



# LACEY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

## *Community Dispatch*

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## Lacey Fire District Receives \$303,000 Grant From Nisqually Indian Tribe

Lacey Fire District was the grateful and honored recipient of a **\$303,275 grant** from the Nisqually Tribe during the Tribe's annual charitable giving banquet in December 2011.



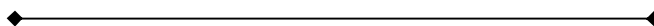
The grant was requested and awarded for service improvements in the Station 32 area (Lk St Clair) on Yelm Hiway. The grant specifically requested funding for the purchase of a water tender (a fire engine with a larger-than-usual water tank) to help provide an immediate water supply for firefighting, and for the purchase of a modular home to house emergency responders.

Currently, the station is not staffed. In 2010, the District received a four-year \$650,000 federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant to help in recruiting and retaining volunteers. The District plans to improve service delivery in the Station 32 area through a combination of these two generous grants. The District has five volunteers already recruited in 2011 through the grant, and nine more in January 2012.

Lacey Fire District is continuing to recruit volunteer firefighters; if you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, or are already qualified and are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter for Lacey Fire District 3, we'd like to hear from you. Please send an email to [info@laceyfire.com](mailto:info@laceyfire.com)



Lacey Fire District Fire Commissioners Judy Wilson and Gene Dobry, with Commission Chairman Dobry holding the Nisqually grant check



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### New Fire Chief Takes Oath of Office



Fire Chief Steve Brooks takes his Oath of Office

Lacey Fire District’s new Fire Chief, Steve Brooks, was sworn in on December 29<sup>th</sup> by former Lacey Fire District Fire Commissioner and local attorney C.H. Skip Houser.

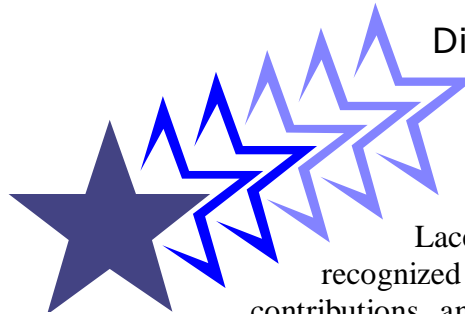
The ceremony was part of the District’s annual member recognition event, attended by approximately 150 members and their families. (See “Night of Stars” article in column to the right)

### Technology Improvements on District Apparatus

Lacey Fire District apparatus are starting to be outfitted with idle reduction technologies courtesy of a Washington State Department of Ecology grant for reducing diesel emissions.

Smaller apparatus will receive a battery system that allows the vehicle to be turned off (reducing emissions) while the batteries run the lights. Engines will receive a generator that will perform the same function. Reductions in diesel emissions, cost for diesel fuel, and reduced maintenance will all be outcomes of the project.

Cummins NW is the vendor for the project.



### District Members Recognized in “Night of Stars” Event

Lacey Fire District recognized members for their contributions and efforts for both 2010 and 2011 in the “Night of Stars” event.

Fire Commissioner awards went to:

- Battalion Chief Steve Crimmins and Firefighter Ryan Cox for their work in keeping the community informed through the creation and maintenance of the District’s Facebook page
- Firefighter Kevin Davenport for his community outreach efforts

Chief’s awards were awarded to:

- Firefighter Ken Roberts for his dedicated service as a Volunteer Firefighter and Fire Investigator
- HR Officer Wendy Sternsheim for her strong commitment to customer service and member support.

Firefighter of the Year for 2010 was awarded to Firefighter Ryan Cox.

Firefighter of the Year for 2011 was awarded to Lt Patrick Harn.

Photos from the event appear on the next page.

Commissioners' Awards



Chief's Awards



Firefighter of the Year



## 2011 Response Information

The District was dispatched 10,653 times in 2011, nearly the same number of times as the previous year. Of the more than 10,000 dispatches, 9,091 of the calls were within the Lacey Fire District 3 area, the remainder of responses were mutual aid calls or calls where the medic units operated by District 3 responded to areas outside the District. The District operates two full time medic units and one part time medic unit; these three units provide advanced life support services to an identified area of Thurston County. All medic units operating in the County have identified service areas as well as providing coverage for other medic units when necessary.

All calls are associated with a Station area within the District; in 2011 the call distribution was:

- Station 31 – 4,089 calls
- Station 32 – 535 calls
- Station 33 – 2,307 calls
- Station 34 – 2,150 calls
- Station 35 – 580 calls

The District will be publishing our annual performance audit later this spring. This publication will identify how we met our established goals. Preliminarily, we can provide the following response information:

	Average Response Time	90% Response Time
Station 31 (Headquarters at Franz & Pacific)	6:16 minutes	9:23 minutes
Station 32 (Yelm Hiway & Lake St Clair area)	11:18 minutes	14:39 minutes
Station 33 (Mullen near Timberline High school)	7:36 minutes	10:47 minutes
Station 34 (Hawks Prairie near Ostroms)	7:09 minutes	11:22 minutes
Station 35 (Willamette near Jubilee)	7:36 minutes	11:40 minutes

“Average Response Time” indicates a 50% level; 50% of the time we will be at your emergency within the indicated time. The “90% Response Time is a better predictor of District response – 90% of the time we will be on scene within the time indicated. District performance standards are set at 90%, but most citizens are more familiar with the “average response time” concept, so both are presented here.

Finally, emergency medical service (EMS) calls continue to be our largest volume service request at 75% of our call volume. Of these EMS calls, about 44% are Advanced Life Support (paramedic) calls. Our two largest categories of service requests are:

- EMS (without MVAs) – 7997 (702 of which are motor vehicle accidents)
- Patient assists – 840