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### **Open House: Come See EMS in Action June 28!**

LAKE STEVENS, WA – Lake Stevens Fire invites community members to its Open House on Wednesday, June 28. The event takes place from 6pm - 8pm at Fire Station 81 in downtown Lake Stevens (12409 - 21st Street NE).

"We're hoping for a large turnout," said Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien. "This is one way we have to say thank you to our community for their support."

The theme for this year's event is "Everything EMS!" The fire district is asking voters to return the EMS levy from 32 to 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value during the November election. If approved by voters, the lid lift would cost the owner of a \$300,000 home an additional \$54 per year (\$4.50 per month) and restore funding for the most widely used emergency service. In 2016, EMS accounted for 76 percent of all calls.

The fire district will have a ceremony to welcome a new engine, recognize accomplishments of members, and provide ambulance and station tours. There also will be firefighters and paramedics providing demonstrations of emergency equipment.

Additionally, there will be fire prevention activities for children, and a brief CPR training for adults. The training will teach chest compressions to help cardiac victims until emergency help can arrive on scene. Our goal is to train 50 people in chest-compression CPR that day. Partner on this important life-saving project and come have some fun in the process!

"We want to show our community how their tax dollars save lives and property," said Chief O'Brien. "It's also a fun night out for families."

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*Lake Stevens Fire provides fire suppression and emergency medical service to 44,000 people over 42 square miles. During 2016 our highly-skilled firefighters and paramedics responded to more than 5,600 calls, 76 percent of which were for emergency medical service (EMS). Lake Stevens Fire is proud to be debt free, operate under a balanced budget and has a long history of passing independent audits by the state. More information about the fire district can be found at [www.lsfire.org](http://www.lsfire.org).*

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