

Klickitat County Fire District #3

Community Task Force

June 10, 2013

Discussion Summary

Following are a list of key issues to be included in the report and/or information the task force would like to know more about before making a recommendation:

- Community Survey
 - What is the process? Format? Timing?
 - Consider the goals of the survey – what are the objectives? Education or feedback . . .
 - How many interviews is each task force member expected to conduct?
 - Is the purpose to inform interviewees and then ask questions, or vice versa?
 - How can we ensure consistency, broad community perspectives, quality?
 - Need standard talking points or script for task force members to work from
 - Provide basic LOS outline
- Recruiting more volunteers – fire and non-fire
- Concerns about cooperation (or not) with White Salmon and Bingen, other districts
- Need more information about the following:
 - Cost of replacement and financing for existing equipment and new equipment
 - ongoing expenses
 - existing set asides for replacement, contingencies
 - Primary, secondary functions of the district – fire, ems, motor vehicle, wildand, haz mat, community service, etc.?
 - Hydrant, hose, equipment testing – frequency, costs, etc.
 - Reserve funds
 - Revenues and expenses
 - Subsidy to White Salmon – to continue or not?
 - Alerts to homeowners and insurers re: LOS, potential cost reductions
 - What will Fire Commission do with the recommendations?
 - Where is the District headed?
 - Merger?
 - EMS?
 - Volunteers? Paid staff?
 - And how to finance . . .
 - Overall fire risk and forecasted changes over time (10 years, 20 years)
 - Status of existing partnership with Underwood Conservation District, WA DNR
- Highlight courage and foresight of the District – encourage support for KCFD#3 leadership

- Shared services with WS – grant writer, equipment, staff, administration
- Add information on water rescue – capabilities, LOS, needs
- Assess the District’s IT capacity and needs (include GIS)
- Recommendations for promoting the District – “other” support, education, flyers
- What are “reasonable” or “acceptable” levels of service
- Highlight the asset of the District’s EMS transport service
- Highlight importance of public awareness and education
 - Fire-aware, fire-safe public/communities
- Address recreation impacts on LOS/Demands
- Address potential future development (revenues, demand, risks)
- ???

Others?