

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 11

Lummi Island Fire Department

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2014 ANNUAL REPORT

This past year was not the best for our equipment. The engine in our staff vehicle seized up. Fortunately, we were already planning on replacing the staff vehicle with the generous support and funding from the Civic Club. The pump shaft broke on the Initial Attack apparatus and even though it was past its warranty period, the manufacturer recognized there was a design flaw and provided the parts at no cost to us. The Engine (which is approaching 20 years of age) had a major plumbing leak, a block heater failure and several air system leaks throughout the chassis.

In June FEMA denied our grant request for a new station generator. We partnered with LICA and submitted a proposal to Puget Sound Energy Foundation in October. We received word in December that it was awarded. We anticipate the new system to be operational by April. This will be a great improvement to have an automatic switchover, substantial fuel supply and the capacity to run all our equipment including the siren and breathing air compressor.

Training and Operations are the backbone of our department. The time needed to plan and perform these key roles has increased beyond what can reasonably be expected of any member with other work and family obligations. The Board decided to hire Captain Michael Lish as a full time Operations and Training officer. The result has been successful with a more focused training program and improved operational readiness.

With the support and commitment of all the Officers, we began a volunteer Battalion program where one Officer would respond to calls and be reachable 24 hours a day via phone: 360-739-0358. This is the first time the District has been able to guarantee at least 1 person to respond 24 hours a day.

Looking forward, the Board recognized that the funding levels were not going keep up with the cost of operations. In addition to a constantly aging fleet of vehicles, they took a hard look at long term planning and what their options were under state law. There were many extra Board meetings to develop a presentation to present to the community and solicit feedback before a decision was made to propose an increase to the Fire levy. The support and generosity of this community fuels our commitment to provide an efficient emergency response system.

I was appointed to represent the Whatcom County EMS and Trauma Council on the Technical Advisory Board (TAB) for the Advanced Life Support service. We started the year meeting every other week working on the transition from one to two service providers. Many issues were identified and prioritized including equipment exchange, standardized and accessible training, uniform billing levels, and quality assurance using key performance indicators. On July 1st there was a smooth transition as Fire District 7 replaced the Bellingham Fire Department ambulance stationed at Grandview and Enterprise.

The survival rate of cardiac arrest victims improves dramatically with early CPR. As more community members are trained in CPR, the greater the survival rate will be for cardiac arrest patients in the community. Last year Dan Ohms provided CPR training to almost 90 members of the community, just shy of his 100 per year goal. Public CPR training will continue in 2015 with hopes to meet and exceed that goal. Please contact us to schedule a class for your neighborhood, organization or other group.

There are always members that come and go and this year was no different. Shelly Head, Eric Immer and Jim Lane turned in their bunker gear and pagers. Each one put in many hours to volunteer for the community and I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment over the years. On the flip side, pagers were issued to Patti Bolyard, Brittany Swaen, and David Jones after completing their orientation training.

There were 1,776 individual hours spent on training in 2014 including fire, medical, command, control and apparatus driving. The highlight was the Search and Rescue crew from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in April. They demonstrated their capabilities, let us tour the helicopter and gave us brief classroom training on how to activate and prepare patients for them. We are hoping to do another training again this year with them. Sam Bowman chose to attend the Whatcom County Fire Fighter Recruit Academy last fall. This class meets all Federal and State requirements to be certified as a Firefighter-1. I was proud to present Sam his Certificate of Completion at a formal ceremony in December with several other Fire Chiefs of Whatcom County.

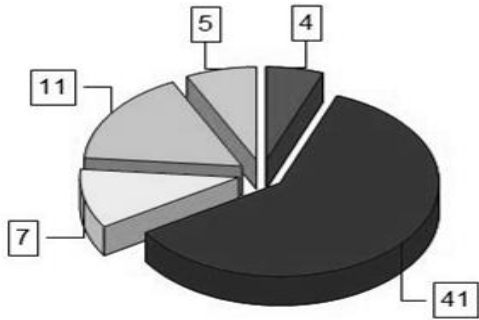
In addition to the 1,776 hours of training, there were another 390 hours inspecting vehicles to ensure they are ready to respond, and 343 hours responding to calls. Below is a list of the unpaid professionals that train and respond to any type of incident at a moment's notice. This community is very fortunate to have these dedicated and community minded folks at their disposal and I am very proud to be part of their team.

