

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #2

Critical Facilities (Owned by District):

1. Fire Station, 15452 Beavermarsh Road approximate value: \$ 875,000

Equipment:

Apparatus	\$ 1,059,500
Contents	\$ 400,000

Value of Area Served: \$589,346,584

Outline of Area Served: Fire District #2 is located westerly of the City of Mount Vernon and is bounded on the north by State Route 20 and Ovenell Road; on the east by Pulver Road, the Skagit River, and the City of Mount Vernon; on the south by the Skagit River; and on the west by Best Road.

Current and Anticipated Service Trends: Slow housing growth, increased industrial development with the Bayview Growth Management Area with potential for more development.

Natural Hazard Vulnerability Analysis Rating: This District is most vulnerable to the following natural hazards - ranked in order:

1. Earthquake
2. Flooding
3. Wind

Beyond routine requests for services, Skagit County Fire District #2 facilities and equipment have NOT been impacted by natural hazard events during the 2003-2008 plan cycle.

Natural Hazard Event History:

Since 1990, the district has assisted Skagit County Dike District #1 and Skagit County Dike District #12 in conducting flood-fight operations. Recently, district facilities served as a Command and Operations Center during flood events in 2003 and 2006. Fire District #2 personnel assisted in conducting evacuation notification to persons residing within the district during the 2003 flood event. ***Skagit County Fire District #2 facilities and equipment were not impacted by either of these events.***

During the 2003–2008 plan cycle, Skagit County Fire District #2 has responded a total of 47 times to incidents related to severe weather. Typical incidents involve downed trees and/or power lines and securing residential electrical service poles. During several of these events, Skagit County Fire District #2 opened its facility (on emergency power) to provide a warm shelter and sanitary facilities for those without power, if needed. ***Skagit County Fire District #2 facilities and equipment were not impacted by any of these events.***

Existing Applicable Natural Hazard Mitigation Policies, Ordinances, and Codes:

The district has not adopted any natural hazard mitigation policies, ordinances, or codes.

2003 Proposed Natural Hazard Mitigation Measures:

Mitigation Measure	Lead Agency	Funding Source	Time Line
Retrofit Fire Station for Earthquake Protection	Commissioners	Grant funding	Short Term
Place existing “above ground” utilities underground	Commissioners	Grant Funding / Other sources as available	Short Term

In 2007, the district applied for federal hazard mitigation grant funding to retrofit the fire station for earthquake protection. The district was recently notified by FEMA that the district proposal has been accepted for funding; we hope to complete this project in 2009. Funding remains unavailable for placing existing above-ground utilities underground. **These proposed mitigation measures remain valid and are re-affirmed for the 2008-2013 plan cycle.**

Additional 2003-2008 Mitigation Actions and Accomplishments:

1. Emergency generator system was upgraded to provide emergency power to that portion of the station occupied by Skagit Medic One Skagit Central Valley Ambulance.
2. At the present time, the district is planning a project to install a large natural gas/propane fired generator capable of running the entire station and with additional reserve power to provide needed services for extended periods of time.
3. Upgraded two-way radio system (base station, mobile radios, and portable radios) to be compatible with all agencies that we interact with.
4. One engine has been re-located to temporary quarters to increase service capabilities and decrease incident response time to certain areas within the district. The district has purchased property and is currently planning for construction of a second station to provide permanent quarters. Upon completion, the existing generator will be moved to this facility to provide emergency power.
5. District representatives, in cooperation with other agencies and the Skagit 9-1-1 Center, have been involved in planning for an upgraded emergency public warning system.
6. The district has recently offered use of our facility and radios to the Skagit 9-1-1 Center for use as an alternate dispatch facility; the proposal is being researched at this time.