



Whatcom County Fire District 11

Lummi Island Fire Department

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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Newly elected Fire Commissioner Joan Moye began her six-year term, and was sworn in at the January Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. Congratulations Commissioner Moye; we are all very excited about your interest in serving the Community in this role, and we look forward to doing great things together. Welcoming on-board Commissioner Moye meant saying “see you later” to Commissioner Wendell Terry. Wendell served on the Board for 17 years. The District saw many improvements in equipment, apparatus, policy, and much more during his three terms on the Commission. Thank you, Wendell for your many years of service to the Community. Wishing you all the best in your retirement.

The District continued infrastructure upgrades by installing more robust IT equipment, along with VOIP phones that double as intercoms so that we can work more efficiently in the station, drop less calls, and were able to save a few hard earned tax dollars in the process.

We were also able to make more progress on our turnout gear washing and drying area. A huge thank you to all who have provided volunteer time and expertise to the project. The area was wired, insulated, sheeted and the entire project was nearly complete by end of 2024. This area will allow us to properly wash and dry our new turnout gear to keep it clean and safe for the responders, and to prolong it's expected life.

Our fire hose has been showing its age for many years. In 2024, all of our “attack” hose was replaced. The use of CAFS (Compressed Air Foam System), and low-pressure nozzles dictated the purchase of a more rigid jacketed fire hose that has been very well received. The new hose is still a bit stiff, but everyone loves working with it as it makes our job a lot easier and safer. The new fire hose can also be dried in the new drying closet when washed, helping to keep mold and other toxins away from first responders and prolonging the life of the equipment.

The Board of Commissioners approved a much overdue safety upgrade to our restroom, which will bring it up to Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards. This will include an area for de-contamination following calls with a shower, and a “kitchenette” for the responders to have a designated place to prepare food in a separate “clean” area away from the decontamination area. The project planning and concepts began in early July, but sadly, we were still awaiting building permits by the time 2024 ended. The Capital funds for this project were not spent in 2024, and rolled over into the 2025 budget.

The Board also approved the purchase of two new response vehicles as our fleet once again showed its age. The two new apparatus are intended to replace our administrative/training vehicle, and our Battalion response vehicle. We expect a decrease in response times on certain calls, and to provide safe transportation to and from training opportunities and activities off-island once the new apparatus are delivered and are placed into service. Originally, the new apparatus were anticipated to be delivered in late December 2024, but due to unexpected delays in manufacturing, we now expect to take delivery in May of 2025.

Given necessary but unexpected changes to the Whatcom Chiefs “dry-dock” schedule, we had to cancel our annual open house. We are excited and committed to continuing this fun educational event moving forward so look for our flyer!

If you ever have questions about the operations or finances of the District, including the levies, please contact Michael at the Station. Call 360-758-2411 or email: admin@wcf11.org and we will be happy to answer/clarify any questions.

Please help me thank our Volunteer Responders listed below who selflessly serve our community.

Years	Member	Training	Rank	Occupation / Company
47	John Granger	Firefighter EMT	Assistant Chief	Retired Flight Nurse - Airlift Northwest
20	Michael Lish	Firefighter EMT	Chief	Fire Chief - Whatcom County Fire District 11
20	Gary Poole	Firefighter EMT	Captain	Operator - Whatcom Chief
17	Lisa Lish	Firefighter EMT	Lieutenant	District Secretary - Whatcom County Fire District 11
16	Chris Immer	Firefighter EMT	Lieutenant	Pastor - Village Missions
16	Sam Bowman	Firefighter EMT	Lieutenant	Self - Employed
10	Dan Ohms	Firefighter EMT	Senior Firefighter	Retired Paramedic / Firefighter - Bellingham Fire
9	Alissa Daschbach	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Medical Writer / Editor
4	Kjerstin Secord	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Educator
4	Loren Conroy	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Housekeeper
4	Leah Paisano	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Shellfish Biologist
4	Nick Kluge	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Water Distribution Manager
3	Michael Godshall	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Creative Director
3	Kelsey McLane	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Deckhand - Whatcom Chief
2	Jack Wilson	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Self - Employed

Whatcom County Fire District 11 Board of Fire Commissioners:

Joan Moye - serving since 2024

Bill Lee - serving since 2014

Dan Ohms – serving since 2021

The Whatcom County Fire District 11 Board of Fire Commissioners are the governing body of the District and are directly responsible to the Citizens of the District. As stewards of fire and emergency medical services tax dollars, the Board of Commissioners adopt policies, conduct the business affairs of the District, adopt the annual budget, and approve expenditures that support the organizational needs of the District.

The Whatcom County Fire District 11 Board of Fire Commissioners are elected by the citizens of Lummi Island. Their duties are limited to legislative and executive management of the District as prescribed in RCW 52.

None of what we do would be possible without the incredible support of the Board of Fire Commissioners. It is truly an honor to serve the dedicated volunteers and staff of Whatcom County Fire District 11, and the citizens and visitors of Lummi Island alongside you.

	Budget	Actual
<u>TAX REVENUE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>
Fire - Levy	\$590,337	\$590,337
EMS - Levy	\$110,548	\$110,548
<u>OTHER REVENUE</u>		
Burn Permits	\$200	\$400
Grants, Interest, Misc.	\$32,198	\$64,128
TOTAL REVENUE	\$733,283	\$765,412
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
<u>TOTAL LEGISLATIVE</u>	\$20,421	\$15,793
<u>FIRE CONTROL</u>		
Administration	\$116,238	\$110,704
Operations & Response	\$77,344	\$60,502
Prevention & Preparedness	\$5,400	\$255
Training	\$12,183	\$2,363
Facilities	\$23,305	\$14,895
Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,675	\$5,758
TOTAL FIRE	\$237,145	\$194,477
<u>EMERGENCY MEDICAL</u>		
Administration	\$51,747	\$49,158
Operations & Response	\$85,114	\$80,146
Training	\$12,885	\$7,530
Facilities	\$9,777	\$7,695
Repairs & Maintenance	\$6,475	\$200
TOTAL EMS	\$165,998	\$144,729
<u>CAPITAL & EQUIPMENT</u>		
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$157,667	\$74,452
<u>OTHER</u>		
Apparatus fund	\$112,000	\$112,000
To reserve fund for SCBA	\$40,000	\$120,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$733,231	\$658,285

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I am proud to be part of a team that responds at the highest level of performance and with the utmost professionalism. Our team never knows what the next call will be; trauma, medical, fire, powerlines, or motor vehicle incident. Yet they leave at a moment's notice for the chance to serve others. I am truly humbled by this group of extraordinary people whom I call my "Fire Family".

Special mention and THANKS to the families of our responders. Without their support, our members would not be able to give this community such exemplary service. Special thanks to you - the community at large. Your generous donations, baked goods, and cards of appreciation help all of us here to strive to always improve the service that we provide to you.

THANK YOU!

Yours in service,
Michael A. Lish
Fire Chief ~ WCFD 11