

# WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 11

## Lummi Island Fire Department

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## 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2006, The department responded to 18% fewer in incidents. This was the most significant decrease in call volume in many years. It suggests that the residents and visitors are paying more attention to fire and personal safety. We hope this trend continues. Other activities included upgrades in technology and equipment, an EMT class delivered on island and many live fire exercises.

Each member received a complete set of brand new turnout gear provided by a FEMA grant of \$43,805. This grant required only \$2,305 of matching funds from your hard earned tax dollars to complete. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded us a 50% matching grant to finish equipping all volunteers with wildland gear. We applied for a Department of Health grant to purchase hydraulic extrication tools (Jaws of Life) but were unsuccessful. The Firefighters Association decided to raise funds to acquire the tools. The success of this fund raiser has been truly amazing and illustrates your support of the volunteers.

On December 1, we received word that FEMA approved our 2007 grant for \$108,404 to purchase new breathing apparatus and a compressor with a fill station. The new equipment will replace our 15-year old units. The air compressor will allow us to fill our storage bottles rather than taking them to town to be refilled.

The replacement process of your initial attack apparatus continued. After clearly defining the major issues that led to rejecting of the apparatus in 2005, another set of specifications were developed and sent out for bid which was awarded in October. Commissioner Busch, Assistant Chief Stocker and I meet with the manufacturer at the plant in Florida where it will be built. After going through each line of the specifications and touring the facility, the three of us feel very confident we will receive a well built unit that meets our specifications. The estimated delivery is early fall 2007.

The department connected to high speed internet which was prompted by a new on-line EMS continuing education program being used by all fire agencies in the county. Seven members completed an EMT course that was delivered on-island. In true Lummi Island fashion, they quickly set up dinner on rotations so they could eat while they learned. EMS and Fire training takes place three Thursday nights each month except in July and August. The annual hands-on skills training for everyone else took place in the first quarter while the EMT class was in session. All the members' skills were reinforced with a multi-scenario exercise on a Saturday in June. Fire Training covered hazardous materials, building construction, 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 fourth 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. Fire Prevention week was a lot of fun. We visited Beach School and talked with all the students about fire safety and accident prevention. The Firewise program continued with DNR spending a week with their chipper all over the island. Fuel reduction around homes is very important for our isolated community.

The Disaster Preparedness program continued to develop education and preparedness plans. The main event in 2006 was the start of “Map Your Neighborhood”, a State Program that has been developed in urban and suburban areas. Lummi Island was chosen as a pilot program to test its effectiveness in a rural setting. There had been great response and involvement from the community. We saw its value in November and December when we were reminded how vulnerable the electrical distribution grid is to Mother Nature. We hope to see increased participation in the program as it continues to develop over the upcoming years.

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 together they spent over 198 hours collectively on department-related activities. For the second year in a row, the board unanimously agreed not to file for the 1% tax increase allowed by law.

The membership dedicated about 2,408 volunteer hours serving you; 1,496 training, 505 performing weekly truck inspections and 407 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”. I am very proud to list each of those dedicated, unpaid professionals below. Please note the years of service each has dedicated to our community and the diverse professions of this group. Following the member list is a snapshot of the 2006 financial activity, the 2007 budget and the 2006 emergency response data.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Occupation / Company</b>
Mike Moye	Firefighter FR	Captain	33	Tree Cutter / Logger - Self Employed
John Granger	Firefighter / Nurse	Medical	30	Flight Nurse - Airlift Northwest
Joan Moye	Firefighter / FR	Safety	29	Tree Cutter / Logger - Self Employed
Jud Elkes	Firefighter / FR	Captain	27	Tooling Specialist - Wright Brothers
Ernie Pearson	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	23	Operator - Whatcom Chief
Judy Thomas	Support / EMT	Medical	19	Teacher - Ferndale School District
Duncan McLane	Firefighter EMT	Chief	18	Welder / Fabricator - Colonial Metal Works
Aaron Rupp	Firefighter FR	Firefighter	18	Political Analyst
John Mulhern	Firefighter EMT	Captain	15	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Curt Stocker	Firefighter FR	Asst. Chief	15	Home Inspector - C&S Home Inspections
Bob Busch	Firefighter / FR	Firefighter	14	Engineer Retired
Shawn Bass	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	9	Self Employed
Mike Rawley	Support / IFA	Firefighter	9	Economic Development Director - The Lummi Nation
Jim Lane	Paramedic	Medical	8	Paramedic / Firefighter - Bellingham Fire
Tom Lutz	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	5	Contractor
Mark Cross	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	4	Mortgage Broker - Security First Mortgage
Alucia Taylor	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	3	Nanny
Larry Roteman	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	3	Retired - Electrical Engineer
Ed Scott	Firefighter/ IFA	Firefighter	3	Retired - United States Coast Guard
John Fincke	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	3	Retired - US Army
Gary Poole	Firefighter/ IFA	Firefighter	3	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Mike Lish	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	3	Electrician - Gateway Controls
Terry Terry	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	3	Director/Producer - Terry Terry Productions

