

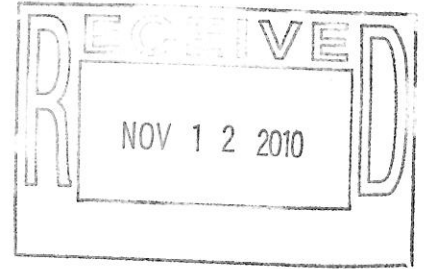


Whatcom County Fire District No. 7

November 8, 2010

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Gerald Metzger, Commissioner
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Dear Chief,

Gary Russell, Chief
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Jerry Martin, Div. Chief
Vic Pankratz, Operations Capt.
Patty Markel, Administration
Carrie Hamilton, Administration

I would like to take this time to thank you and your department for the assistance at the scene of a residential house fire on November 6, 2010.

District 7 received the alarm at 0224 hours and upon arrival, the first in unit found a fully involved structure fire. Thankfully, all occupants were able to exist the dwelling uninjured.

It was evident that additional equipment and personnel may be needed to combat this fire. An early call was made for additional assets. Your department responded and arrived in minutes of the request. The assistance rendered by L63 was instrumental in the positive outcome of the fire. Your crew and apparatus were used to effect extinguishment of the fire due to the unsafe conditions of the structure limiting the entry of interior crews.

The professional and proficient manner in which they performed the duties assigned them reflects on the entire NWF&R organization. It is comforting to know that NWF&R crews and equipment are available when needed to protect the communities in Whatcom County.

Your personnel are a reflection of the departments culture set from the top down. Would you please deliver to your L63 crew a heartfelt thanks and WELL DONE from, myself and our entire department.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GER", written over a horizontal line.

Gary E. Russell, Chief

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Commissioners