

March 17, 2009



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Dear Citizens of DuPont,

At the March 3, 2009 meeting of the DuPont City Council, by a vote of 6-1, an ordinance was passed that will place a lid lift measure on the April 28, 2009 ballot. This measure is a lid lift for \$1.00 per thousand of assessed value that will, if approved, be used by the City solely for Fire and Medic One services. Last November, a similar lid lift measure for \$1.80 per thousand failed, only receiving 48% of the vote. As you might recall, this measure was confusing and your City Council has taken great efforts to be sure that this current measure is well crafted and at a level that will meet the needs of the citizens, while also addressing the recommendations of the Fire Service Task Force.

We have worked diligently to come up with a reasonable proposal with Lakewood Fire District 2 that will provide a quality level of contract service if this funding measure is secured. The proposal, confirmed by Lakewood Fire Chief Ken Sharp, will continue to provide a fire engine stationed in our City, staffed with three personnel. The proposal also includes the addition of a fire department medic unit (ambulance), which will also be stationed in the City's fire station. This medic unit will be a part of Lakewood's Medic One system and will be staffed with Firefighter/Paramedics. In addition, the City would receive all of the services that Lakewood Fire District 2 offers, including public education programs for our schools, technical rescue services, hazardous materials response, dive rescue, and many other quality programs that our City does not currently offer. This entire proposal can be funded with the revenue raised by this lid lift, coupled with the current fire department budget.

The City has struggled with fire department issues for many years. After a significant amount of study and work by a wide variety of citizens and elected officials, we believe this plan will secure a fire department service level that will provide the emergency response capabilities and peace of mind that all of our citizens deserve.

There have been many questions raised during the course of our work on this issue. In an effort to capture some of these, I've included a frequently asked questions flyer with my letter. I hope this will help to answer questions you may have, but if there is anything else I can answer for you, please don't hesitate to contact me at [tjenkins@ci.dupont.wa.us](mailto:tjenkins@ci.dupont.wa.us). Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tamara Jenkins, Mayor  
City of DuPont