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## Lake Stevens Fire Receives Positive Audit & Adopts 2019 Budget

Lake Stevens Fire is pleased to announce they have received another positive report from the Washington State Auditor. The focus of this audit was the Financial Statements Audit Report for January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The auditor confirmed the results of their tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. This success is a direct result of continued internal quality controls and accurate financial reporting within the District.

Additionally at the November 15 Commissioner Meeting, Lake Stevens Fire adopted their 2019 Budget. The draft 2019 Budget was initially presented to the Commissioners at the November 1 Commissioner Meeting; and then a Special Commissioner Meeting/Budget Hearing was held on November 6. The purpose of the Budget Hearing was to provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions prior to the adoption of the 2019 Budget.

Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien commented, "Fiscal accountability is a primary responsibility of Lake Stevens Fire. We consistently work towards providing diligent stewardship and effective business practices so we can ultimately accomplish our mission of serving people, saving lives, protecting property, and safeguarding the environment."

In an effort to remain accountable and transparent to the citizens of the Lake Stevens Fire District, both the Financial Statements Audit Report and the 2019 Budget have been posted on the website: [www.lsfire.org](http://www.lsfire.org) / **Funding**. Please feel free to contact Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien with any questions or concerns.

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