

# **WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 11**

## **Lummi Island Fire Department**

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## **2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

The beginning of 2008 was difficult. We received word that the company building the new truck had filed for bankruptcy. A few months later we felt better when they came out of chapter 11 and began communicating with us again. Due to the reorganization, we made an extra trip back (at their expense) to inspect the truck prior to delivery and found only a few minor items needing correction. In November our much anticipated new Initial Attack finally arrived. The volunteers' available time for training and the weather prevented us from putting it in service in 2008 but I am happy to report it is in service now. This apparatus is a huge improvement; increased suppression capability, better on-scene lighting, more horsepower, and greater maneuverability.

This completes the fire apparatus replacement program started in 1997. To achieve this without incurring any debt is a real accomplishment for the community and a testament to the present and past boards of commissioners. On January 28 we received notice of approval from the St. Luke's Foundation of our request for a matching grant up to \$40,000 to help purchase a new ambulance.

With our FEMA grant for \$71,559, we purchased new pagers, and portable, mobile and base radios. The new radios replaced the antiquated and "piecemealed" communication system we had been using for so many years. This was our third major FEMA grant we received for a total of \$212,000. Without this assistance we would not have been able to maintain our apparatus replacement program or provide the most up-to-date protective equipment and clothing for our volunteers.

We signed an agreement with Fire District #8 (Gooseberry Point and Marietta) to transport all our Basic Life Support (BLS) patients to the hospital. We will transport all BLS patients to Gooseberry point where they will be transferred to a District 8 ambulance. The 911 dispatch triages EMS calls with information the caller provides and then sends the most appropriate resources to the call. The change is that we will be responding to all BLS calls without any off island resources. If there is any indication ALS (Advanced Life Support) care is necessary we will call for Whatcom Medic One and or Airlift Northwest which will come without question. This new approach allows more efficient use of the limited county wide ALS resources.

Our sixth annual Open House attracted the highest attendance yet. We distributed many prevention, safety and awareness materials. As always the fire extinguisher program and training was a huge success. The children loved spraying the foam. The children at Beach School always make our October Fire Prevention Week visit a highlight for us with their curiosity about our equipment and attention to accident prevention and fire safety. The Disaster Preparedness program continued to develop education and preparedness plans and sponsored First Aid and CPR classes. Training for the year was status quo. Not knowing when the new truck would arrive put fire training in a holding pattern. However, we spent many hours learning and practicing patient care and fire ground skills.

Your three elected Commissioners do more than pay the bills and approve the budget. Each spends as much time as possible with other district commissioners to address legislative issues and countywide problems. All three refuse pay for the many hours spent on department-related activities. For the fourth year in a row, the board unanimously agreed not to file for the 1% tax increase allowed by law. The 2009 Budget increases are for an EMT class on the island for our new members, a new Automatic Defibrillator so we can have one in Scenic Estates, a full size CPR, D-fib and airway manikin, and increased fire training for the new members and the new Initial Attack truck.

The volunteers dedicated 2,562 hours serving you; 1,648 training, 471 performing weekly truck inspections and 443 hours on emergency responses. Below is a list of who responds to your calls for help. Please note the years of service each of the unpaid professionals has dedicated to our community and the diverse professions of this group. Following the membership list, I am pleased to provide a snapshot of the 2008 financial activity, the 2009 budget, specific fund account balances, and the 2008 emergency response data.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Occupation / Company</b>
Mike Moye	Firefighter FR	Captain	34	Tree Cutter / Logger - Self Employed
John Granger	Firefighter / Nurse	Medical	31	Flight Nurse - Airlift Northwest
Joan Moye	Support / EMT	Safety	30	Tree Cutter / Logger - Self Employed
Jud Elkes	Firefighter / FR	Captain	28	Tooling Specialist - Wright Brothers
Ernie Pearson	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	24	Operator - Whatcom Chief
Judy Thomas	Support / EMT	Medical	20	Teacher - Ferndale School District
Duncan McLane	Firefighter EMT	Chief	19	Welder / Fabricator - Colonial Metal Works
Aaron Rupp	Firefighter FR	Firefighter	19	Political analyst
John Mulhern	Firefighter EMT	Captain	16	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Curt Stocker	Firefighter FR	Asst. Chief	16	Home Inspector - C&S Home Inspections
Bob Busch	Firefighter / FR	Firefighter	15	Engineer Retired
Mike Rawley	Support / IFA	Firefighter	10	Economic Development Director - The Lummi Nation
Jim Lane	Paramedic	Medical	9	Paramedic / Firefighter - Bellingham Fire
Tom Lutz	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	6	Cabinet Maker
Mark Cross	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	5	Mortgage Broker - Security First Mortgage
Alucia Taylor	Support / EMT	Firefighter	4	Real Estate Agent – Lummi Island Reality LLC
Larry Roteman	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	4	Retired - Electrical Engineer
Gary Poole	Firefighter/ IFA	Firefighter	4	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Mike Lish	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	4	Electrician - Gateway Controls
Terry Terry	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	4	Director/Producer – Terry Terry Productions
Robert Kahn	Physician	Medical	2	Medical Director - Charles River Clinical Services
Scott Blanchard	Firefighter	Firefighter	2	Builder - Self Employed
Lisa Lish	Firefighter	Firefighter	2	Purchasing Agent - Gateway Controls
Chris Immer	Firefighter	Firefighter	2	Pastor - Village Missions
Jette Baker	New Member	Probation	1	Co-Owner, Sail the San Juan's Charter Company
Robert Auld	New Member	Probation	1	Stock Broker
Sam Bowman	New Member	Probation	1	Carpenter

