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MEDIA ADVISORY

**Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien Available Election Night**

LAKE STEVENS, WA – Lake Stevens Fire is asking voters to approve a merger with Snohomish County Fire District 7 on the August 6 ballot.

Merging with Fire District 7 also would provide additional personnel for specialized emergencies such as large disasters (like the Oso landslide), technical rescues and wildland fires. Voters in both Lake Stevens and Fire District 7 have approved a fire levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. A merger would continue this fire levy rate, and reduce administrative and overhead costs by eliminating duplication of services for administration, IT departments, training, fire marshal, and fire prevention. It also allows for more efficient planning of high cost capital items, such as fire stations, fire engines, ambulances, and equipment. The combined district would still have local stations, professional firefighters, and elected representation on a Board of Fire Commissioners. The new fire district will continue to participate in Aquafest and other local events throughout the year, as well.

Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien will be available for interviews or to provide a quote about the ballot results of the merger proposal this evening.

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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 personnel respond to an average of 6,000 emergency calls each 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](http://www.lsfire.org).*

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