

Lummi ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Whatcom County Fire District # 11

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2002 ANNUAL REPORT

The end of 2001 brought a few changes. Jud Elkes resigned after six years as Chief and about eight years as Assistant Chief. Bill Moye ended his services as Commissioner and financial officer after 5 years and 15 years respectively. Aaron Rupp moved on from his position as Chief's Secretary and Training officer after five years. Their service in the administration of this department is greatly appreciated by all of us here and hopefully by the community also. On January 1, I began my position as chief, and Bob Busch began his term as commissioner. Out of all the years I have served this department, 2002 was definitely an interesting one. There were many challenges and changes facing the Department.

The three commissioners and I attended many meetings throughout the year with the county fire commissioners and chiefs working toward a price recommendation for the city and county councils to continue funding the Advanced Life Support (ALS) system in the county. We spent a Saturday in Mt. Vernon learning how to comply with some of the new standards the state has adopted for response times and volunteer departments. The department was awarded a total of \$34,727 in matching and equipment grants (some yet to be collected). These funds will go toward assisting the purchase of wildland protection clothing, two portable radios and pagers, a new office computer and the development of a hazardous mitigation plan for the department assets. Other equipment purchases included a factory-refurbished advanced defibrillator for our ALS program, an infrared thermal thermometer to detect heat without opening a wall, ceiling or floor unless absolutely necessary, a hand tool set designed for tearing down drywall and a new suction strainer for drafting water into the pumper. Our initial response apparatus (little red) has served this community well for fifteen years but the time has come to retire her from frontline service, she is struggling with the loaded weight, and too many cold starts and go-right-now has taken its toll. The process to replace it began in 2002 and will continue in 2003, hopefully going out to bid by mid year. One great improvement to the community was the 20,000-gallon tank placed at the Otto property. This gives water for fire suppression in an area that has been lacking that resource. Many thanks to the Heritage Trust board for the initiation and support of this project. Our open house in June was a great success with the Firewise awareness campaign through the Department of Natural Resources. In the fall they sent out a work crew and reduced fuel loads around many residences in Scenic Estates for those who were interested. We should be seeing them again in 2003.

The largest call in 2002 has to go to the structure fire on the mountain in February. Luckily circumstances kept two members on the island that weekday morning. We arrived on scene with four personnel and got a quick knock down. After a strenuous overhaul effort, the request for mutual aid went out. Fire District 8 (Marietta) sent an engine company and an additional manned apparatus. Fire District 7 (Ferndale) sent an engine company and a utility/rehab vehicle. Air-One, which is a vehicle that provides breathing air on site responded also.

In November we found out that our Assistant Chief Fred Lowden was diagnosed with terminal cancer. The membership was saddened and shocked to say the least. We pulled together to help his family as best we could and through each other helped deal with the tragedy. Fred died early this year and he will always be remembered for his dedication, honesty and willingness to always help when needed. Fred served this community through the fire department for five short years. He held almost every position one could: Firefighter, Captain, Medical officer and Assistant Chief. Fred will be missed by all of us, and his level of dedication will serve as a benchmark for the future.

Although she resigned in 2003 I feel it is appropriate to recognize the service that Jane Phillips provided this community. Jane served on this department as an ALS provider for 22 years. She worked for Med Flight as a flight nurse and also in the Cardiac Care unit at St Joe's before going to the Critical Care Unit. Her dedication to this community and the department is greatly appreciated and will be missed, and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

Four members attended the State Fire Training center in North Bend, completing the courses Fire Service Instructor 1, Train the Trainer and Flammable Liquids to mention a few. 704 man-hours were volunteered for our regular in-house training nights. This figure does not include time spent on calls, at meetings or other outside training. We have a strong and energetic membership but it is getting on in years, our average age is 44 years old. Over time, members resign for various reasons, from work conflicts, relocations or just unable to give what is required. During the year, three members turned in their pagers - Mark Richardson, James Blakeslee and Dave Hagedorn. I would like to thank them for their time in this department. There were four new members in 2002; George Chidester, Tom Lutz, Steve Schreiber and Rob Seckinger. Welcome aboard! The members of the Lummi Island Fire Department are highly trained, hard working men and women that are proud to protect life and property against the threat of fire, sickness, injury and other hazardous conditions within this community. There is a broad range of members listed on the next page to give you all a sense of who volunteers their time to come out and help when someone's day is not going well. It's each one of them working together as a team that makes this fire department what it is today.