Member	Training	Rank	Years	Occupation / Company
John Granger	Firefighter RN	Medical	37	Flight Nurse - Airlift Northwest
Duncan McLane	Firefighter EMT	Chief	25	Fire Chief - Whatcom County Fire District 11
John Mulhern	Firefighter EMT	Captain	22	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Curt Stocker	Firefighter FR	Captain	22	Driver – Heston Hauling
Jim Lane	Paramedic	Medical	15	Retired Paramedic / Firefighter - Bellingham Fire
Tom Lutz	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	12	Furniture Maker – Heartwood Joinery
Micheal Lish	Firefighter EMT	Captain	10	Training/Operations Officer - WCFD #11
Gary Poole	Firefighter IFA	Captain	8	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Lisa Lish	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	8	Secretary - Whatcom County Fire District 11
Chris Immer	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	7	Pastor - Village Missions
Robert Auld	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	6	Stockbroker – Merrill Lynch
Sam Bowman	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	6	Volunteer EMT/Firefighter
Jette Baker	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	6	Co-Owner, Sail the San Juans Charter Company
Laura Camarillo	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	5	Lead RN - NW Endoscopy
Robert Sorensen	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	5	LPN - Western Washington University
Eric Immer	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	2	Laborer
Dan Ohms	FF / Paramedic	Firefighter	2	Retired Paramedic / Firefighter - Bellingham Fire
Zach Little	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	2	Machiney Operator- Natures Path
Shelly Head	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	2	Home Care Aid - Take My Hand
Doug Cash	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	2	Carpenter - Sexton Construction
Patti Bolyard	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	1	Pharmaceutical Technician - Walgreen's
Brittany Swaen	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	1	Student-Bellingham Technical College RN PGM
David Jones	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	1	Retired Physician

2014 Financials

	INCOME		
<u>TAX REVENUE</u>	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
Fire - Levy	\$140,238.00	\$140,560.09	\$338,568.00
EMS - Levy	\$34,247.00	\$30,500.97	\$32,173.00
Timber Harvest Tax		\$247.56	
<u>OTHER REVENUE</u>			
Interest		\$986.70	
Burn Permits		\$375.00	
Memorials, Grants & Other		\$33,549.72	
TOTAL INCOME	\$174,485.00	\$206,220.04	\$370,741.00
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Legislative Services	\$11,625.00	\$9,277.91	\$13,055.00
<u>FIRE CONTROL</u>			
Administration	\$74,161.00	\$78,856.43	\$124,408.00
Suppression	\$21,031.00	\$16,157.31	\$38,628.00
Prevention	\$650.00	\$365.06	\$525.00
Training	\$16,818.00	\$9,147.64	\$25,757.00
Facilities	\$6,580.00	\$7,815.35	\$7,455.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$5,755.00	\$10,841.14	\$11,350.00
TOTAL FIRE	\$124,995.00	\$123,182.93	\$208,123.00
<u>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</u>			
Administration	\$40,242.00	\$38,795.60	\$42,197.00
Rescue & Emergency Aid	\$11,333.00	\$11,006.38	\$20,143.00
Prevention	\$0.00	\$1,110.25	\$100.00
Training	\$9,829.00	\$7,591.90	\$13,406.00
Facilities	\$3,620.00	\$4,010.78	\$3,720.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$4,255.00	\$1,930.78	\$4,225.00
TOTAL EMS	\$69,279.00	\$64,445.69	\$83,791.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Improvements	\$5,725.00	\$6,596.59	\$1,750.00
Equipment	\$5,600.00	\$15,716.39	\$12,600.00
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$11,325.00	\$22,312.98	\$14,350.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$217,224.00	\$219,219.51	\$319,319.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES 01/01/15			
EXPENSE		\$65,042.39	
RESERVE		\$162,554.81	
FACILITIES		\$16,792.08	
APPARATUS		\$4,357.26	
TOTAL		\$248,746.54	

2014 Response Data



Rescue & EMS	41	60.29%
Service Call	11	16.18%
Hazardous Conditions (No fire)	7	10.29%
False Alarm & False Call	5	7.35%
Fire	4	5.88%
TOTAL	<u>68</u>	

The donations, cards, and various baked goods from the businesses, organizations and individuals really mean a lot. My thanks to all of you for your continued support and appreciation of the Volunteers.

We are always looking for anyone interested in making a difference in someone's life by joining this emergency response team. Please call us or show up at 6:15 pm on one of the first four Thursday evenings of each month.

Last and absolutely not least, to the Volunteers: mere words do not express the appreciation I have for all the time you spend preparing for and responding to our community. The dedication you continue to give this Community is truly an inspiration. I would be amiss without a big thank you to the families that put up with the Thursday night and occasional Saturday trainings and when Volunteers are called to duty, be it in the middle of the night, holiday dinners or other inopportune times. Your support is critical to our success. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted: Duncan McLane, Chief

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