

July 10, 2022

Hello Decatur Neighbors,

We hope you had a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. This is a follow-up e-mail introducing our formalized emergency organization for wildland fire protection, the Decatur Emergency Brigade, or DEB.

In case you missed our prior e-mail to the holiday – below is a recap. Please add [info@deb.team](mailto:info@deb.team) to your address book and keep connected with us as we grow.

Thanks again and have a great summer,

*DEB Board of Directors*

*(currently expanding to 9 volunteer islanders for 2022 and beyond).*

**PLEASE SUPPORT DEB!**

*(Decatur Emergency Brigade)*

**2022 FUNDING GOAL of \$10k for:**

- Insurance for Volunteer Responders, Trucks and Equipment**
- Continued Basic and Enhanced Training**
- Organizational startup costs**
- Equipment upgrades for 2022.**

***ALL DONATIONS SUPPORT OUR ISLAND COMMUNITY!***

***Thank you to all that have already donated.***

***Please help us be the first line of defense to fire threat  
in partnership with our County and State resources.***

*PayPal / Credit Card / Checks accepted*

**TO DONATE ONLINE:**

- Donate **online** by clicking [here](#).
- Or visit [www.deb.team](http://www.deb.team)

**TO DONATE BY CHECK:**

- Please make payable to: DEB
- Send to: DEB % Mark Wall 12 Decatur Island, Anacortes, WA 98221- 9402

**2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Provided professional wildland training for nearly 70 island first responders to date.
- Secured insurance policies for the brigade covering: volunteers, equipment, commandeered resources, and the organization from the nation's largest provider of insurance, education and consulting services for emergency service organizations.
- Taking ownership of the four (4) wildland response trucks, maintaining the equipment inventory, and planning strategic equipment upgrades.
- Incorporated the Decatur Emergency Brigade as a local, state, and federally recognized organization with the maximum efficacy and benefits of an emergency response organization available.
- Implementing [lamResonding.com](http://lamResonding.com) application for our first responders in conjunction with SJC sheriff dispatch to provide situational awareness to responders and partner agencies.
- Participating in training with the San Juan County Interagency Wildland Response Team and cultivating our nearest resources on Lopez Island.
- Coordinating closely with the WA Department of Natural Resources and their jurisdiction over all rural unincorporated wildland areas, including the entirety of the San Juan Islands.
- Developing a board of directors including up to 9 representatives of the island's community and demographic diversity.
- Working with island HOAs to coordinate equipment resources, planned responses, membership involvement, and financial support.
- Hosting on island vaccination clinic with the SJC Health Department.

**LET'S CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THESE SUCCESSES - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

\*DEB (Decatur Emergency Brigade) is in the process of gaining 501(c)(3) status. We are confident that DEB will receive a favorable determination of its 501(c)(3) tax deductible status from the IRS. Per IRS regulations, our tax deductible status will be granted retroactively to the date of the organization's filing of proper Articles of Incorporation, which is April 26, 2022.