum.

Ancona was a firefighter in Connecticut from 1976 to 1984, and helped a family member move to the Wood River Valley in 1978. He returned for a visit every year and finally moved here in 1984. "Ketchum just has so much to offer," he said.

Ancona first served as a volunteer firefighter and joined the department full time as captain in 2002. He values the family atmosphere of the fire department and the opportunities it offers, including helicopter and other backcountry rescues. His most memorable experience dates back to 1992 when he helped rescue two injured climbers from Castle Peak. The operation required repeated rappels to the site from 5 p.m. until 7 a.m. the next morning.

"Tom Ancona has been an exceptional fire service instructor for as long as I've known him and has worked very hard on fire prevention through building inspections and code enforcement," Chief Mike Elle said. His appointment to the assistant chief/fire marshal position will help keep our citizens safer."

Ancona has received 10 commendations from the city and was voted Firefighter of the Year in 1993.

He succeeds Robbie Englehart, who retired.

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### About the City of Ketchum

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit [www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org).

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