

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 11

Lummi Island Fire Department

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2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The year began with extensive training on our new Initial Attack Apparatus. A small grass fire in February provided a situation to see how well the apparatus was designed and constructed. Aside from finding its off-road limitations, the apparatus performed very well. In March the Board of Commissioners awarded the new ambulance bid to Braun Northwest, located in Chehalis, WA. We were very impressed with their facility and process of manufacturing but not surprised since they supply most of the ambulances in Whatcom County. Much appreciation goes to the St. Luke's Foundation for their generous matching grant of \$40,000. Delivery is expected to be mid march and in-service by April 1.

For the second time in 5 years we held an EMT class on the island for seven of our new members and a few imports from Point Robert Fire Department. It was an intense 13 week class that took up much of their free time. All seven passed and are now EMTs dedicated to serving you.

Washington State Department of Health, Trauma Services Division has provided a \$1,200.00 grant each year for Verified Trauma Services. Over the past few years we have been saving for a full sized CPR, Airway and Defibrillation manikin. This year's grant made the purchase a reality. In the past, we had a single CPR manikin, an airway manikin and a D-fib simulator. This made it difficult to have multiple responders work on "one" patient in a training simulation as they would be in real life. It has proven invaluable for training. The unit logs all the rescuer's actions, times, compression depths, breathing rates and provides a print out identifying where improvements can be made.

On February 13, we were notified that our FEMA grant application for \$13,921 was approved. With this money, and \$665 from the district, we purchased a Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) and Multi Gas Detector. The TIC gives us another tool to help locate hidden fires, hot spots and most importantly victims in smoke filled-areas. The Multi Gas Detector measures the levels of Carbon Monoxide, Oxygen, Hydrogen Sulfide, and explosive limits of gas or vapors. This gives us a much more accurate way to determine when it is safe to remove our breathing apparatus after a fire, when we need to put on our breathing apparatus, or when to evacuate the area.

Our new approach to initially responding to Basic Life Support (BLS) patients without off island resources is working well. Fire District #8 (Gooseberry Point and Marietta) waits for our arrival at Gooseberry Point and transports patients to St Joseph's Hospital. Fire District 7 (Ferndale) transported one time because District 8 was busy on other calls.

Our seventh annual Open House was well attended. It is always nice to be able to show the new equipment and visit with everyone in a non emergency setting. Although the fire extinguisher company could not attend, having Airlift Northwest's new helicopter was certainly an attraction.

Each Commissioner spends as much time as possible with other district commissioners to address legislative issues and countywide problems. On top of monthly district meetings, they attend the County Commissioners Association and West Region (Sandy Point, Ferndale, Marietta and Lummi Island Fire Departments) meetings along with County Council meetings when there are issues that affect fire and emergency services on the Island. At the annual budget meeting the board unanimously agreed not to file for the 1% tax increase allowed by law for the fifth year in a row.

Below is a list of the volunteers who respond to your calls for help. In 2009 they dedicated over 3,150 hours serving you; 850 hours EMT training, 1,250 hours on-going training, 450 hours on weekly truck inspections and 607 hours on emergency responses. There are many more undocumented hours spent writing reports and putting apparatus back in service after calls. Please note the years of service each of the unpaid professionals has dedicated to our community and the diverse professions of this group. A lot of the other departments in the county have members that serve only 3-5 years before moving on. We are very lucky to have true community based responders. Following the membership list, I am pleased to provide a snapshot of the 2009 financial activity, the 2010 budget, end of 2009 fund account balances, and the emergency response data from 2009.

