



# Snoqualmie Pass

## Fire & Rescue

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May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the Board of Fire Commissioners adopted resolution 2014-01, intent to impose a fire benefit charge, for voter approval on the August 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 state primary election. SPFR is seeking interested individuals to serve on an acceptance and rejection committee (please see acceptance and rejection committee letter). The committees will need to prepare a statement for the ballot which is due at the county elections office on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

In 2008 the voters approved a proposition establishing the current FBC that is set to expire at the end of this year. The current FBC sets a benefit charge for commercial structures and multi-family structures (condominiums) over 2 stories. The Board is asking for voter approval to expand the FBC to include single family residences. We are currently planning more public meetings to discuss the reason for expanding the FBC and what that means. Essentially, we are trying to get back to a funding level from three years ago, but we will also be mailing out fliers with specific information. As always if anyone needs to talk to me about the FBC or anything else regarding the operations of the Fire District I will make myself available.

In the next couple of days we will be advertising dates that the community can come to the fire station and ask questions. We started speaking to members of the community in February about current issues and how the fire benefit charge will help maintain a sustainable funding mechanism to accomplish the challenges ahead. There is a question and answer document on this website under the FAQ drop down menu. This Q & A describes some of the problems we are facing. We really encourage the community to get involved and help us come up with solutions together. Thank you!

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