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Fire District 7 awarded grant to replace equipment

[Monroe, WA] – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded Fire District 7 a \$758,000 Assistance to Firefighters grant. The grant will be used to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) for firefighters.

There are three different parts to an SCBA; air bottle, pack, and a mask. The packs that are currently being used are set to expire soon. With the assistance of the FEMA grant all three parts will be replaced. For safety purposes, every firefighter is required to wear an SCBA while fighting a fire.

"Firefighter safety is a top priority," says Assistant Fire Chief of Operations, Eric Andrews. "There are additional safety features in the new packs that will help keep our firefighters safe."

Fire District 7 strives to be fiscally responsible and actively pursues grant opportunities to help fund equipment replacement and programs.

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Snohomish County Fire District 7 provides fire and life safety services to over 116,000 people over 98.5 square miles in central and east Snohomish County, including the communities of Clearview, Maltby, Mill Creek and Monroe. In 2017 our emergency personnel responded to over 11,500 emergency calls. Through taxpayer support, Fire District 7 has built the most advanced emergency response system in Snohomish County with highly-trained personnel, facilities, apparatus, and rescue programs. We appreciate your support and are grateful for the opportunity to serve your community.

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