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Sen. Griesheimer Announces Bill Halmich to Serve on Missouri Emergency Response Commission

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, today announced that the Senate has approved the nomination of Willard “Bill” Halmich of Washington to the Missouri Emergency Response Commission.

The Missouri Emergency Response Commission protects public health and the environment by assisting communities with chemical incident prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

“Bill Halmich’s excellent training and work as emergency management director for the city of Washington and as the fire chief of the Washington Fire Service make him an excellent addition to the Missouri Emergency Response Commission,” Sen. Griesheimer said. “His experience with helping others during disaster and emergency situations will be invaluable to the board.”

Halmich, also director of the Washington Rural Fire Association, is currently the chairman of the Franklin County Homeland Security Response Team, Area 3 coordinator of the Missouri State Mutual Aid System and coordinator for the Region C State Mutual Aid Overhead Team. He is also a certified fire and safety instructor. He is also a member of many community service organizations and previously worked in the banking industry.

A recipient of several awards, Halmich was awarded the Governor’s Community Service Award for Outstanding Flood Volunteer in 1993 and previously served on the Missouri Fire Education Commission. In addition, he has received two lifesaving commendations from the Firefighters’ Association of Missouri.

Halmich is a member of the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs, the Firefighters’ Association of Missouri, Franklin-Gasconade Firefighters’ Association and the St. Louis Regional Response System Haz-Mat group.

“I can’t think of a better person than Bill Halmich to serve on the state’s emergency response commission,” Sen. Griesheimer said. “I appreciate his willingness to accept this important post.”

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