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Kalama honors its legacy of community pride, rich heritage and natural beauty while embracing growth and economic prosperity

City of Kalama

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Public Works
360-703-0168 or 911

CITY HALL HOURS-
Monday-Friday-9-5

Utility Billing-
Payments
360- 673-4554

Building & Planning
360-673-5211

Finance – Accts
Payable
360-673- 4908

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360-673-4561

City Administrator
360-673-3265

Kalama Police Office
360-673-2165

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK – MAY 10-16, 2020 KALAMA HONORS IT'S OFFICERS

Mayor Reuter and the Kalama City Council have designated the week of May 10th as National Police Week in Kalama to honor the service, dedication and sacrifice of our own Kalama Police Officers as well as officers nationwide. In honor of Police Week, Kalama would like you to get to know the members of your Department.



My name is Rafael “Ralph” Herrera and I am the Kalama Police Chief. I was hired by the City of Kalama in July of 2017. I am 42 years old, married, and we have two boys, ages 12 and 8. Some of you might relate, but my boys often feel like a second full time job! I grew up a “cop’s kid” in Central Florida and police work runs in the family—my dad was in law enforcement for 18 years before retiring and his dad was also in law enforcement. I am the oldest of three brothers and one of them also went on to work in law enforcement. I served for 8 years in the Army Reserves as a Military Police officer and nearly 19 years as a police officer for the Kissimmee Police Department in Central Florida before being selected to become the Kalama Police Chief.

A few interesting things about me—I am Puerto Rican (I speak, read, and write fluent Spanish); I love football (GO HAWKS!) and I coach pop warner football; my favorite food is Alaskan snow crab (what’s with all this Dungeness?!?); and, I love the TV show “The Office” and I have an autographed picture from Dwight K. Schrute hanging in my office. If you weren’t already aware—I am a transplant from Florida, having lived my entire life in Central Florida. My family and I love living in Washington and enjoy exploring the Pacific Northwest.

I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve the Kalama community and its officers as police chief. It’s an incredible honor to lead these brave and dedicated officers. We take pride in our mission to protect and serve. We value the public’s trust and work very hard to maintain and strengthen that trust.

Hours M-F 9am-4:30pm

Kalama Public Works
360-673-3706

Kalama Library
360-673-4568
Hours – M-F Noon-5
Sat – 9-2

Kalama Community Building
360-673-4565



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My name is Krystall Marriott and I am the Kalama Police Records/Evidence clerk. I grew up off Kalama River Road after my family and I moved here from South Dakota. I graduated from Kalama High School in 2003, and like many others never left! You know who you are!! Ha!

I was hired by the City of Kalama in 2006 working at City Hall doing Accounts Payables until I had the opportunity to transfer to the Police Department in 2012. Between my husband and I we have 5 amazing children ages 10-15. When I am not spending time with my family, I enjoy riding horses, gardening, hunting, and exploring the woods. I am so blessed to have to opportunity to work with such a great community and staff!



My name is Jeff Skeie and I've been a police officer with the City of Kalama for over 14 years. I started my law enforcement journey many years ago when I was around 16 years old. I participated in the cadet or explorer programs for the Castle Rock Police Department and the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office. I became a reserve deputy for the Sheriff's office after turning 21 and stayed with them for a couple years. In order to get more hands-on experience, I transferred over to the Castle Rock Police reserve program. I was hired as a full-time police officer with Castle Rock in March of 1988. I worked for Castle Rock for over nine years before moving on.

I had the opportunity to own and operate a full-service restaurant and did that for five years, when the lease expired. To this date, it was the most stressful job I've ever had, and I fully enjoyed most of it. After leaving the restaurant business, I did a few other jobs until I got in contact with Sgt Steve Parker. Kalama had some part-time police work available and I was itching to get back into law enforcement. I worked part time for a short period until I was no longer needed. I got a good steady job in Clark County, but couldn't lose the desire to come back. I received a phone call from Sgt. Parker and was asked if I was interested in coming back to full time police work. Yes! I applied for the open position and was hired in January of 2006.

I'm a lifelong Cowlitz County resident and have no intention of changing that. I have two adult daughters who are both married and leading very successful lives. My granddaughter is 2 ½ years old and joy of my life. She is so awesome! My second granddaughter is on the way and is expected in the next few months. My wife and I love to travel. We've been to several continents and to many places here in the USA. Cruising is my favorite way to travel. We belong to several wine clubs and enjoy their offerings often. In my "spare time" I enjoy working on houses. I've rebuilt and remodeled several homes over the years and plan on this being my supplemental retirement income.

I've fully enjoyed working for Kalama and will stay here until I retire, in the not so distant future. Kalama has truly been a great place to work and I wish I was able to stay here longer. There have been so many positive changes in the time I've been here, and I'd love to see more. I've enjoyed the people the most. I often work alone, but I have no doubt that I'll have plenty of help from the citizens if I ever need it. That's very comforting to me and my family.



