

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 11

Lummi Island Fire Department

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2010 ANNUAL REPORT

At the start of 2010, we developed contingency plans for the shutdown of the Gooseberry Point dock. We met with representatives of the U. S. Coast Guard, Whatcom County Dispatch Center, the County Medical Program Director, Airlift Northwest and Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Although the shutdown did not occur, it was a good opportunity to establish plans for other events that could severely affect our connection to the mainland.

In April, we were awarded our grant request for \$20,390 to purchase new respirator-fit testing equipment and additional bunker gear. Fit-test equipment is required to meet federal standards and state laws. More importantly, it provides a higher level of safety for our volunteers. With a price tag of \$15,000, it would have been difficult to purchase without grant funds. The bunker gear was necessary to outfit our newest members: Robert Sorensen, Becca Swaen, Laura Camarillo, and Patrick Slimane.

Becca and Laura joined as RNs but State Laws do not recognize those skills in the pre-hospital setting. Whatcom County Fire District 14 (Kendall) had a similar situation and decided to put on a small RN to EMT bridge class. It was a great way to get their pre-hospital certifications without going through the full EMT class. Our fire training focused on essentials for the many folks who have joined in the past 5 years. They spent a lot of time in the classroom and at home studying. In December several of them spent 2 days at the State Fire Training Center in North Bend fighting live fires and performing Search and Rescue drills.

In March we took delivery of our new ambulance. The old one served us well for 10 years but the required repairs were occurring too often and costing more each time. With a partial matching grant from The St Luke's Foundation, we were able to pay for it in full. In the past we serviced all the apparatus twice a year. After reviewing oil sample data for the past years, we cut back to only one annual service on a trial basis. We will continue taking samples twice a year. If it works out, it will cut some of the maintenance costs each year. The Firefighter's Association purchased a multi piece cordless tool set, heavy duty ratchet straps, high-lift jacks and miscellaneous tools to increase our inventory of extrication and rescue equipment.

Our eighth annual Open House was a big success. We really appreciate the large attendance from the community. It lets us visit with people in a non-emergency setting and to show our new equipment. The Fire Extinguisher person was very busy as were the bike helmet folks. As usual, the kids loved playing firefighter, trying to put out the house fire on the hill (some of the adults enjoyed doing it also). I think the funniest part was seeing them sliding in the foam like it was winter!

Our Basic Life Support (BLS) transportation agreement with Fire District #8 (Gooseberry Point and Marietta) continues to work very well. When non-critical patients need to go to the hospital by ambulance, we take them to the mainland where a District 8 ambulance is waiting for us. After we transfer the patient, they transport the patient to St Joseph's Hospital.

Beside monthly district meetings, the Commissioners also attend the County Commissioners Association and West Region (Sandy Point, Ferndale, Marietta and Lummi Island Fire Departments) meetings and County Council meetings when there are issues that affect fire and emergency services on the Island. At the annual budget meeting the board unanimously agreed not to file for the 1% tax increase allowed by law for the sixth year in a row.

In 2010 the volunteers dedicated over 2,543 hours serving you; 582 hours on emergency responses, 1,076 hours on-going training, 557 hours initial training and 328 hours on weekly truck inspections. They spend many more undocumented hours putting the equipment and apparatus back in service and writing reports after calls. Below is list of the unpaid professionals who dedicated themselves to our community in 2010. Please note the diverse professions of this group and the years of service each. We are very lucky to have true community-based responders; most other departments in the county have members that serve only 3-5 years before moving on. Following the membership list, I am pleased to provide a snapshot of the 2010 financial activity, the 2011 budget, end of 2010 fund account balances, and the emergency response data from 2010.

