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Mountlake Terrace and Fire District 1 Annual Review

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE—Representatives from the City of Mountlake Terrace and Snohomish County Fire District #1 recently met for an annual review of fire and emergency medical services (EMS). Each year the Fire District provides a report detailing the Fire District's performance measures as well as the services the Mountlake Terrace community receives. The 2008 report showed that the Fire District continues to meet the conditions and obligations as outlined in the contract approved in 2004.

Mountlake Terrace Mayor Jerry Smith, Fire District 1 Commission Chair Jim Kenny and Commissioner Bob Meador attended the meeting and discussed a range of topics including response times; status of a new Fire Station #18 located in Brier; and an EMS Restoration Levy that may be considered later this year.

Specifically, the report showed how the District met their 2008 objective of arriving within 8 minutes on 91.5% of calls, exceeding the 90 percent standard outlined in the interlocal agreement. Average response time for all calls was 5.39 minutes. The response time is calculated as the time the SNOCOM dispatch center receives a 911 call and not when the unit leaves the station. The response time stops when a fire and/or EMS unit first arrives on site.

Overall, calls for fire and emergency medical services decreased slightly in 2008 from the previous year. Fire calls, which comprise 18.8% of total calls, decreased by 2.4% or 10 fewer calls in 2008 versus 2007. EMS calls, which comprise 81.2%

of total calls, increased by 1.2% or 55 more calls for service in 2008 than in 2007.

This annual review, a requirement of the long-term agreement with Fire District 1, can be viewed on the city website at www.cityofmlt.com under For Residents/Public Safety Information/Fire District 1.

For more information on the Fire District 1 Annual Review, please call the City of Mountlake Terrace at (425) 776-1161 or Fire District 1 at (425) 551-1200.

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