

Skagit County Fire Protection District #3

Serving you with Pride, Honor & Integrity

Skagit County Fire District #3 has been proudly serving you since 1945. The district was officially created in August 1946 and remains committed to providing excellent emergency response. This **all-volunteer** agency has seen tremendous changes over the years and strives to provide care, compassion, and excellent service to this community. We want to ensure our sustainability and our continued ability to serve you for all emergencies, no matter the time or the day. This is why we are asking for support to restore the levy collection rate to maintain operations into the future.

We are asking the voters to support the fire district with a proposed levy rate of .79 cents per thousand of assessed evaluation. This rate would place us into a similar collection rate that the District held in 1986 and provide sustainable funding to support district operations both now and into the future. This collection rate is on par with, or below, similar fire districts in Skagit County.

LEVY Rate Restoration Provides:

- Sustainable Apparatus Replacement Schedule
- Self-contained Breathing Apparatus & Equipment Replacement
- Response Operations Staffing Solutions

Fire District #3 Annual Emergency Responses:

2021 Calls	Medical	Fire	Motor Vehicle	Mutual Aid
572	399	196	61	68

We understand that it is never a good time to ask for funding. We have strived to be frugal and transparent with all our spending to serve the community. Unfortunately, the same inflation that affects you has affected the District's operations as well. The District needs **a fire Engine**, to replace one that was removed from service in 2019, funding to replace our **self-contained breathing apparatus**, and assist with day-time **staffing**.

The cost of replacing equipment is very expensive. The average cost of a fire engine has soared to a nearly \$750,000 price tag. The District does plan to utilize the used fire apparatus market but even the used truck market has seen significant price increases. The average age of our apparatus fleet is now over 18 years old. The District needs an immediate purchase of one newer fire engine to provide depth in the fleet as 3 of the 6 current firefighting apparatus are beyond the NFPA 20-year front-line recommendation.

Apparatus	Replacement	Estimated Value:	Required Annual Savings:
13 Response Vehicles	35 Year Plan	\$4,605,000	\$131,571
Self-Contained Breathing App.	Remaining Life:	Estimated Cost:	Required Annual Savings:
32 Airpacks/2 Rit Packs	7 Years	\$429, 503.50	\$68,830
Part Time Day Shift Positions	12/Hr Shifts	Mon - Fri	Required Annual Cost
2 positions per day	Stipends		\$96,750

Skagit County Fire District #3 appreciates you and wants to continue serving you to the absolute best of our ability. Please consider helping us continue to serve you through your support!