



Whatcom County Fire District 11

Lummi Island Fire Department

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2025, the fire department made two significant investments in the equipment that our first responders depend on every single day. These purchases were not optional upgrades, they were essential to keeping our firefighters, officers, and the community we serve safe. The result has been a measurable and meaningful improvement in our safety, and how quickly help arrives when you need it most.

Our previous self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units had aged out of legal compliance, putting our firefighters at risk of operating with equipment that no longer met required safety standards. This was not a situation the department could afford to leave unaddressed. The Board acted decisively by placing money in reserve in 2023 and 2024 just in case grant funding was unavailable. When grant funding didn't come through, we were able to replace the entire SCBA fleet with new, updated, fully compliant units, ensuring every firefighter who enters a burning structure or hazardous environment is equipped with reliable, code-compliant breathing protection. This new equipment directly protects the brave volunteers who protect you.

Alongside the SCBA replacement, the department purchased two new vehicles and took delivery in late May, retiring aging vehicles that were increasingly costly to maintain and less reliable in the field. These new units give our responders dependable vehicles built for rapid, safe response throughout our community. Response operations changed with the addition of these new vehicles, giving our 24/7 on-duty officer the ability to respond directly to the scene if certain conditions are met. Both new vehicles carry medical equipment, including AEDs, a small complement of firefighting equipment, and a few other specific pieces of equipment for responses to motor vehicle collisions and EV emergencies. They also carry shore-based water rescue equipment and landing zone lights.

The impact of these investments and change in operations is remarkable, and the results were significantly better than we had projected. This new response model was deployed on 31 emergency calls in the last half of 2025 and the on-duty officer arrived on scene an average of 5:34 faster on these incidents. They arrived on-scene 6 or more minutes faster on 11 of the 31 responses. In an emergency, every second counts. This improvement reflects a direct, tangible return on the community's investment in our volunteers, apparatus, and equipment.

In 2025, we bid farewell to two members of our team. Loren Conroy (5 years) and Jack Wilson (3 years) retired from the department. Their dedication, experience, and steady presence on scene will be missed. On behalf of the entire community, and everyone at Whatcom County Fire District 11, thank you both for your service; we wish you every happiness in this next chapter.

As some hung up their turnout gear, others answered the call. We are proud to welcome Sandy Earle, John Blair, Greg Davis, and David Cheskis to the Team. Each of them brings energy, commitment, and a willingness to serve. To our newest members: The uniform you now wear carries the trust of an entire community. Serve with courage, honor, and integrity, and know that every call you answer makes this a safer place to call home. Welcome to the Team!

If you ever have questions about volunteering, or the operations or finances of the department, 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 who selflessly served our community in 2025.

Years	Member	Training	Rank	Occupation / Company
48	John Granger	Firefighter EMT	Assistant Chief	Retired Flight Nurse - Airlift Northwest
21	Michael Lish	Firefighter EMT	Chief	Fire Chief – WCFD-11
21	Gary Poole	Firefighter EMT	Captain	Operator - Whatcom Chief
18	Lisa Lish	Firefighter EMT	Lieutenant	District Secretary – WCFD-11
17	Chris Immer	Firefighter EMT	Lieutenant	Pastor - Village Missions
17	Sam Bowman	Firefighter EMT	Lieutenant	Self - Employed
11	Dan Ohms	Firefighter EMT	Senior Firefighter	Retired Paramedic / Firefighter - Bellingham Fire
10	Alissa Daschbach	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Medical Writer / Editor
5	Kjerstin Secord	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Educator
5	Loren Conroy	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Housekeeper
5	Leah Paisano	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Shellfish Biologist
5	Nick Kluge	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Professional Firefighter – WCFD-1
4	Michael Godshall	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Creative Director
4	Kelsey McLane	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Deckhand - Whatcom Chief
3	Jack Wilson	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Professional Firefighter – Shoreline Fire Department
1	Sandy Earle	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Retired MD
1	John Blair	Firefighter EMT	Firefighter	Professional Photographer
1	Greg Davis	Firefighter	Firefighter	Deckhand - Whatcom Chief
1	David Cheskis	Firefighter	Firefighter	

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>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>
Fire - Levy	\$591,378	\$591,378
EMS - Levy	\$111,914	\$111,914
<u>OTHER REVENUE</u>		
Burn Permits	\$200	\$500
Grants, Interest, Misc.	\$389,238	\$401,791
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,092,730	\$1,105,583

EXPENSES

<u>TOTAL LEGISLATIVE</u>	\$29,326	\$26,938
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FIRE CONTROL

Administration	\$117,476	\$117,860
Operations & Response	\$85,244	\$65,189
Prevention & Preparedness	\$4,000	\$1,331
Training	\$11,761	\$6,122
Facilities	\$23,343	\$13,702
Repairs & Maintenance	\$4,420	\$1,922
TOTAL FIRE	\$246,244	\$206,126

EMERGENCY MEDICAL

Administration	\$49,152	\$49,142
Operations & Response	\$98,246	\$94,006
Training	\$12,874	\$13,892
Facilities	\$9,838	\$7,998
Repairs & Maintenance	\$8,080	\$850
TOTAL EMS	\$178,190	\$165,888

CAPITAL & EQUIPMENT

TOTAL CAPITAL	\$513,682	\$546,225
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OTHER

Apparatus fund	\$120,000	\$120,000
To reserve fund	\$33,500	\$33,500

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,120,942	\$1,098,667
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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 strive to always improve the level of service that we provide to you.

THANK YOU!

Yours in service,
Michael A. Lish

Fire Chief ~ WCFD 11