## BUDGET

### **INCOME**

<b>TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>Budget 2006</b>	<b>Actual 2006</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>
Fire - Levy	\$122,700.94	\$ 108,121.68	\$ 126,529.45
EMS - Levy	\$31,453.25	\$ 50,419.60	\$ 32,412.18
<b>INVESTMENT INTEREST</b>			
Fire Interest		\$ 12,847.06	
EMS Interest		\$ 914.98	
<b>DONATIONS</b>			
Memorials & Other		\$ 1,083.57	
<b>MISC</b>			
Burn Permits		\$ 550.00	
Grant Money		\$ 1,949.45	
Ferndale School		\$ 54.08	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>\$154,154.19</u>	<u>\$ 175,940.42</u>	<u>\$ 158,941.63</u>

### **EXPENSES**

#### **LEGISLATIVE**

Legislative Services	\$11,555.00	\$ 9,155.19	\$ 14,000.00
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#### **FIRE CONTROL**

Administration	\$27,025.00	\$ 18,572.87	\$ 25,875.00
Operations & Suppression	\$31,545.00	\$ 18,130.16	\$ 42,675.00
Prevention	\$400.00	\$ 708.18	\$ 150.00
Fire Training	\$7,800.00	\$ 3,098.54	\$ 7,800.00
Fire Facilities	\$11,279.00	\$ 4,483.69	\$ 7,025.00
<b>TOTAL FIRE</b>	<u>\$78,049.00</u>	<u>\$ 44,993.44</u>	<u>\$ 83,525.00</u>

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Administration	\$14,800.00	\$ 9,023.68	\$ 13,775.00
Training	\$17,400.00	\$ 11,730.59	\$ 8,000.00
Facilities	\$5,610.00	\$ 2,259.36	\$ 4,225.00
Rescue & Emergency Aid	\$11,320.00	\$ 5,374.04	\$ 17,005.00
<b>TOTAL EMS</b>	<u>\$49,130.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,387.67</u>	<u>\$ 43,005.00</u>

#### **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Land	\$16,000.00	\$ 15,909.84	\$ 16,000.00
Other improvements	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
Machinery & Equipment	\$183,000.00	\$ 2,815.11	\$ 240,947.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<u>\$199,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,724.95</u>	<u>\$ 268,947.00</u>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 337,734.00	\$ 101,261.25	\$ 409,477.00
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### **ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/06**

Cash Expense Account	\$ 79,422.05	
Expense Investment Account	\$ 331,312.29	
EMS Investment Account	\$ 23,448.20	
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 434,182.54</u>	

## Incidents in 2006

Fire	9	18%
Rescue & EMS	30	60%
Hazardous Conditions(No fire)	6	12%
Good Intent Call	1	2%
False Alarm & False Call	3	6%
Service Call	1	2%

**Grand Total:** 50

- Average Response Time: 11.80 Minutes
- Incident Hours: 44 Hours
- Volunteer Hours on Incidents: 407 Hours

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. A bigger thank you to all volunteers for their dedication and time spent training and responding to our community's call for help. Without them, our community would be in dire straits. If anyone is interested in 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. 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.

Respectfully Submitted: Chief Duncan McLane,

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