

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

1 YEAR

Alex Wenger – 05/01/04 - Planning and Public Works

Alex was first employed as an intern for the Community Development Department in June of 2003, after he graduated from WWU. He became a regular full time employee in May of 2004, and now splits his time between Community Development and Public Works. Contributions to the City include maps and data analysis for the Comp Plan update, including a city wide land use and buildable lands inventory, the 2004 Parks and Recreational Map Folio, building permit tracking and the development of the City parcel layer. Alex and his wife, Joni, moved to Blaine in 2004. In 2005, their first child, Owen, was born. Alex loves living in Blaine with its great natural amenities and looks forward to watching his son grow up in this beautiful coastal town.

Jay Punches – 08/19/04 - Police Department

Jay Punches moved from Missoula, Montana to Blaine in August of 1996. Jay has served in numerous capacities with the city including Resident Firefighter, Police Dispatcher, Provisional Firefighter, Reserve Police Officer, Office Specialist and most recently Provisional Police Officer. In his off time, Jay enjoys spending time with family, friends and his dog. Jay holds the distinction of holding the record for the most number of volunteer hours contributed to the City of Blaine.

5 YEARS

Ed Yurgalevich – 03/31/00 -Building Official

Ed was born in New York and grew up in Connecticut. He moved to the Seattle area about 10 years ago and moved to Blaine about 6 years ago. Ed has tow great children, a son and a daughter who both live in Connecticut. Ed spends his free time taking care of his property, exploring the NW, taking pictures, exploring antique shops, and playing the guitar for his dog Emmer – who has never complained.

Steve Banham – 06/19/00 - Public Works Director

You will have to wing this one as Steve wasn't able to get something prepared.

Tim Esposito – 08/28/00 - Public Works Maintenance

Tim was born in Hanford, Calif. and grew up in Fresno. In 1988 he moved to San Diego and relocated to the Northwest in 1997. He and his wife, Debbie, have twin girls, Susanne Booth who lives in Kansas and Stacy Schrader who lives in Blaine. Tim and Debbie have 6 grandchildren ranging in ages from 8 months to 10 years. Tim's hobbies and interests include seasonal coaching for girls fast-pitch softball at Blaine High School, photography, and motorcycle riding.

Steve Hrutfiord – 9/1/00 - Public Works Maintenance

Steve is a meter reader and a fleet mechanic for the City of Blaine. Steve is married to Rachel and they have two children, Conner and Bella. Hobbies include farming and crabbing.

James Glover II – 09/08/00 - Police Department

James was born and raised in the Whatcom County area. He enjoys outdoor activities such as mountain biking, hiking, and camping. Jim's father was a Blaine police officer. Jim was a reserve officer for 3 years before being appointed to the position of full-time officer in September, 2000. In addition to his duties as a police officer, Jim assists the department in a variety of technical programs. Most recently, he has been instrumental in the development and deployment of the in-car digital video program. Jim is currently being trained as a field training officer and also assists in the reserve officer training program. Jim enjoys working hard at making this a safer community for all. Jim lives in Blaine with his wife, whom he says is the foundation of his life, and his two children, Autumn and Joshua, who have taught him more about life and what is truly important. Jim says that their live is what drives him to work as hard as he can for all of the other parents in our community. Jim feels truly blessed to have his family and friends, and a job that allows him to give back to the community he grew up in. Jim appreciates the opportunity and hopes his efforts have helped to make Blaine a better place for everyone to enjoy.

Terry Galvin – 11/01/00 - Community Development Director

Terry trusts you.

10 YEARS

Jon Landis – 08/01/95 - Police Department

Jon grew up moving around the United States, and graduated from high school in Lake Oswego, OR. Jon says that he has fallen in love with Blaine and that these past 10 years in Blaine have been some of the best times of his life. Jon has two incredible children who have also fallen in love with Blaine. Being a Blaine police officer has given him opportunities to help Blaine become a better place to live. Since there weren't many things for kids to do in Blaine, Jon was taking his kids to Canada or Bellingham to find a decent park for them to play in. When Terry Galvin asked Jon if he wanted to help the kids build a skate park, Jon was all for it and, with the help of the community, the dream came true. Jon also enjoys helping at the Boys and Girls club and the teen center. Jon has been a D.A.R.E. officer in the Blaine School District, a crime prevention officer, a school resource officer, a child abuse detective, a patrol officer, a field training officer and a motorcycle officer. Jon thanks God, the City of Blaine and Chief Mike Haslip for giving him so many opportunities to become a better person and prays that he can just give back a little of what he has received.

Jay Paul – 9/1/95 - Police Department

Sr. Officer Jay Paul is on vacation and unable to attend tonight's meeting. Jay completed 10 years with Blaine Police Department on August 31, 2005. Prior to moving to Washington, he served with the Los Angeles Police Department as a Sergeant and a supervising Detective. At Blaine Police Department, Jay works patrol and also serves as training officer, computer forensics officer, and union representative. Jay's off-duty interests include photography, computers, and gardening.

Dan Sartain – 10/10/95 - Police Department

Dan is from California, where he graduated from Pepperdine University. He was a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff before coming to work for the Blaine Police Department in October, 1995.

15 YEARS

Tom Erickson – 2/1/90 - Police Department

Tom is a native of Bellingham and was a reserve officer for the City of Blaine. Tom worked as a police officer for Sumas before coming to work for the Blaine Police Department in February, 2000. In addition to being a senior patrol officer, Tom is also a traffic enforcement officer and motorcycle officer. Tom is a motor vehicle accident specialist and, over the years, has taken a special interest in helping to train the reserve officer. Tom lives in Blaine with his wife Linda and their children. Tom enjoys woodworking and camping with his family.

Rod Smith – 3/15/90 - Public Works Engineering

Rod came to Blaine in 1975 with his wife and 4 children. He worked for a local engineering firm for 13 years prior to coming to work for the City of Blaine Public Works Department in 1990. Rod is an Engineer Technician and GIS Coordinator for the City.

Mary Cazabon – 3/19/90 - Court Clerk

Mary has lived in Blaine for over 18 years. Mary started working for the City in 1990. During the past 15 years, she has worked in the Police Department, Planning Department, City Clerk's office, at Public Works, and is currently the court clerk. Mary and her husband Bob have 6 children and 12 grandchildren. Mary loves Blaine and the people in it. Mary start the annual City clean-up and helped construct the Marine Park observation deck.

Bill Dodd – 5/7/90 - Public Works Electric

Prior to working for the City of Blaine, Bill served on council from 1986 to 1990, including serving in the capacity of Mayor from January 1988 to December 1989. Bill became an employee of the City of Blaine in August of 1990. At that time, he

enrolled in a 4 year apprenticeship involving a series of 6 month step increments. Each step required passing written tests with an ability to display knowledge of the trade. The criteria to become a journeyman lineman involved 4000 hours of field training in addition to the written exams. In 1994, he became a certified journeyman lineman. The City has been fortunate to have such a dedicated, steady, energetic and extremely hard working person who has served his job and the City extremely well.