

SERVICES PROVIDED BY LAKE STEVENS FIRE

Lake Stevens Fire, located in the central portion of Snohomish County, is the fifth largest fire service provider in Snohomish County, Washington. Within its boundaries resides the areas of City of Lake Stevens, Machias, Soper Hill, Cavalero, Glennwood, Georgetown, Sunnyside and many more. Overall Lake Stevens Fire provides Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Rescue service to an estimated 35,644 citizens in approximately 41.8 square miles of land and water.

In 2005 Lake Stevens Fire responded to over 4,000 incidents. The majority of our calls were classified as medical calls.

The Fire District responds to alarms from three stations strategically located throughout its boundaries. Stations 81 & 82 are primary stations that cover 89% of all emergency alarms received each year. They are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Station 83 located on our southern border is considered a secondary station and is equipped with apparatus and equipment similar to the two primary stations. Due to a lack of funding, Station 83 staffing has been reduced and reallocated.

Fire services are provided using nationally recognized class "A" fire engines. These fire engines are outfitted with fire fighting equipment in accordance with National Fire Protection Association standards.

EMS resources consist of two Advanced Life Support (ALS) paramedic units and three Basic Life Support (BLS) units. Additionally, all the department's fire engines are equipped with medical equipment and supplies.

Lake Stevens Fire also has a 24 foot fire rescue boat moored at the northern end of Lake Stevens Lake year-round.

It is our privilege
to serve you!



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OUR COMMUNITY MESSAGE



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Planning for Tomorrow*

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At Lake Stevens Fire we're working hard to connect with our community through improved communications. The following is a summary of our *Community Message* regarding our current and future endeavors at Lake Stevens Fire.

#1 Preserve Essential Services

Touching Lives Today:

- Emergency services (EMS, Fire, Rescue)
- Infrastructure systems & personnel
- Ambulance transport services
- Dispatch service (911)
- Public relations programs

Planning for Tomorrow:

- Establish Fire Marshal in community
- Re-establish a Training Officer position
- Improve work spaces and increase sleep areas in primary stations

#2 Maximize Our Resources

Touching Lives Today:

- Position emergency personnel to serve the greatest amount of citizens with our given resources
- Realigning our staff for optimum levels of service
- Ambulance transport co-pays

Planning for Tomorrow:

- Constantly re-evaluating the way we do business
- Evaluating emergency response standards
- Increase shared resources with other fire agencies

#3 Stabilize District Funding

Touching Lives Today:

- Accountable budget process and practices
- Five year operating budget plan
- 20 year capital replacement plan
- "Assistance to Fire Fighters" grant

Planning for Tomorrow:

- Internal ambulance billing service
- Increase application for grants
- Work with State Legislators toward stable funding
- Explore alternative funding sources

#4 Improve Community Communications

Touching Lives Today:

- Brochures
- Press releases
- Network with civic groups
- Improve community presence (Aquafest, Back to School, Risk Watch, Senior programs, and more)

Planning for Tomorrow:

- Five year communications plan
- Update website
- Quarterly community newsletter
- Citizens' committee

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Our Mission Statement

**Serving People
Saving Life
Protecting Property**

Our Goal

Preserve essential services by maximizing resources and planning for tomorrow's growth through stabilized fire district funding and improved community communications.

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