My name is Tyler Kaplan and I have been a police officer for the City of Kalama since December 2018. I am 26 years old, married, and have a baby on the way. I was born in Louisiana but grew up in the Tacoma area and consider myself a Washingtonian. I attended College at Pacific Lutheran University, where I met my wife Kelsey, and became a commissioned Officer in the Army National Guard through the ROTC program. I have always wanted to serve in the military or law enforcement and at the moment, I am fortunate enough to be doing both simultaneously. When not working, my wife and I enjoy time with our 120lb Swiss Mountain Dog -Murphy, exploring southwest Washington, hiking, biking, stopping by every coffee shop we see, watching movies, and completing projects from our ever-expanding home improvement list. I see every interaction with the people I serve as an opportunity to create a positive experience and I am grateful the people I serve – are the citizens of Kalama. I look forward to getting to know more of you as I continue to serve as one of your police officers.



Aloha, my name is Kendrick Wong, but if you see me out in Kalama I go by Ken. I've been a police officer with the City of Kalama since February 2017. I took a short break in service, retiring from the Kalama Police Department, after 22 years of service, to be closer to my family back in 2018. I returned to the Kalama Police Department in February 2019.

I am a 49-year old family man, married & blessed with 2 daughters, ages 17 & 19, both of whom have kept me grounded & humbled from the daily stresses of this profession. I'm originally from Hawaii & started my career in law enforcement with the Honolulu Police Department. I've wanted to be a police officer since the age of 5- - back in the Lone Ranger days. I later transferred to another police department in King Co, WA, back in 2001, leaving the island for a better opportunity to provide for my family.

Besides working for departments both in Hawaii & WA, I also have experience having worked in Wyoming & Alaska. My experiences having served in these various sized departments & communities have taught me to appreciate where I have come from, where I've been, and where I am now-- the bedroom style community of Kalama, rich in history with a Hawaiian past.

I used to be an avid golfer, having played less than a handful of times within the last decade but at one point, having a handicap of 3. I was taught my unique styled golf swing from an uncle who grew up on the streets in Hawaii, beat the odds, & became a golf professional. Lastly, I love to eat my wife's cooking, asian dishes & local kine grinds, "Hawaiian style"... I want to thank the City of Kalama for this opportunity to serve the community & serving with aloha...

Next Month meet Sgt Parker and Officer Kearny.



HAVE YOU CHANGED TO CELL PHONE ONLY – DISCONNECTED THE PHONE LINE TO YOUR HOME– CHANGED PROVIDERS OR NUMBER?

If so, please give the City a call to update the phone number on your account so the City can contact you in case of an urgent issue or emergency. Thank you.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR CENSUS YET?

You Count and the City receives many revenues based on the population. So go online at <http://www.2020census.gov/> or call 1-844-330-2020 to complete it remotely. Or watch for a paper copy in your mail and complete it upon receipt.



KALAMA CITY COUNCIL – REMOTE MEETINGS
The City Council is holding their meetings remotely, but the public is able to attend in several different ways. The meetings are being streamed live on KLTV Channel 29. The City is

using Zoom to host the meetings and this allows the public to call in by telephone to listen to the meeting as well. Questions or comments on the agenda items can be submitted prior to the meetings at cityclerk@kalama.com by noon on meeting day. Those that can join the meeting electronically will be able to interact with the Council during the meeting by posting questions or requesting to speak during the remote meeting.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

Kalama City Council
1st and 3rd Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.

Kalama Planning Commission
2nd Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

Civil Service Commission
4th Thursday - 5:30 p.m. – As needed

Kalama Library Board
Bimonthly beginning in January on the 3rd Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION
**Kalama City Council Chambers
 at 320 N. First – Kalama Library Building**

POLICE OR FIRE EMERGENCIES – CALL 911

PUBLIC WORKS - AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER (360) 703-0168 – OR CALL 911

- Kalama Police Office Non-Emergency... (360)-673-2165
- Kalama City Offices..... (360)-673-4562
- City of Kalama Fax..... (360) 673-4560
- Comcast..... (888) 226-2278
- Cowlitz County Assessor..... (360) 577-3010
- Cowlitz County Bldg. & Planning..... (360) 577-3052
- Cowlitz Public Utilities District..... (360) 423-2210
- Fire District #5 Office Non-Emergency... (360) 673-2222
- Kalama Post Office..... (360) 673-3567
- Kalama Telephone Company..... (360) 673-2755
- Labor & Industries..... (360) 575-6923
- Utilities Locate (Call Before You Dig!) 811 or (800) 424-5555
- Waste Control..... (360) 425-4302

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