



SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 13

www.skagitfire13.net

April 2025

Mission Statement

Skagit County Fire District 13 is devoted to protecting lives and property by providing professional emergency services to our community, neighbors and visitors. We train for the worst to give you the best.

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Fire Chief

Wood Weiss

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Stations

Station Two (Main Station)

17433 Snee-Oosh Road

La Conner, WA 98257

Station One

8652 Stevenson Road

Anacortes, WA 98221



Message from the Chief

24 years ago, I joined the Hope Island Fire Department as a volunteer. We were running 80 calls per year with one fire engine and one ambulance. These apparatus were housed in a small 2 bay station next to the Hope Island Inn. It was a great time in my life serving with some very special people like George Llewelyn, Mike Chevalier, Assistant Chief Roy Horn, Chief Miles Johns and a bonified movie star Meg Foster. Roy became the next Chief of the whole district including Summit Park. During those early years I came to know many fine firefighters and EMT's, some who are still serving today, Ted Taylor, Andrew Lester, Aaron Carr, Jamie Jurdi and Duane Dent. As the incidents increased, and the volunteers decreased it became obvious that a new system for delivering Fire and EMS services was in order. In 2012, Chief Horn was instrumental in initiating our current 24/7 emergency response system. The idea was to use young career-minded firefighters blended with our volunteers and a duty chief directly responding from the new firehall on Snee-Oosh Road. The result was a 5-minute reduction in response times, better patient outcomes and lower property loss throughout the community. Two years later we started transporting patients, which brought in much-needed revenue.

In 2019 I took over as chief and then Covid hit creating many financial challenges that continue to this day. In 2022, with grant money through the Swinomish, we began the first CARES program in Skagit County. This program helps with the underserved members of the community. With the CARES team, we continue the Good Morning District 13 call in program plus public CPR training and smoke alarm installation. In addition, the CARES team provides back up when we have overlapping medical calls and fires.

Currently our minimum staffing model is a crew of 3 Firefighter/EMT's per call. We have a new tender coming in August to replace our 35 year old tender, but our most critical financial challenge today is the purchase of a new fire engine/pumper to replace our 36-year-old back-up fire engine.

Our call volume has climbed to over 1300 incidents with 300 plus transports per year. District 13 has come a long way from my first years at Hope Island and we all look forward to fulfilling our mission of protecting life and property far into the future.

Fire District 13 Services:

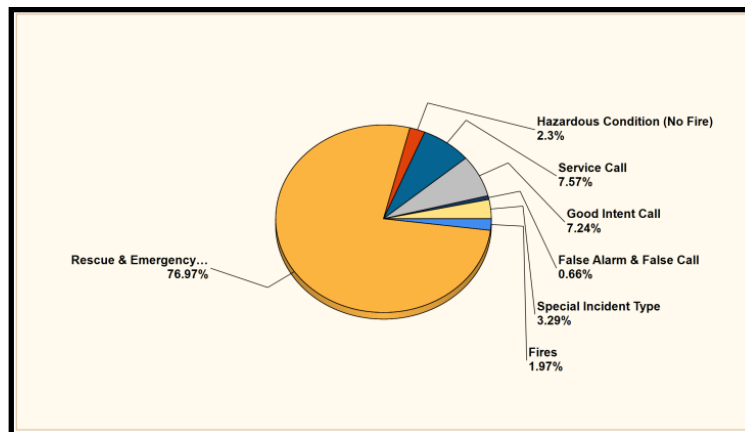
- **24/7 Emergency Response**
- **Good Morning District 13**—A program to help assist someone to live independently. We communicate with you and check on your welfare daily. (Check in days/times can be customized per person).
- **FD13 CARES**—A program to connect people with various resources around the area including mental health and substance abuse, crisis support and vital assessments.
- **Smoke Alarms**—With help from the Red Cross, FD13 can come install smoke alarms in your house for free.
- **CPR/First Aid Classes**—We offer CPR/First Aid training classes.
- **Marine Rescue Program**—We have two boats available for rescue.

