

OUR CHALLENGES

- Decreased availability of volunteer firefighters — particularly during daytime hours
- Maintain rating for homeowners' insurance: The Washington State Survey & Rating Bureau assists insurance companies in establishing homeowners' rates. If fire departments are downgraded due to inadequate staffing or response, homeowners' insurance will rise — on average — 15-20%.
- Dramatically increased call volume: Combined calls 2010 – 382
Combined calls 2016 – 561
(Represents a 47% increase in call volume)
- Increased state-required training

Benefits of Creating Lakeside Fire & Rescue

- Much of the additional income will go toward providing fire and medical service weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. — when few volunteers are currently available
- It will strengthen our ability to maintain our homeowners' insurance rating
- It will help to consolidate costly resources between the two districts
- It will provide resources to accommodate important state-required training

What Will It Cost?

Current Tax Rate	Fire Rate*	Proposed Fire Rate**	Station Bond***
Fire District 4	\$1.00	\$1.15	N/A
Fire District 9	\$0.72	\$1.15	\$0.46

*Rate is per \$1000 of assessed valuation based on 2017 assessments.

**Assuming a property value of \$300,000, Big Lake residents' fire rate increases from \$216 to \$345. Clear Lake residents' fire rate increases from \$300 to \$345 annually.

***Fire Station

What is our future without Lakeside Fire & Rescue?

The independent Fire Districts will of course continue to provide service to the area, but the current interlocal agreements are less sustainable as they stand. This could result in:

- Fewer emergency responders
- Longer response times
- Higher homeowner insurance rates

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