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Snohomish County Fire District 7 officially becomes Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue

Beginning October 10, 2020, Snohomish County Fire District 7 will be renamed Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue.

[Monroe, WA] – During the 2019 August Primary Election, voters in Lake Stevens approved the merger with Snohomish County Fire District 7 by almost 80 percent. The two fire districts officially merged January 1, 2020.

From the beginning of merger discussions, the idea of renaming the fire district to represent the communities served by the newly merged districts has been at the forefront of many meetings. Bonding to the Snohomish County area and highlighting regional partnerships has been a long-standing value of both districts.

Following a series of internal and external surveys, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the district to be renamed Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue at their June 11, 2020 board meeting. As of October 10, 2020, the fire district will be Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue. Although the fire district's name has changed, the dedication to providing the highest level of service has not.

The merger between the fire districts has already improved service to the communities. Most notably in firefighter training, efficiencies in administrative services, and importantly, an increase in the fire district's ability to respond to large-scale emergencies like COVID-19.

Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien would like an opportunity to introduce himself to community service organizations, or other groups. Please contact the Public Information Officer, Heather Chadwick at (360) 282-3962 or hchadwick@snofire7.org to schedule a presentation.

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At the beginning of 2020, Lake Stevens Fire and Snohomish County Fire District 7 merged agencies and formed Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue. The district serves over 162,000 people over 140 square miles and is dedicated to saving lives, protecting property, safeguarding the environment, and taking care of people in a fiscally responsible manner. Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue serves the cities of Lake Stevens, Mill Creek, and Monroe along with the unincorporated areas surrounding these communities. In 2019, emergency personnel responded to more than 17,000 emergency calls. Through community support, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue has built an advanced emergency response system in



Snohomish County with highly trained personnel and progressive rescue programs. We appreciate your support and are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community.