Member	Training	Rank	Years	Occupation / Company
Mike Moye	Firefighter FR	Captain	36	Tree Cutter / Logger - Self Employed
John Granger	Firefighter Nurse	Medical	33	Flight Nurse - Airlift Northwest
Joan Moye	Firefighter EMT	Safety	32	Tree Cutter / Logger - Self Employed
Ernie Pearson	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	25	Operator - Whatcom Chief
Duncan McLane	Firefighter EMT	Chief	21	Welder / Fabricator - Colonial Metal Works
Aaron Rupp	Firefighter FR	Firefighter	21	Self Employed
John Mulhern	Firefighter EMT	Captain	18	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Curt Stocker	Firefighter FR	Asst. Chief	18	Home Inspector - C&S Home Inspections
Bob Busch	Firefighter FR	Firefighter	17	Retired - Engineer
Jim Lane	Paramedic	Medical	11	Paramedic / Firefighter - Bellingham Fire
Tom Lutz	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	8	Contractor
Mark Cross	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	6	Mortgage Broker - Security First Mortgage
Larry Roteman	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	6	Retired - Electrical Engineer
Mike Lish	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	6	Electrician - Gateway Controls
Terry Terry	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	6	Director/Producer – Terry Terry Productions
Gary Poole	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	5	Deckhand / Purser / Operator - Whatcom Chief
Robert Kahn	Physician	Medical	4	Medical Director - Charles River Clinical Services
Lisa Lish	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	3	Purchasing Agent - Gateway Controls
Scott Blanchard	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	3	Builder - Self Employed
Chris Immer	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	3	Pastor - Village Missions
Robert Auld	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	2	Stock Broker
Sam Bowman	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	2	Student - Western Washington University
Jette Baker	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	2	Co-Owner, Sail the San Juan Charter Company
Becca Swaen	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	1	RN / Account Manager - Walgreens Option Care
Laura Camarillo	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	1	Lead RN - NW Endoscopy
Robert Sorensen	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	1	Microsoft Technical Support - Alpine Access
Patrick Slimane	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	1	Student – Skagit Valley Community Collage

IFA – Industrial First Aid

FR – First Responder

EMT – Emergency Medical Technician

				INCOME		
TAX REVENUE	Budget 2010	Actual 2010	Budget 2011			
Fire - Levy	\$ 136,028.62	\$ 137,304.09	\$ 137,520.08			
EMS - Levy	\$ 34,796.66	\$ 35,175.37	\$ 36,181.21			
INTEREST						
Fire		\$ 2,237.39				
EMS		\$ 560.15				
Facilities		\$ 85.02				
Apparatus		\$ 312.05				
DONATIONS & MISC						
Memorials & Other		\$ 6,794.16				
Burn Permits		\$ 300.00				
Equipment surplus		\$ 4,000.00				
Grant Monies		\$ 5,220.00				
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 170,825.28	\$ 191,988.23	\$ 173,701.29			
				EXPENSES		
Legislative Services	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 8,357.72	\$ 12,875.00			
				FIRE CONTROL		
Administration	\$ 41,400.00	\$ 43,948.31	\$ 50,150.00			
Suppression	\$ 26,900.00	\$ 25,345.51	\$ 35,085.00			
Prevention	\$ 375.00	\$ 134.84	\$ 250.00			
Training	\$ 12,125.00	\$ 9,019.12	\$ 9,505.00			
Facilities	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 5,684.13	\$ 6,745.00			
TOTAL FIRE	\$ 87,700.00	\$ 84,131.91	\$ 101,735.00			
				EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES		
Administration	\$ 24,790.00	\$ 25,335.09	\$ 29,200.00			
Training	\$ 8,675.00	\$ 6,509.15	\$ 8,825.00			
Facilities	\$ 3,575.00	\$ 3,398.09	\$ 3,320.00			
Rescue & Emergency Aid	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 13,621.20	\$ 13,580.00			
TOTAL EMS	\$ 52,240.00	\$ 48,863.53	\$ 54,925.00			
				CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Land	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,909.84	\$ 16,000.00			
Equipment	\$ 126,000.00	\$ 124,734.67	\$ 14,750.00			
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$ 142,000.00	\$ 140,644.51	\$ 30,750.00			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 296,090.00	\$ 281,997.67	\$ 200,285.00			

ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/10	
FIRE	\$ 254,592.04
EMS	\$ -
FACILITIES	\$ 8,461.54
APPARATUS	\$ 4,184.12
TOTAL	\$ 267,237.70

Incidents in 2010

Fire	7	13%
Rescue & EMS	39	72%
Hazardous Conditions (No fire)	2	4%
Service & Good Intent Call	4	7%
False Alarm	<u>2</u>	4%
	<i>TOTAL 54</i>	

Average Response Time 11.01 Minutes

The dedication that volunteers give this department and community is truly an inspiration. My appreciation for all their time preparing for and responding to our community cannot be expressed in mere words, but it will have to suffice; THANK YOU!!

I also want to thank the businesses, organizations and individuals on the Island for their continued support including the various baked goods, cards and donations. It really means a lot. Last but certainly not least, thank you to families of volunteers who put up with the Thursday night trainings and when they are called to duty be it in the middle of the night, holiday dinners or other inopportune times. Your support is very important to our success.

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 four Thursday evenings of each month.

Respectfully Submitted: Chief Duncan McLane

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