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## **Accountability Audit Report**

# **Grant County Fire Protection District No. 13**

**For the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013**

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Board of Commissioners  
Grant County Fire Protection District No. 13  
Ephrata, Washington

### ***Report on Accountability***

We appreciate the opportunity to work in cooperation with your District to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. The State Auditor's Office takes seriously our role to advocate for government accountability and transparency and to promote positive change.

Please find attached our report on Grant County Fire Protection District No. 13's internal controls and compliance. This report will also be published on our website at [www.sao.wa.gov](http://www.sao.wa.gov) as a matter of public record. Our audit was performed under the authority of state law (RCW 43.09.260) and included procedures we considered necessary under the circumstances.

Thank you for working with us to ensure the efficient and effective use of public resources.

Sincerely,

**TROY KELLEY**  
STATE AUDITOR

## **Audit Summary**

### **Grant County Fire Protection District No. 13 September 30, 2014**

#### ***ABOUT THE AUDIT***

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of Grant County Fire Protection District No. 13 from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013.

The objective of our audit was to evaluate the adequacy of the District's internal controls to safeguard public resources and the District's compliance with state law and its own policies. In keeping with general auditing practices, we did not review every aspect of the District's internal controls and compliance. Instead, our review focused on areas representing the highest risk of misappropriation, misuse or noncompliance.

Our report is addressed to the governing body and management of the District. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

#### ***RESULTS***

In the areas we examined, the District's internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets. The District also complied with state laws and its own policies in the areas we examined.

However, we noted certain matters that we communicated to the District. We appreciate the District's commitment to resolving those matters.

## **Description of the District**

### **Grant County Fire Protection District No. 13 September 30, 2014**

#### ***ABOUT THE DISTRICT***

Grant County Fire Protection District No. 13 provides fire suppression, rescue and medical aid response to approximately 126 square miles surrounding the city of Ephrata. In addition, the District contracts with the Rimrock Meadows community in Douglas County and provides services to the Soap Lake community through an interlocal agreement. The District operates with approximately 28 volunteer firefighters and 13 pieces of equipment.

The District is governed by an elected, three-member Board of Commissioners. From 2010 to 2013, annual revenues ranged from approximately \$144,000 to \$189,000, of which the District collected approximately \$110,000 in property taxes each year.

#### ***DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION***

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Ephrata, WA 98823

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Website: [grant13firerescue.org](http://grant13firerescue.org)

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