If you'd like any information about any of these programs, please contact us at 360-399-1027.



Thanks to the **Marathon Refinery**, we were able to purchase a new compressor for our air refill station which was broken and unfixable due to it's age.

First Quarter 2025 Calls



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	6	1.97%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	234	76.97%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	7	2.3%
Service Call	23	7.57%
Good Intent Call	22	7.24%
False Alarm & False Call	2	0.66%
Special Incident Type	10	3.29%
TOTAL	304	100%

Your Fire District 13 Crew

Wood Weiss, Fire Chief

Jamie Jurdi, Battalion Chief

Duane Dent, Captain

Andrew Ferrell, Captain (CARES)

Ryan Hiller, Captain

Chris Olbu, Captain

Jesse Strinden, Captain (CARES)

Cole Harris, Lieutenant

Aaron Carr, Firefighter

Caleb Castle, Firefighter/EMT

Tony Denunzio, Firefighter/EMT

Jackson Grande, Firefighter/EMT

Bailey Hawkins, Firefighter/EMT

Logan James, Firefighter/EMT

Andrew Lester, Volunteer

Cole Mardesich, Firefighter/EMT/CARES

Dalton Mitchell, Firefighter/EMT

Connor Parkerson, Firefighter/EMT

Christopher Petershagen, Firefighter/EMT

Taylor Peterson, Firefighter/EMT

Braden Stanovich, Firefighter/EMT

Ted Taylor, Volunteer

Tim Wurtz, Firefighter/EMT



Current Vehicle Inventory

1989	Ford Pumper (Fire Truck)
1990	Ford Tender
1994	Ford Brush Truck
1997	Freightliner Pumper
2002	Ford Ambulance
2008	Chevrolet Silverado
2010	Ford Expedition
2016	Ford Ambulance
2019	Ford Ambulance
2019	Ford F250
2019	Pierce Pumper

*NFPA 1901—Trucks should be placed in reserve at 20 years and retired at 25 years.

*WSRB—No truck rating after 25 years. (<https://www.1.wsrb.com/about>)



Skagit County Fire District 13
17433 Snee-Oosh Road
La Conner, WA 98274

Resident

COMMISSIONER MEET AND GREET

**SAVE
THE DATE**

June 4, 6:00 pm

Fire Station Two / 17433 Snee-Oosh Road

June 11, 6:00 pm

Shelter Bay Clubhouse

June 18, 6:00 pm

Fire Station One / 8652 Stevenson Road

**FOOD AND
DRINKS
PROVIDED**

Commissioner Shellhamer Message

Dear District 13 Neighbors and Friends,

In my time serving as pastor, I loved meeting with engaged couples to talk about their wedding, and married life. One of the key areas we talked about was, 'communication'. Good communication has two components; 1) "Assertiveness" – using "I" statements to say what "I want, I need, I feel"; and, B) "Active Listening" – listening with the goal of understanding (not preparing your rebuttal!)

In June, we would like to invite you to "A Conversation With Your Fire District". Our goal is to provide you information about the status of Fire District 13; our current services, equipment, mission and vision: and to listen to you, our community – about your desires and needs that fit within the mission and scope of a local fire department. You'll have an opportunity to meet and talk to some of our people; get up close to some of our equipment; and view informational displays about our current services. And we want to listen to you – and together explore possible solutions as to how we may be able to best respond to your wants and needs.

A supper of hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, dessert and beverages will be provided to hopefully make it convenient for you, your family, neighbors and friends to attend; please invite them!

Dates:

Wednesday, June 4th, beginning at 6:00 pm at Station 2; 17433 Snee Oosh Road.

Wednesday, June 11th, at the Shelter Bay clubhouse, hosted by the Shelter Bay Safety Committee. Supper served beginning at 6:00.

Wednesday, June 18th, beginning at 6:00 pm at Station 1: 8652 Stevenson Road.

For more information or details, please email or call: secretary@skagitfire13.net or (360) 466-3339. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at one of our "Conversations"!