STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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)	CASE 20131-E-06-3126
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)	DECISION 9262 - PECB
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)	CERTIFICATION
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_)	Agreement of Parties
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Stuart Hodnot, Representative, for the petitioner.

Erick Koreis, Fire Chief, for the employer.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The above-named petitioner filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission a petition for investigation of a question concerning representation of employees of the above-named employer. The petition was timely filed and accompanied by a showing of interest which was administratively determined by the Commission to be sufficient. No other organization is know to claim to represent the employees involved.
- 2. These representation proceedings were conducted by the Commission in the bargaining unit described as:

ALL UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE COWLITZ COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 6 AS DEFINED IN RCW 41.26.030 EXCLUDING CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES AND NON-UNIFORMED PERSONNEL.

3. All proceedings were conducted under the supervision of the Commission in a manner designed to afford the affected employees a free choice in the selection of their bargaining representative, a confidential cross-check of employer and union documents has been conducted by the Commission staff and a tally of the results previously furnished to the parties is

attached hereto; and no meritorious objections have been filed with respect to these proceedings.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

- 1. The unit described in paragraph 2 of the foregoing Findings of Fact is an appropriate unit for the purposes of collective bargaining within the meaning of 41.56.060 RCW.
- 2. All conditions precedent to a certification have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

CERTIFIED

The employees of the above-named employer in the appropriate bargaining unit described in paragraph 2 of the foregoing Findings of Fact have chosen:

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 3828

as their representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with their employer.

Issued at Olympia, Washington, this 17th day of March, 2006.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

MARVIN L. SCHURKE, Executive Director