

Before Hugh became a full time teacher in Butte Falls in 1986, he did a lot of substitute teaching throughout the Rogue Valley. He has taught 3rd, 5th, and 6th in Butte Falls and comes away every year with a great report card! He is a caring, patient teacher. He encourages children in their studies and in art. He has been getting the children involved in the wood carving that Hugh does so magnificently.

Hugh helps the children in sports too! He coaches boys Jr. High Football, boys Jr. High Basketball and girls Jr. High Basketball.

So, where does the Fire Department fit into this busy schedule? It all started way back when Hugh was just a little kid with dreams of fighting fires from big red trucks. He hung around the fire station watching the firefighters and getting an early education in how to slide down the fire pole. Hugh sat on a firetruck in the Ashland Fire Department dreaming of having his own truck and a super crew of firefighters. Well, that was the same truck that Hugh recently negotiated a great price from the Ashland Fire Department that we now have in Butte Falls! Hugh is very pleased with his dedicated crew. Dreams really do come true - especially in Butte Falls. Hugh started his firefighter career in Paisley. He was the President of Paisley Volunteer Fire Department from 1980 to 1981 and was a member of Lake County Sheriff Search and Rescue Team. We are so glad he made his way west to our community. Hugh has been a member of the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department for six years. The last four years, Hugh has been the Fire Chief. Without Hugh's great leadership skills, the Fire Department would not be what it is today. Under Hughs supervision, the department has continued to upgrade its equipment and skills. They have purchased a new-to-us fire truck, and have added a new extension to the fire hall. Hugh is a good motivator for the department. When the crew begins to feel unappreciated, Hugh is always there to pick them up and dust them off. The crew feels that without Hugh, the department would be nonexistent. They are very appreciative and want to say THANK YOU HUGH for all you do!!! And the Community thanks you too!!!!!!!

The BFVFD has a question for you. What if somebody gave a fire and nobody came? Answer to that question; SUPPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!

