



DEB | Decatur Emergency Brigade Community Communication | July 9, 2023

Dear Island Neighbors-

Hope this email finds you well and that your July 4th celebrations were both festive and safe-whether on or off Island. On island, there were so many amazing activities that continue to bring our community together and showed how we are better together.

We had the great opportunity to speak to many of you and heard loud and clear; our community as a whole absolutely supports the endeavors of DEB and is so appreciative of the work being done. We experienced first hand the deep gratitude our community has for the volunteerism of our Island Community; close to 100 Islanders have attended training and extended themselves to help their neighbor in a time of need.

With that, we want to take a moment and thank all of you that have volunteered your time and efforts to make Decatur better prepared for our entire community.

Many thanks to all of who have made in kind donations of materials, vehicle maintenance and other volunteer contributions.

And we thank all of you for your past generosity and to express our gratitude for your financial and personal support. We are dedicated to enhancing Wildland Fire Readiness for Decatur Island and associated public safety and well- being of everyone in our island community.

By donating to our organization, you play an integral part in that mission.



DEB's Annual Fundraising kicked off this past weekend and our community is showing up with their support for DEB to meet our goal. To date, we have already reached 35% of our 2023 fundraising goal and are confident our community will show up again to reach our **\$9k goal**.

If you haven't already, we would greatly appreciate a donation to support DEB's missions and goals; no amount is too small.

Our operations and funding goals for 2023 include:

- Upgrading Truck #1 (out of 4) stationed at DNW. This upgrade will incorporate a second pump, a full hose nozzle and accessory set, along with a full array of hand tools to standardize it with Trucks #3 and #4.
- Organizing our annual basic wildland training event. This year, we are tantalizingly close to training 100 island residents!
- Continue funding insurance for our first responders through the Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Services accident and sickness plan.
- Basic Operational costs such as website to ensure all Islander's have a resource to be informed.

We need your support to do so and continue to do this work for the Community.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP:

- Make a one- time online donation via credit card or PayPal by going [here](#).
- Set up a monthly online donation via credit card or PayPal [here](#) and select monthly.
- Donate via Venmo | @DecaturEmergencyBrigade or click [here](#).
- Visit www.deb.team and click the donate button.
- Donate by check: please make payable to DEB.
 - Send to DEB c/o Mark Wall | 12 Decatur Island | Anacortes, WA 98221
- Volunteer your time or ideas that will help us develop a stronger and more resilient island.



Thank you for your unwavering support. We appreciate your commitment to our emergency brigade and the vital role you play in making our island a safer place for our community.

For all who have already donated, a heartfelt thank you!

If you seek any information about our organization that you don't find on our website, or if you simply want to discuss a subject with our board members, email us [here](#).

Highlights of the tax-deductible contributions from 2022 have allowed DEB to meet the organizational operating costs and more, including:

- Establishing formal certification of a 501c3
- Continued training of island property owners in wilderness firefighting techniques; now close to 100 Islanders.
- Qualify and retain an insurance plan that protects our island volunteers fire responders as well as the four trucks and equipment.
- Implementation of lamResonding application for our first responders in conjunction with SJC sheriff dispatch to provide situational awareness to responders and partner agencies.
- Continued partnership with SJC Dispatch and Sheriff, SJC InterIsland Wildland Team, DNR and other collaborative partnerships that provide Decatur resources and support in the event of Fire.
- Host a website that allows all Islanders access to information.

As we look forward, DEB is asking for your support to continue to build on these accomplishments and to do more.

Again, thank you for your unwavering support.

Have a fantastic Summer,
DEB Board of Directors



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