Member	Training	Rank	Years of Service	Occupation / Company
Isaac Arnett	Firefighter / IFA	Firefighter	3	Self - Employed
Dave Barker	Firefighter / FR	Firefighter	13	Environmental Tech. - Nooksack Salmon Enhancement
Shawn Bass	Firefighter/ EMT	Firefighter	4	Self Employed
James Blakeslee	Support	Apprentice	1	Safes - Telecom
Bob Busch	Firefighter / FR	Firefighter	9	Engineer Retired
George Chidester	Support / IFA	Apprentice	First Year	Engineer - Boeing
Jud Elkes	Firefighter / FR	Captain	22	Tooling Specialist - Wright Brothers
John Granger	Firefighter / Nurse	Medical	25	Flight Nurse - Airlift Northwest
Todd Granger	Firefighter / FR	Firefighter	9	Commercial Fisherman
David Hagedorn	Physician	Medical	2	Emergency Room Physician - St. Joe's
David Harmony	Support / EMT	Driver	21	Sales - Consolidated Electrical Distributors
Jim Lane	Paramedic	Medical	3	Paramedic / Firefighter - Bellingham Fire
Fred Lowden	Firefighter EMT	Assistant Chief	5	Electrician - Express Electric
Tom Lutz	Support	Apprentice	First Year	Contractor
Duncan McLane	Firefighter EMT	Chief	13	Welder / Fabricator - Colonial Metal Works
Tobi Melton	EMT	Medical	9	RN - Madrona Medical
Joan Moye	Firefighter FIR	Safety	24	Child Care - Lummi Isl. Preschool & Daycare
Mike Moye	Firefighter FR	Captain	27	Tree Cutter - Self Employed
John Mulhern	Firefighter EMT	Training Officer	10	Deckhand - Whatcom Chief
Ernie Pearson	Firefighter IFA	Firefighter	17	Operator - Whatcom Chief
Jane Phillips	Nurse	Medical	21	Critical Care Nurse - St. Joe's.
Mark Richardson	Support	Apprentice	1	Operator / Purser - Whatcom Chief
Aaron Rupp	Firefighter FR	Firefighter	13	Fire Service Instructor
Janet Rupp	Firefighter FIR	Lieutenant	9	Deckhand - Whatcom Chief
Steve Schrieber	Support / IFA	Apprentice	First Year	Mechanic - Centerview Motor Works
Rob Seckinger	Support / EMT	Apprentice	First Year	Owner - Elakah! Expeditions
Vince Spucces	Firefighter FIR	Firefighter	5	Mechanic - Self Employed
Curt Stocker	Firefighter FIR	Lieutenant	10	Home Inspector - C&S Home Inspections
Judy Thomas	Support / EMT	Medical	12	Teacher - Ferndale School District
Bryan Thurber	Firefighter / IFA	Firefighter	15	Operator / Purser - Whatcom Chief

INCOME

TAX REVENUE	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003
Fire - Levy	\$110,999.65	\$99,147.45	\$114,131.31
EMS - Levy	\$24,878.24	\$25,369.55	\$25,571.11
INVESTMENT INTEREST			
Fire Interest		\$2,761.43	
EMS Interest		\$546.55	
DONATIONS			
Memorials & Other		\$1,275.00	
MISC			
Burn Permits		\$750.00	
Grants		\$1,200.00	
Ferndale School		\$47.84	
Misc.		\$816.63	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$135,877.89</u>	<u>\$131,914.45</u>	<u>\$139,702.42</u>

EXPENSES

LEGISLATIVE	\$4,020.00	\$3,133.43	\$5,600.00
FIRE CONTROL			
Administration	\$16,950.00	\$18,496.70	\$17,300.00
Operations & Suppression	\$21,600.00	\$17,494.24	\$26,000.00
Fire Training	\$11,230.00	\$3,457.02	\$10,250.00
Fire Facilities	\$14,150.00	\$4,247.98	\$20,555.00
TOTAL FIRE	<u>\$67,950.00</u>	<u>\$46,829.37</u>	<u>\$79,705.00</u>
Emergency Medical Services			
Administration	\$7,460.00	\$12,354.41	\$10,975.00
Operations & Ambulance	\$11,025.00	\$14,369.71	\$11,375.00
Training	\$4,350.00	\$1,442.14	\$5,950.00
Facilities	\$7,980.00	\$4,762.92	\$8,510.00
TOTAL EMS	<u>\$30,815.00</u>	<u>\$32,929.18</u>	<u>\$36,810.00</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
LIHT Otto Preserve Water	\$26,000.00	\$11,858.04	\$300.00
LICT Waterline Extension	\$4,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Truck Replacement	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$155,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>\$180,250.00</u>	<u>\$11,858.04</u>	<u>\$155,300.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$279,015.00</u>	<u>\$91,616.59</u>	<u>\$271,815.00</u>

ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/02

Cash Expense Account	\$5,340.85
Expense Investment Account	\$186,494.55
EMS Investment Account	\$20,915.19
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	<u>\$212,750.59</u>

The year's breakdown of emergency calls is as follows:

Fire	10	23%
Rescue & EMS	26	59%
Service Call	3	7%
Good Intent Call	3	7%
False Alarm & False Call	<u>2</u>	4%
Grand Total:	44	
Average Response Time:		9.31 minutes
Time At Incidents:		38.3 Hours

I send out a great big thank you to each and every member for your dedication and service. If anyone has an interest in helping out his or her community in a true time of need please call 758-2411. You can make a difference in the community by joining the emergency response team. I would also like to thank the businesses, organizations and individuals on the Island for their continued support as well as the various baked goods and donations. It means a lot.

Respectfully Submitted: Duncan McLane, CHIEF