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Lake Stevens Fire Improves Insurance Rating
Property Owners Could See a Decrease in Insurance Premiums

LAKE STEVENS, WA –Lake Stevens Fire has improved its insurance protection class rating with the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB). The WSRB rating is connected to the amount property owners pay for fire insurance as part of their overall premiums.

“This improvement is a direct result of the support we receive from the Lake Stevens community,” said Fire Chief Kevin O’Brien. “Our community has agreed to fund a level of service that reduces risk to lives and property and this is what companies look at when setting insurance premiums.”

Lake Stevens taxpayers returned the fire levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in August of 2018. Funding from the fire levy is being used to add staffing at fire stations, improve firefighter training, and fund a fire marshal program. A portion of the revenue also is going to replace apparatus, including three fire engines and a water tender.

These are key issues that contribute to the rating a fire district receives when being reviewed by the WSRB. In this case, lower numbers are better. It means there is less risk for insurers and can result in lower insurance premiums for property owners. Lake Stevens Fire improved from 4 to 3 (out of 10) in the city, and 5 to 4 in its unincorporated areas.

Chief O’Brien says the news is good for the community.

“I know many people will be happy about saving money on their insurance.” he said. “We also appreciate the fact that our community is safer. That is what we strive for in the fire service.”

The new rating will take effect on June 1, 2019. Property owners may want to contact their insurance company at that time to see if their premiums have decreased.

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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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