IFA – Industrial First Aid

FR – First Responder

EMT – Emergency Medical Technician

<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>Budget 2008</b>	<b>Actual 2008</b>	<b>Budget 2009</b>
Fire - Levy	\$ 128,910.00	\$ 124,044.11	\$ 132,345.79
EMS - Levy	\$ 33,008.00	\$ 31,776.78	\$ 33,871.41
<b>INVESTMENT INTEREST</b>			
Fire Interest		\$ 6,448.81	
EMS Interest		\$ 1,378.51	
Facilities Interest		\$ 25.28	
Vehicle Replacement Interest		\$ 10,119.74	
<b>DONATIONS</b>			
Memorials & Other		\$ 1,870.00	
<b>MISC</b>			
Burn Permits		\$ 425.00	
Ferndale School		\$ 113.36	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 161,918.00</b>	<b>\$ 176,201.59</b>	<b>\$ 166,217.20</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>LEGISLATIVE</b>			
Legislative Services	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 7,199.78	\$ 10,980.00
<b>FIRE CONTROL</b>			
Administration	\$ 36,175.00	\$ 33,420.34	\$ 38,150.00
Operations & Suppression	\$ 29,400.00	\$ 27,380.36	\$ 28,755.00
Prevention	\$ 150.00	\$ 169.47	\$ 150.00
Fire Training	\$ 5,475.00	\$ 2,135.12	\$ 13,250.00
Fire Facilities	\$ 7,275.00	\$ 4,982.83	\$ 7,685.00
<b>TOTAL FIRE</b>	<b>\$ 78,475.00</b>	<b>\$ 68,088.12</b>	<b>\$ 87,990.00</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b>			
Administration	\$ 21,225.00	\$ 16,554.63	\$ 22,665.00
Training	\$ 7,825.00	\$ 3,014.06	\$ 18,250.00
Facilities	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 3,087.68	\$ 4,620.00
Rescue & Emergency Aid	\$ 12,480.00	\$ 12,107.56	\$ 16,820.00
<b>TOTAL EMS</b>	<b>\$ 45,805.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,763.93</b>	<b>\$ 62,355.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			
Land	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,909.84	\$ 16,000.00
Other improvements	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,266.57	\$ -
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 238,356.97	\$ 120,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$ 339,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 256,533.38</b>	<b>\$ 136,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 474,030.00</b>	<b>\$ 366,585.21</b>	<b>\$ 297,325.00</b>
<b>FUND ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/08</b>			
FIRE		\$ 196,398.76	
EMS		\$ 39,099.11	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		\$ 1,395.28	
VEHICLE REPLACEMENT		\$ 77,125.54	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 314,018.69</b>	

## Incidents in 2008

Fire	8	14%
Rescue & EMS	35	60%
Hazardous Conditions(No fire)	3	5%
Service Call	11	19%
Good Intent Call	<u>1</u>	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>	

- 10.05 Minutes Average Response Time
- 58 Incident Hours
- 443 Volunteer Hours on Incidents:

Thank you to the businesses, organizations and individuals on the Island for their continued support as well as the various baked goods and donations. This means a lot. A bigger 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. The biggest thanks goes to all the volunteers for their selfless dedication and time spent training and responding to our community's call for help. Without them, our community would be in dire straits.

We are always looking for anyone 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 three Thursday evenings of each month.

Respectfully Submitted: Chief Duncan McLane

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