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Lake Stevens Fire Considers Opportunities to Increase Efficiencies Through Partnerships

Lake Stevens Fire recently approved an interlocal agreement regarding the sharing of services with Snohomish County Fire District 7. Lake Stevens Fire currently shares fire marshal services, training programs, and a Community Resource Paramedic with Snohomish County Fire District 7.

Chief Kevin O'Brien commented, "Many fire districts are looking at partnerships to be more efficient and provide better service. It's critical that we are able to meet the demand for fire and EMS as our community grows. We will continue to work with neighboring fire districts to increase efficiencies and improve emergency services."

Next month Lake Stevens Fire plans to meet with Snohomish County Fire District 7 to discuss the possibility of additional partnerships. Periodic Joint Commissioner Meetings will allow both Commission Boards the opportunity to get to know each other and work together on behalf of their communities.

The first Commissioner Meeting of October has been scheduled for 7pm Tuesday, October 2 at the Snohomish County Fire District 7 Station 31 Training Room located at 163 Village Court, Monroe, WA 98272.

Lake Stevens Fire generally has two Commissioner Meetings per month. These meetings are open to the public and the community is most welcome to attend. The Commissioner Meeting schedule is posted on the Lake Stevens Fire website: www.lsfire.org / **In the Community** and meeting minutes are posted on the website once they have been approved. If you would like to learn more about Snohomish County Fire District 7, please feel free to visit their website at: www.snofire7.org.

Chief Kevin O'Brien commented, "We look forward to a bright future serving our Lake Stevens community and we are grateful for their support."

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Lake Stevens Fire provides fire suppression and emergency medical service (EMS) to 44,000 people over 42 square miles. Our highly-trained emergency personnel responded to 6,126 calls in 2017, an 8.33% increase from the prior year. Our fire district is proud to be debt free, operates under a balanced budget and has a long history of passing its independent audits by the state. More information about the fire district can be found at www.lsfire.org.

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