Member	Training	Rank	Years	Occupation / Company
Mike Moye	Firefighter FR	Captain	35	Tree Cutter / Logger - Self Employed
John Granger	Firefighter Nurse	Medical	32	Flight Nurse - Airlift Northwest
Joan Moye	Support EMT	Safety	31	Tree Cutter / Logger - Self Employed
Jud Elkes	Firefighter FR	Captain	29	Tooling Specialist - Wright Brothers
Ernie Pearson	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	25	Operator - Whatcom Chief
Duncan McLane	Firefighter EMT	Chief	20	Welder / Fabricator - Colonial Metal Works
Aaron Rupp	Firefighter FR	Firefighter	20	Self Employed
John Mulhern	Firefighter EMT	Captain	17	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Curt Stocker	Firefighter FR	Asst. Chief	17	Deckhand / Purser - Whatcom Chief
Bob Busch	Firefighter FR	Firefighter	16	Engineer Retired
Mike Rawley	Support IFA	Firefighter	11	CEO of National Tribal Development Association
Jim Lane	Paramedic	Medical	10	Paramedic / Firefighter - Bellingham Fire
Tom Lutz	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	7	Cabinet Maker
Mark Cross	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	6	Mortgage Broker - Security First Mortgage
Larry Roteman	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	5	Retired - Electrical Engineer
Gary Poole	Firefighter IFA	Lieutenant	5	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Mike Lish	Firefighter EMT	Lieutenant	5	Electrician - Gateway Controls
Terry Terry	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	5	Director/Producer – Terry Terry Productions
Robert Kahn	Physician	Medical	3	Medical Director - Charles River Clinical Services
Scott Blanchard	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	3	Builder - Self Employed
Lisa Lish	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	3	Purchasing Agent - Gateway Controls
Chris Immer	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	3	Pastor - Village Missions
Jette Baker	Firefighter EMT	Probation	2	Co-Owner, Sail the San Juan's Charter Company
Robert Auld	Firefighter EMT	Probation	2	Stock Broker
Sam Bowman	Firefighter EMT	Probation	2	Carpenter
Robert Sorensen	Probation	Firefighter	1	Retired

IFA – Industrial First Aid

FR – First Responder

EMT – Emergency Medical Technician

INCOME			
TAX REVENUE	Budget 2009	Actual 2009	Budget 2010
Fire - Levy	\$ 132,345.79	\$ 134,024.67	\$ 136,028.62
EMS - Levy	\$ 33,871.41	\$ 35,676.34	\$ 34,796.66
INTEREST			
Fire - Levy		\$ 4,078.74	
EMS - Levy		\$ 949.65	
Facilities		\$ 37.60	
Apparatus		\$ 1,959.00	
DONATIONS & MISC			
Memorials & Other		\$ 743.26	
Burn Permits		\$ 425.00	
Equipment surplus		\$ 8,665.17	
Ferndale School & DNR		\$ 623.45	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 166,217.20	\$ 187,182.88	\$ 170,825.28
EXPENSES			
Legislative Services	\$ 10,980.00	\$ 7,200.35	\$ 14,150.00
FIRE CONTROL			
Administration	\$ 38,150.00	\$ 36,630.06	\$ 41,400.00
Suppression	\$ 28,755.00	\$ 18,574.94	\$ 26,900.00
Prevention	\$ 150.00	\$ 111.44	\$ 375.00
Training	\$ 13,250.00	\$ 5,312.05	\$ 12,125.00
Facilities	\$ 7,685.00	\$ 6,516.56	\$ 6,900.00
TOTAL FIRE	\$ 87,990.00	\$ 67,145.05	\$ 87,700.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES			
Administration	\$ 22,665.00	\$ 18,643.33	\$ 24,790.00
Training	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 18,091.31	\$ 8,675.00
Facilities	\$ 4,620.00	\$ 3,253.00	\$ 3,575.00
Rescue & Emergency Aid	\$ 16,820.00	\$ 17,493.46	\$ 15,200.00
TOTAL EMS	\$ 62,355.00	\$ 57,481.10	\$ 52,240.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Land	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,909.84	\$ 16,000.00
Equipment	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 173.50	\$ 126,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$ 136,000.00	\$ 16,083.34	\$ 142,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 297,325.00	\$ 147,909.84	\$ 296,090.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/09			
FIRE		\$ 229,276.42	
EMS		\$ 39,562.35	
FACILITIES		\$ 2,141.57	
APPARATUS		\$ 86,266.85	
TOTAL		\$ 357,247.19	

51 Incidents in 2009

Fire	8	16%
Rescue & EMS	31	60%
Hazardous Conditions	5	10%
Service Call	4	8%
Good Intent Call	3	6%

- 10.75 Minutes Average Response Time
- 69.5 Incident Hours
- 607 Volunteer Hours on Incidents

Words of thanks will never be enough to express my appreciation for the volunteers and their selfless dedication and time spent preparing and responding to our community's call for help. Thank you to the families of volunteers who put up with the Thursday night trainings and when they are called to duty be it in the middle of the night, holiday dinners or other inopportune times. Last but certainly not least, thank you to the businesses, organizations and individuals on the Island for their continued support as well as the various baked goods, cards and donations. It really means a lot.

If you are 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 four Thursday evenings of each month.

Respectfully Submitted: Chief Duncan McLane

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