



Darren Bucich, Fire Chief
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Darren has been the Fire Chief for McKenzie Fire & Rescue since 2009. He began his fire service career as a volunteer at Glide Rural Fire District in 1983, during his junior year of high school. Following graduation, he moved to Central Oregon and began life working in a lumber mill. In 1990 with his wife and two kids, he moved to Southern Oregon and soon began volunteering with Phoenix Fire (now annexed with Fire District #5). In 2001, he was hired full time as a shift officer with Applegate Fire District #9. During his time at Applegate, Darren also worked part time for Mercy Flights Ambulance, was a contract EMT B and EMT I instructor for Rogue Community College, and later was hired as the part-time Fire Chief for Williams Fire.

Along with being the Fire Chief for McKenzie Fire & Rescue, he also serves on the Board for the Leaburg volunteer library, is a member of the Lane Community College EMS Advisory committee, is the Secretary / Treasurer for the Lane County Fire Defense Board Chiefs, and is a member of the Lane County Radio Advisory Group. In 2014, he began training as a member of the Oregon State Marshalls Green Team and was appointed to the OFCA Board to fill a vacancy.

Darren was born in Southern California, but has called Oregon home since 1979. He's been married to his beautiful wife Christina for 27 years and has a daughter and a son.