

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 11

Lummi Island Fire Department

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2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Last year was a busy one for your Fire Department. We had a slight increase in calls, prevention, preparedness and purchasing activities. All 12 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus were replaced with state of the art technology. Each unit has 50% more air storage and can be monitored by exterior personnel. Exterior personnel can also activate evacuation alarms on each apparatus in case of an emergency, giving interior crews additional time to get to safety. We also purchased an air compressor and fill station with which we can safely recharge our units in-house. FEMA provided \$108,404 so we needed only \$5,420 of matching funds from your hard earned tax dollars.

The Firefighters Association met its fundraising goal and purchased a hydraulic rescue tool. I am constantly amazed by their efforts and the support from our community. This piece of equipment is a significant addition to our arsenal of rescue tools. On July 27, we received word that FEMA approved our 2007 grant for \$71,559 to purchase all new pagers, and portable, mobile and base radios. The new radios will replace the antiquated and "piecemealed" communication system we currently use.

Commissioner Busch, Assistant Chief Stocker and I traveled to Florida for mid construction and pre-delivery inspections of our new initial attack vehicle. Unfortunately, a few issues surfaced during the pre-delivery inspection. American LaFrance is correcting them but this delayed delivery. We now anticipate receiving an apparatus which meets our specifications before summer 2008.

This was a trial year for an on-line EMS training program to keep currently certified responders up to date with their knowledge. We found the computer screen was not as effective as an actual instructor. The 2008 Training has been modified to alleviate this issue. EMS and Fire training takes place three Thursday nights each month except in July and August. In October, we hired a company from Tacoma to teach us about vehicle extrication and how to size up, stabilize and cut vehicles to extricate patients. The class was a huge success. Fire Training covered hazardous materials, extrication, pre-fire planning, command and radio procedures and multiple live fire exercises. The high attendance rate shows the volunteers' commitment to better themselves and the hard work of the officers to provide quality training.

The fifth annual Open House was well-attended and many prevention, safety and awareness materials were distributed. The fire extinguisher program and training was a huge success. Visiting the children at Beach School during Fire Prevention week is always a highlight for us. The kids seem very interested in all our equipment and paid attention to our talks about fire safety and accident prevention.

The Disaster Preparedness program continued to develop education and preparedness plans, sponsoring First Aid and CPR classes along with a booth at the Farmer's Market. A second Train the Trainer of the State "Map Your Neighborhood" program was conducted. They were able to secure a Red Cross disaster supplies trailer which has been placed on the island. Non-fire department medical personnel living on the island met and developed a list of supplies and medicine that could be air dropped in a disaster. With cooperation from land owners, an emergency landing strip has been identified for small planes to bring supplies and provide all-hazards evacuation if necessary. There had been great response and involvement from the community and we hope to see increased participation in the program as it continues to develop.

Your three elected Commissioners do an excellent job of governing and looking ahead at upcoming issues. It is important to point out they do more than pay the bills and approve the budget. Each one spends as much time as possible with other district commissioners to address legislative issues and countywide problems. None of them elects to receive pay for their activities and they spent many hours on department-related activities. For the third year in a row, the board unanimously agreed not to file for the 1% tax increase allowed by law.

The membership dedicated 2,231 volunteer hours serving you; 1612 training, 222 performing weekly truck inspections and 397 hours on emergency responses. It is impossible to put an exact price on the value of our volunteers' time but it would be accurate to say "a lot". Below is a list of the unpaid professionals who respond to your calls for help. Please note the years of service each has dedicated to our community and the diverse professions of this group. Following the membership list, I am pleased to provide a snapshot of the 2007 financial activity, the 2008 budget and the 2007 emergency response data. The board decided it would be prudent to create specific accounts for our larger purchases and be able to set money aside in the future for replacement apparatus and other capital improvements.

