

# Fire Protection Districts

**Fire Protection Districts** - Fire protection districts are formed for the provision of fire prevention services, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and the protection of life and property in the unincorporated areas of the county. Administrative authority for the districts results from decisions made by a three-member board of elected fire commissioners. The board of fire commissioners has the authority to hire and appoint employees as well as administer all aspects of the district. The board is required to hold regular monthly meetings. Fire protection districts

levy regular property taxes to provide services to the public. Additionally, with voter approval, the board may issue bonds and make excess levies for specific purposes. The voters elect commissioners to staggered six-year terms. The nonpartisan commissioners receive no regular salary, but may choose to receive nominal compensation for attending meetings.

**All Fire District Positions are Nonpartisan.**

## Fire Protection District No. 1 (Grand Mound - Rochester) - Commissioner, Position No. 2

Only voters in Grand Mound - Rochester Fire District will vote on this position.

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For the last 6 years I have enjoyed being a Fire Commissioner for our community. I hope to continue serving my friends and neighbors by keeping costs at a minimum and using our resources in the most efficient manner. I have witnessed many successes in my previous term including the construction of the new fire station on Sargent Road, creation of the regional fire authority, and a service contract with the Chehalis Tribe.

Our fire district takes pride in customer service, frugal

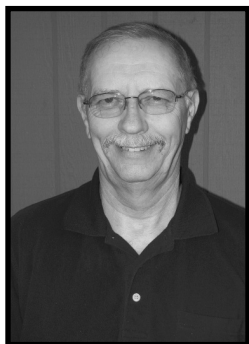
spending and community based fire protection.

If elected another 6 years I will thrive to maintain these ideals.

Please re-elect Calvin Dahl for Commissioner.

**Calvin Dahl**

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With over 25 years of providing Volunteer service to several Fire Departments, I feel very qualified to become a Fire Dist. Commissioner. I would look forward to serving the community and the Fire Department while looking ahead to the future needs of both, while providing hands on experience to help lead Fire Dist.#1 and the local area as we all grow.

**Maurice W. Dick Jr.**

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## Fire Protection District No. 3 (Lacey) - Commissioner, Position No. 1

Only voters in Lacey Fire District, who live **outside** Lacey city limits, will vote on this position.



My name is Gene Dobry and I want to serve the citizens of Thurston County as your Fire District Commissioner.

My wife and I could have lived anywhere in the country, but after retiring from the military (USAF) we chose to stay in Lacey, making this community our permanent home.

I served our nation for over thirty years as a military professional; now I want to expand my horizon with public service in my local community.

Lacey experienced explosive growth this decade;

with it has come numerous challenges for District #3.

Current leaders must accept responsibility for failed policies, overspending and the disharmony created with its city partner. I offer fresh leadership with a plan to *restore* confidence in the district. Introducing my "R" plan: *revive* the volunteer force, *renegotiate* with the city, and *refuse* to overspend. If you agree, I ask for your support and your vote.

**Gene Dobry**

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Your current Fire Commissioner Frank Kirkbride is dedicated to providing Fire District 3 citizens with qualified, capable, emergency responders to protect your property and health. Service, safety and fire protection coupled with sound financial management are key priorities.

Fire District 3 taxpayers annually pay an average of \$96.32 per person for services. In Olympia the cost is \$224.50, Tumwater \$194.08. Our firefighters are paid the average wage of similar size fire departments. The administrative staff is extremely small. Last year a daily

staffing of only 12 to 18 firefighter/emergency medical technicians provided 10,472 emergency responses. That's *good management*.

Kirkbride's knowledge of emergency services, fire training, citizens' needs, and budgets is critical as the Fire District undertakes the increasingly difficult task of providing quality emergency services to its citizens. His only goal is to serve the citizens of our community by providing the best emergency services with sound money management.

**K. Frank Kirkbride**

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## Fire Protection District No. 4 (Rainier) - Commissioner, Position No. 2

Only voters in Rainier Fire District will vote on this position.



My name is Robert L. Johnson and I am asking for your support to continue serving you as your Fire Commissioner. As a 25 year career firefighter with the Olympia Fire Department, I bring a wealth of fire experience to the position. I have been proud to be a part of the Board of Commissioners during this financially challenging period. I have been with the board as we continue to work closely with the Yelm Fire District in an effort to answer your calls for assistance efficiently and in a timely manner. In the

near future we will be combining with Yelm Fire District and the City of Yelm to become even more efficient. Please give me your vote so I may continue to serve as your Fire Commissioner in these challenging times.

**Robert Johnson**

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*Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2009!!*

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