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Feature Firefighter

Meet Assistant Chief Susi Rosenthal



Assistant Chief Susi Rosenthal has been working at the Seattle Fire Department for over 30 years. Being an Assistant Chief means she has a very big job to do. Here are a few of the things that Chief Susi makes sure happen every day at the fire department:

- She makes sure that 911 dispatchers answer over 300 emergency calls every day!
- She makes sure that firefighters have special tools, like computer equipment and fire trucks, to do their jobs.
- She makes sure that anyone who wants can apply to be a firefighter.

Chief Susi has not always been an Assistant Chief. She became Assistant Chief in 2009. She worked very hard to become the highest ranking woman in the Seattle Fire Department. When she first became a firefighter, there were less than 10 women in the whole fire department. Now there are almost 100 women firefighters at the Seattle Fire Department. Chief Susi says “when you work hard at something, you can do anything.”

Working hard is very important to Chief Susi. She has done lots of different jobs at the fire department. She has been a firefighter on a fire engine. She has been a firefighter on a ladder truck. She has been a 911 dispatcher. She has been a lieutenant, a captain and a chief. Chief Susi says that it is important to try out lots of different jobs. “The more you learn, and the harder you work at learning, the better you will be at your job” she says. Chief Susi also says “it is very important to be a team player. I couldn’t have done any of this alone.”



Feature Firefighter Activity

Read about Chief Susi. List 3 different jobs Chief Susi had before becoming a Chief. The pictures might give you clues.



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



Why does Chief Susi say you should work hard?
Write your answers in the spaces below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What do you want to be when you grow up? Tell why you want to do this job. What kind of things will you do?
Write your answer or draw a picture in this space.

Message:

- Work hard and be a team player
