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**Fire District 1 Board Votes on Bond and Levy June 15**

*Public's input welcome and encouraged at public meeting*

(Clayton, Wash.) – The Board of Fire Commissioners for Stevens County Fire Protection District 1 will vote on placing a resolution on the November General Election ballot at its June 15 meeting. The resolution would ask voters to approve a bond for facilities and a levy lid lift for fire district operations.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the second public meetings to provide input about the funding plan to improve emergency services. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Loon Lake Station (4009 North Cedar Street, Loon Lake, Wash.).

The fire district has spent the last several months communicating about the challenges it is facing to provide an adequate emergency response for the 22,000 people it serves. Record high call volumes, a decline in volunteer firefighters and aging facilities are impacting the agency's ability to respond to emergencies.

A 20-year bond would replace two aging fire stations at Suncrest and Loon Lake, reducing response times by an average of five minutes. New stations would contain sleeping quarters so that firefighters can respond directly from the station as opposed to home or work, which can take longer.

The levy lid lift would hire one full-time firefighter and help fund the fire district's equipment replacement program. Another firefighter will provide some relief for existing volunteers and add one more person to day time shifts when call volumes are highest.

The estimated amount for both measures would be 52.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$8.75 per month (\$105 per year) for the owner of a \$200,000 home.

Anyone unable to attend the last public meeting may send written communication prior to June 15 to become part of the public record. Please send to Chief Mike Bucy at [mbucy@scfpd1.com](mailto:mbucy@scfpd1.com) or Stevens County Fire Protection District 1, PO Box 246, Clayton, WA 99110.

Stevens County Fire Protection District 1 provides structure and wildland fire protection, technical rescue, hazardous materials response, and emergency medical service for 13,500 people (22,000 during the summer) over 375 square miles. The fire chief, seven full-time and 40 volunteer firefighter/emergency medical technicians (EMTs) respond to an average of 1,100 calls per year.

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