

Summer 2026

Thanks to your support, we're expanding access to emergency medical care — when and where it's needed most. In this issue: a major grant for a community at the end of a long road, a gala to circle on your calendar, and the dedicated agencies making Whatcom County safer every day.

Glacier Fire & Rescue Receives \$13,000 Grant

In June, the EMS Foundation of Whatcom County awarded a \$13,000 grant to Glacier Fire & Rescue — the agency responsible for emergency medical response along the SR 542 corridor and at the Mt. Baker Ski Area. The Mt. Baker area presents a uniquely difficult environment for EMS: its remote location means transport times to definitive care can be dangerously long, severe winter weather routinely complicates response, and the corridor draws high volumes of outdoor recreationists year-round — all of which put sustained pressure on the agency's resources.



This grant funds a vehicle build-out that expands Glacier Fire & Rescue's capacity to reach patients faster and deliver higher-quality care in the field. Congratulations to the entire Glacier Fire & Rescue team!

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Do you have a strong desire to serve your community and champion EMS advancement? We're looking for volunteers whose skills can help drive our mission forward – whether that's through marketing, social media, event planning, grant writing, or community outreach. No medical background required. Just a passion for helping your neighbors.

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The people and businesses featured on our [Sponsors page](#) have chosen to invest in better emergency medical care for everyone in Whatcom County. Please take a moment to visit their websites and learn about their services. Your visit is a simple way to recognize their community leadership. If you or your business would like to support our mission through sponsorship or planned giving, we'd be delighted to add your name to this growing group of community champions.

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Save the Date

2027 Annual Gala – March 6th

Join us for an evening celebrating the lifesavers in our community. Meet the first responders who show up for you and your neighbors every day — and see firsthand how your support makes their work possible. Sponsorship opportunities available.

First Responder Spotlight

Highlighting the Commitment of our Agencies



Across Whatcom County, our local EMS agencies are investing in their teams and communities:

- Ferndale Fire Department has officially resumed 24/7 staffing at Station 41 in downtown Ferndale — a major milestone that means faster response times and greater coverage for the community.
- East County EMS celebrated graduates of the 2026 Recruit Academy, welcoming a new class of trained responders ready to serve.
- Your local Fire/EMS agency offers free resources including household smoke detectors, public CPR classes, Stop the Bleed training, and fall flu clinics — contact them to learn more.
- Volunteer first responders in rural fire districts dedicate themselves beyond their work and family commitments, training weekly on firefighting tactics and EMS best practices — a remarkable service to their neighbors.
- South Whatcom Fire Authority is partnering with the Washington DNR to bring free wildland fire risk assessments to homes within the authority's boundaries. Contact them to schedule yours.

Every dollar stays local! Donate now!

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