## Mass Casualty Incident Drill

Skagit County Fire District 6 and the Port of Skagit County hosted a countywide MCI drill that was attended by 10 agencies on September 15<sup>th</sup>.



The drill included a simulated airplane crash that provided emergency first responders a chance to see what a real plane disaster and mass casualty incident would look like.



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# Skagit County Fire District #6

#### November 2023

Skagit County Fire District #6 is composed of rural, urban and forestry communities. We respond out of one fire station- Bay Ridge, built in 2006, located on Peterson Road. Proudly providing fire protection and emergency medical services to 6,800 residents in 27 square miles. As our District and our mutual aid districts grow, so does our call volume. In 2016 we responded to 633 calls and in 2021 that call volume jumped to 1,172 calls. SCFD6 surrounds the City of Burlington on the West, East, and North Sides. SCFD6 runs from the Port of Skagit (western border) to Highway 20 (southern border), to District Line Road (eastern border), to Interstate 5 at Bow Hill Road (northern border). SCFD6 has automatic aid agreements with all the surrounding fire districts including Skagit County Fire District 14, 12, 5, and 2. SCFD6 also has mutual aid agreements with all the fire departments in Skagit County.

# Message from the Chief



I'm proud to be your new fire chief for Skagit County Fire District 6. We've spent time identifying improvements to maintain the level and quality of service our community requires.

Historically, we have relied on volunteers. It's a nationwide challenge to find folks who have time for the training and response hours. If you doubt this statement, then sign up! We welcome your participation.

Our community requires more full-time firefighters to respond, additional space and equipment to improve our 24-hour response for your 911 calls. Equipment includes breathing/oxygen tanks and protective gear for firefighters. We also need to replace an ambulance. Now, don't shake your head about a funding request. As a car lover, I want to put it in perspective...We're not asking for a Cadillac or a fancy foreign job. We need a reliable old Camry and we're currently driving a beat-up Pinto and can't replace the parts. I hope that resonates with you in the election ahead.

Call volumes have increased 102% since 2016. The fire levy lid lift would fund two additional firefighters to reduce response times, replace an ambulance, breathing/oxygen tanks and protective gear for firefighters. It also would renovate our station to add more sleeping quarters to improve response times.

If the lid lift is approved by voters, we can pay cash for these projects as opposed to borrowing money which costs taxpayers more in interest payments. These improvements also will maintain the fire district's risk rating, which is connected to what homeowners pay in insurance premiums. (Would you rather pay your fire department or your insurance company?)

Learn more on our website at www.skagitfire6.com or reach out and ask questions. I'm at etjeerdsma@skagitfire6.com or 360-757-2891. Thank you for considering our request.

## **Open House**

Saturday September 16, we had the opportunity to say "thank you" to our community members for their ongoing support. Residents were invited to enjoy free hot dogs, chili, cookies and refreshments at Hexcel. Activities included apparatus tours, a visit from our T-rex friend, as well as gifts for the kids! We're grateful for the support of our community and proud to serve!



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