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Fire District 7 evaluates opportunities for partnership to increase efficiencies

[Monroe, WA] – Snohomish County Fire District 7 recently approved an inter-local agreement regarding the sharing of services with Lake Stevens Fire. Currently, the agencies share fire marshal services, training programs, and a Community Resource Paramedic.

Next month Lake Stevens Fire will meet with Snohomish County Fire District 7 to discuss the possibility of additional partnerships. Periodic Joint Commissioner Meetings will allow both Commission Boards the opportunity to get to know each other and work together on behalf of their communities.

"As our communities continue to rapidly grow, we are planning for the future," said Fire Chief Gary Meek. "We want to continue to develop and expand on partnerships with neighboring agencies to provide an improved level of service to our citizens."

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm, which is Fire District 7's regularly scheduled Board of Fire Commissioner's meeting. However, to accommodate for the increase in attendees, the meeting will be held at Fire District 7's Station 31 Training Room located at 163 Village Court, Monroe, WA 98272.

All Board of Commissioner meetings are open to the public and the community is welcome to attend. The Commissioner Meeting schedule is posted on the Fire District 7 website: <u>www.snofire7.org</u>.

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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.