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Another clean audit for Asotin County Fire District 1

Clarkston, Wash. – Asotin County Fire District 1 passed its accountability audit for the years 2013-2015 that was conducted recently by the Washington State Auditor’s Office. Fire Chief Noel Hardin says that the fire district has passed every audit since he’s been there – and that’s 16 years.

“We are accountable to our taxpayers, and take that responsibility seriously,” said Chief Hardin.

The audit is designed to ensure compliance and adequate safeguarding of public resources, and includes a review of internal controls for the fire district. The audit process involved performing procedures to see how the fire district uses public resources and complies with state laws and regulations.

The audit covered four areas: financial reporting, procurement purchases, debt issuance and covenants, and procurement bid law compliance. In all areas, the Washington State Auditor’s Office reported that “District operations complied with applicable requirements and provided adequate safeguarding of public resources. The District also complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined.”

Community members can review the report by visiting the Washington State Auditor’s web site at <http://portal.sao.wa.gov/reportsearch>. The next accountability audit will take place in 2019, and cover the years 2016-2018.

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Asotin County Fire District 1 provides fire suppression and prevention, emergency medical service (EMS), river rescue, oil spill response and wildland fire protection to 14,000 people over 120 square miles of land and 35 miles of shoreline. Thirty-two volunteer firefighters, 28 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and 35 paramedics (through a partnership with Lewiston) respond to an average of 2,600 calls per year. The fire district operates under a balanced budget and has passed all financial and accountability audits by the state. Learn more about Asotin County Fire District 1 by visiting their web site www.acfd1.org or Facebook page /asotincountyfd1.