

# SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 7

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### **Snohomish County Fire District 7 to become Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue**

*Beginning January 1, 2021, Snohomish County Fire District 7 will be renamed Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue.*

Monroe, Wash. – 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 better 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, Fire District 7's Board of Fire Commissioners approved the district to be renamed Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue at their June 11, 2020 board meeting. While fire districts are separate from County government, the name change required approval from the Snohomish County Council. The County Council approved the name change at their meeting on June 22, 2020.

The merger between the districts has resulted in improved service. 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](mailto:hchadwick@snofire7.org) to schedule a presentation.

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*On January 1, 2020 Lake Stevens Fire and Snohomish County Fire District 7 merged agencies. The new district serves over 162,000 people over 140 square miles and is dedicated to saving lives, protecting property, and taking care of people in a fiscally responsible manner. We serve the cities of Lake Stevens, Mill Creek, and Monroe along with the unincorporated areas surrounding these communities. In 2019, our emergency personnel responded to more than 17,000 emergency calls. Through community support, we have built one of the most advanced emergency response systems in Snohomish County with highly-trained personnel, facilities, apparatus, and progressive rescue programs. We appreciate your support and are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community.*