



LACEY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

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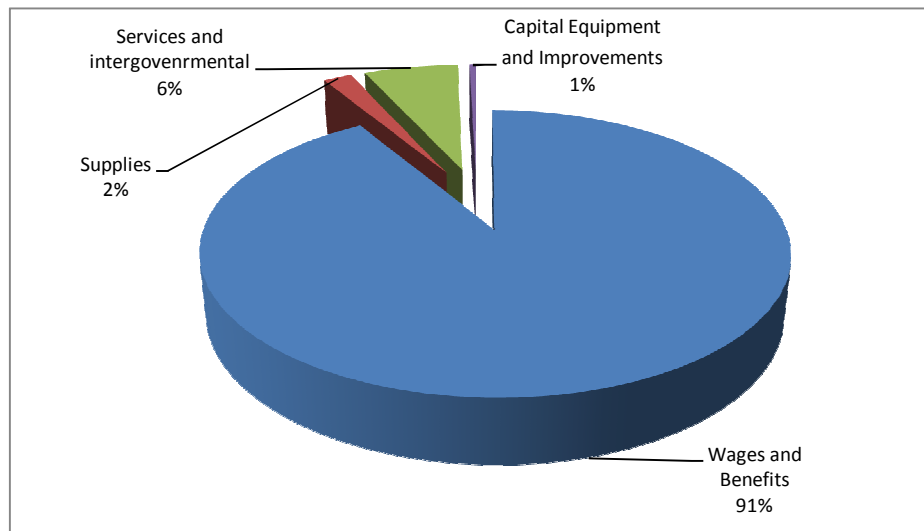
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Fire Commissioners Approve 2011 Budget

At the December 16, 2010, Board of Fire Commissioners meeting, the Commissioners unanimously approved the \$12,602,923 general fund operating budget. As a part of the approval process, the Board opened the meeting for a public comment session on the budget.

A basic budget breakdown is shown below; interested persons can obtain a copy of the comprehensive budget from the headquarters station at 1231 Franz St SE in Lacey or check out our website at www.laceyfire.com

General Fund Operating Budget



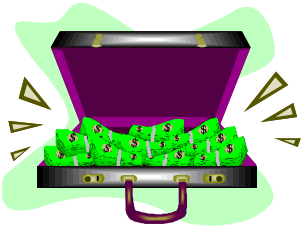
Wages and benefits	\$11,497,516.27
Supplies (fuel, protective gear, office supplies, etc.)	\$241,194.35
Services and intergovernmental (training. Legal, insurance, vehicles maintenance, tec.)	\$813,107.83
Capital equipment and improvements	\$51,105.17
TOTAL	\$12,602,923.62



Community Dispatch is the public newsletter of Lacey fire District 3. It contains information on District news, events and happenings, as well as providing safety, emergency preparedness and health information you may find helpful. Let us know what you think – email us at info@laceyfire.com

If you like it, pass it on!

Can You Really Save \$150 on Your Fire Insurance?



Some residents in Lacey Fire District already have!

Effective November 1, 2010 the District received an improved fire protection rating for areas within the District without a hydrant nearby. **This may mean lower fire insurance rates for citizens and businesses in those areas.**

In Washington, fire protection ratings are established by the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB). The ratings range from 1 to 10, with a lower number signifying a better rating. No City or area in Washington has a rating of 1, and only a few areas or cities have a rating of 2.

The Lacey Fire District area now has three different fire protection ratings:

- City of Lacey incorporated area is rated a **3**.
- Unincorporated areas of the District with a hydrant within 1,000 feet are rated at **4**.
- Unincorporated areas of the District without a hydrant now have an improved rating of **5**.

You should not *assume* that your insurance company has the proper rating for your home or business. Check with your insurance company to see if they use the WSRB fire protection ratings, and to see what fire protection rating they have your home or business listed at. **This call could save you money!**

Make Your Voice Heard – Come to a Fire Commissioner Meeting!