Member	Training	Rank	Years	Occupation / Company
Mike Moyer	Firefighter FR	Captain	34	Tree Cutter / Logger - Self Employed
John Granger	Firefighter / Nurse	Medical	31	Flight Nurse - Airlift Northwest
Joan Moyer	Firefighter / FR	Safety	30	Tree Cutter / Logger - Self Employed
Jud Elkes	Firefighter / FR	Captain	28	Tooling Specialist - Wright Brothers
Ernie Pearson	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	24	Operator - Whatcom Chief
Judy Thomas	Support / EMT	Medical	20	Teacher - Ferndale School District
Duncan McLane	Firefighter EMT	Chief	19	Welder / Fabricator - Colonial Metal Works
Aaron Rupp	Firefighter FR	Firefighter	19	Political analyst
John Mulhern	Firefighter EMT	Captain	16	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Curt Stocker	Firefighter FR	Asst. Chief	16	Home Inspector - C&S Home Inspections
Bob Busch	Firefighter / FR	Firefighter	15	Engineer Retired
Shawn Bass	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	10	Self Employed
Mike Rawley	Support / IFA	Firefighter	10	Economic Development Director - The Lummi Nation
Jim Lane	Paramedic	Medical	9	Paramedic / Firefighter - Bellingham Fire
Tom Lutz	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	6	Contractor
Mark Cross	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	5	Mortgage Broaker - Security First Mortgage
Alucia Taylor	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	4	Nanny
Larry Roteman	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	4	Retired - Electrical Engineer
Ed Scott	Firefighter/ IFA	Firefighter	4	Retired - United States Coast Gaurd
John Fincke	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	4	Retired - US Army
Gary Poole	Firefighter/ IFA	Firefighter	4	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Mike Lish	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	4	Electrician - Gateway Controls
Terry Terry	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	4	Director/Producer - Terry Terry Productions
Robert Kahn	Physician	Medical	2	Medical Director - Charles River Clinical Services
Scott Blanchard	New Member	Probation	1	Builder - Self Employed
Lisa Lish	New Member	Probation	1	Purchasing Agent - Gateway Controls
Chris Immer	New Member	Probation	1	Pastor - Village Missions

INCOME

TAX REVENUE	Budget 2007	Actual 2007	Budget 2008
Fire - Levy	\$ 126,529.45	\$ 132,343.85	\$ 128,910.00
EMS - Levy	\$ 32,412.18	\$ 33,766.53	\$ 33,008.00
INVESTMENT INTEREST			
Fire Interest		\$ 12,014.56	
EMS Interest		\$ 1,359.52	
Vehicle Replacement Interest		\$ 5,830.80	
DONATIONS			
Memorials & Other		\$ 226.25	
MISC			
Burn Permits		\$ 600.00	
Grant Money		\$ 3,265.75	
Ferndale School		\$ 56.16	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 158,941.63	\$ 189,463.42	\$ 161,918.00

EXPENSES

LEGISLATIVE

Legislative Services	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 9,215.42	\$ 10,250.00
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FIRE CONTROL

Administration	\$ 25,875.00	\$ 23,510.75	\$ 36,175.00
Operations & Suppression	\$ 42,675.00	\$ 29,566.65	\$ 29,400.00
Prevention	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Fire Training	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 3,846.54	\$ 5,475.00
Fire Facilities	\$ 7,025.00	\$ 5,220.93	\$ 7,275.00
TOTAL FIRE	\$ 83,525.00	\$ 62,144.87	\$ 78,475.00

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Administration	\$ 13,775.00	\$ 10,469.72	\$ 21,225.00
Training	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,510.77	\$ 7,825.00
Facilities	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 3,283.54	\$ 4,275.00
Rescue & Emergency Aid	\$ 17,005.00	\$ 16,428.52	\$ 12,480.00
TOTAL EMS	\$ 43,005.00	\$ 35,692.55	\$ 45,805.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Land	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,909.84	\$ 16,000.00
Other improvements	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,281.86	\$ 3,500.00
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 240,947.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 320,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 268,947.00	\$ 30,691.70	\$ 339,500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 409,477.00	\$ 137,744.54	\$ 474,030.00
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ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/07

FIRE	\$ 225,030.42
EMS	\$ 29,908.15
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -
VEHICLE REPLACEMENT	\$ 246,830.80
TOTAL	\$ 501,769.37

Incidents in 2007

Fire	8	16%
Rescue & EMS	31	62%
Hazardous Conditions(No fire)	2	4%
Service Call	3	6%
Good Intent Call	3	6%
False Alarm & False Call	2	4%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	2%

➤	Average Response Time:	10.5 Minutes
➤	Incident Hours:	47.24 Hours
➤	Volunteer Hours on Incidents:	397 Hours

Thank you to all the volunteers for their selfless dedication and time spent training and responding to our community's call for help. Without them, our community would be in dire straits. A bigger thank you to the families of volunteers who put up with their absences on Thursday nights and when they are called to duty, be it in the middle of the night, holiday dinners or other inopportune times. I would also like to thank the businesses, organizations and individuals on the Island for their continued support as well as the various baked goods and donations. It means a lot. We are always looking for anyone interested in making a difference in someone's life by joining the emergency response team, please call us or show up at 7:00 pm on one of the first three Thursday evenings of each month.

Respectfully Submitted: Chief Duncan McLane

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