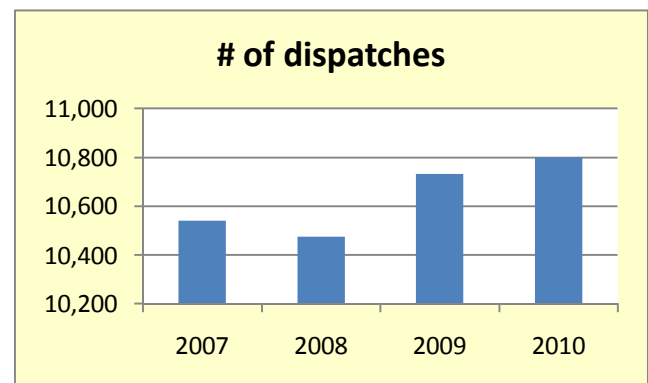
Was your New Year's resolution to get more involved in your community? One way to do this is to attend the Lacey Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners meetings. The Board meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at the headquarters station at 1231 Franz St SE in Lacey. Meetings start at 5:30 pm.

If you lose track of meeting days and times, you can always find them posted on our website at www.laceyfire.com

Numbers Still on the Rise

Preliminary year-end data indicates the District was dispatched nearly 10,800 times in 2010, continuing a slightly increasing trend.

Roughly 75% of the calls were emergency medical calls, followed by service calls at 9%. Fires accounted for 2% of the District's calls.



Can You Find Me Now?

Most people who use cellphones assume that if they dial 9-1-1 that the 9-1-1 call center will be able to determine their location – **this is not necessarily true!**



If you don't know where you are, it may delay or prevent getting help to you or your loved ones.

You need to be able to provide the 9-1-1 call center with the following information:

- Your location
- Your phone number
- The type of emergency
- The name of those involved

You can help yourself by taking these simple steps:

- Always be aware of your surroundings – you need to be able to provide landmarks such as street signs, mileposts, or highway signs.
- Know your number – have your phone number memorized so that you can relay that information to the 9-1-1 dispatcher. I know, you don't call yourself so you don't know your number, but take a moment to check and memorize it.
- Stay connected – don't hang up until the dispatcher tells you it is OK. If you should get disconnected, call 9-1-1 right back.

Adapted from www.emd.wa.gov enhanced 9-1-1

WashYourHandsington

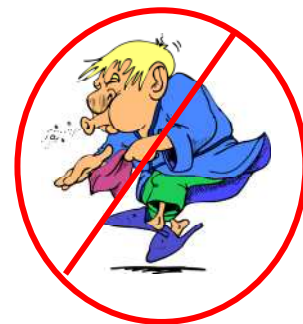
A new ad campaign from the Washington State Department of Health reminds everyone to wash their hands, especially during cold and flu season...

<http://doh.wa.gov/FluNews/handsington.htm>



Why Don't We Do It in Our Sleeves?

Check out the following link: scroll down to "Why Don't We Do It in Our Sleeves" and click on "Full length English version" (or you can choose another language) for a demonstration in infectious disease prevention.



<http://www.coughsafe.com/media.html>

Firefighter of the Year



Alex Christiansen has been selected by Army Sgt Justin D. Norton Post 100 of the American Legion as the Firefighter of the Year for 2010.

The award noted his efforts to preserve and protect quality fire and EMS services in our community, especially as it pertained to the City of Lacey annexation.

Alex has been with the Fire District since 1993.

Lacey Fire District Helping the Community

The Fire District Community Services Committee (CSC) was able to sponsor Thanksgiving dinners for 13 families and provided Christmas gifts and meals for 14 families this year through the generous donations of District members and the proceeds of the CSC fundraising activities.

Three main fund-raising events supported the activities of the CSC this year; the annual IAFF Golf Tournament in June, the 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast at Cabela's in August and the annual Fire and Ice Basketball Challenge in November. Your participation in these events allows the CSC to generate funds for our community services activities. *Thank you* for your participation and we look forward to seeing you – and all your friends – at the next CSC event!

Fire and Ice Photos



The 2010 Fire and Ice Players



Paramedic Firefighter Dan Nadeau takes to the court



Brothers from Different Mothers entertains the crowd at halftime