



Office of the Washington State Auditor  
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# Financial Statements Audit Report

## Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4

For the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

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July 1, 2024

Board of Commissioners  
Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4  
Snohomish, Washington

**Report on Financial Statements**

Please find attached our report on Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4's financial statements.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the District's financial activities and condition.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor  
Olympia, WA

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

#### **Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022**

Board of Commissioners  
Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4  
Snohomish, Washington

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2024.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the District's financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. We issued an adverse opinion on the fair presentation with regard to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) because the financial statements are prepared by the District using accounting practices prescribed by state law and the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) Manual described in Note 1, which is a basis of accounting other than GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

### **REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

## **REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However,

this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

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Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

June 24, 2024

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

### **Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022**

Board of Commissioners  
Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4  
Snohomish, Washington

## **REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Unmodified and Adverse Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the financial section of our report.

### **Unmodified Opinion on the Regulatory Basis of Accounting (BARS Manual)**

As described in Note 1, the District has prepared these financial statements to meet the financial reporting requirements of state law and accounting practices prescribed by the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) Manual. Those accounting practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The differences in these accounting practices are also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash and investments of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4, and its changes in cash and investments, for the year ended December 31, 2022, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

### **Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP**

The financial statements referred to above were not intended to, and in our opinion, they do not, present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4, as of December 31, 2022, or the changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended, because of the significance of the matter discussed below.

## **Basis for Unmodified and Adverse Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and *Government Auditing Standards*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit unmodified and adverse opinions.

## **Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP**

Auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) require auditors to formally acknowledge when governments do not prepare their financial statements, intended for general use, in accordance with GAAP. As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the District in accordance with state law using accounting practices prescribed by the BARS Manual, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

## **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of state law and the BARS Manual described in Note 1. This includes determining that the basis of accounting is acceptable for the presentation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and



*Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* includes the following responsibilities:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit;
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements;
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time; and
- We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

## **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's financial statements. The Schedule of Liabilities is presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the prescribed BARS Manual. This schedule is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the

United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

## **OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 24, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on the tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

June 24, 2024

## **FINANCIAL SECTION**

### **Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022**

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions – 2022  
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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY AND OTHER INFORMATION**

Schedule of Liabilities – 2022

**Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4**  
**Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

		<b>Total for All Funds (Memo Only)</b>	<b>070 General Expense Fund (70)</b>	<b>172 Donation Fund (72)</b>	<b>176 Training Center Fund (76)</b>
<b>Beginning Cash and Investments</b>					
308	Beginning Cash and Investments	15,881,188	4,891,916	20,269	150,910
388 / 588	Net Adjustments	7,273	7,273	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>					
310	Taxes	11,649,925	11,649,917	-	-
320	Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	1,058,247	1,058,247	-	-
340	Charges for Goods and Services	979,327	979,327	-	-
350	Fines and Penalties	-	-	-	-
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	165,210	55,420	32	16,371
Total Revenues:		13,852,709	13,742,911	32	16,371
<b>Expenditures</b>					
510	General Government	-	-	-	-
520	Public Safety	10,634,751	10,579,142	13,347	42,262
530	Utilities	-	-	-	-
540	Transportation	-	-	-	-
550	Natural/Economic Environment	-	-	-	-
560	Social Services	-	-	-	-
570	Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures:		10,634,751	10,579,142	13,347	42,262
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues over Expenditures:		3,217,958	3,163,769	(13,315)	(25,891)
<b>Other Increases in Fund Resources</b>					
391-393, 596	Debt Proceeds	-	-	-	-
397	Transfers-In	1,954,975	4	-	38,000
385	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-	-
381, 382, 389, 395, 398	Other Resources	-	-	-	-
Total Other Increases in Fund Resources:		1,954,975	4	-	38,000
<b>Other Decreases in Fund Resources</b>					
594-595	Capital Expenditures	1,022,047	-	6,950	-
591-593, 599	Debt Service	-	-	-	-
597	Transfers-Out	1,954,975	1,938,000	4	-
585	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-	-
581, 582, 589	Other Uses	-	-	-	-
Total Other Decreases in Fund Resources:		2,977,022	1,938,000	6,954	-
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments:</b>		<b>2,195,911</b>	<b>1,225,773</b>	<b>(20,269)</b>	<b>12,109</b>
<b>Ending Cash and Investments</b>					
50821	Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
50831	Restricted	-	-	-	-
50841	Committed	11,795,765	-	-	-
50851	Assigned	1,143,707	980,060	-	163,019
50891	Unassigned	5,144,898	5,144,898	-	-
<b>Total Ending Cash and Investments</b>		<b>18,084,370</b>	<b>6,124,958</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>163,019</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4**  
**Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

		<b>271 Bond Fund (71)</b>	<b>375 Equipment Replacement Fund (75)</b>	<b>378 Capital Projects Fund (78)</b>
<b>Beginning Cash and Investments</b>				
308	Beginning Cash and Investments	17,444	663,724	10,136,925
388 / 588	Net Adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>				
310	Taxes	8	-	-
320	Licenses and Permits	-	-	-
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	-	-	-
340	Charges for Goods and Services	-	-	-
350	Fines and Penalties	-	-	-
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	146	1,414	91,827
Total Revenues:		154	1,414	91,827
<b>Expenditures</b>				
510	General Government	-	-	-
520	Public Safety	-	-	-
530	Utilities	-	-	-
540	Transportation	-	-	-
550	Natural/Economic Environment	-	-	-
560	Social Services	-	-	-
570	Culture and Recreation	-	-	-
Total Expenditures:		-	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues over Expenditures:		154	1,414	91,827
<b>Other Increases in Fund Resources</b>				
391-393, 596	Debt Proceeds	-	-	-
397	Transfers-In	-	916,971	1,000,000
385	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-
381, 382, 389, 395, 398	Other Resources	-	-	-
Total Other Increases in Fund Resources:		-	916,971	1,000,000
<b>Other Decreases in Fund Resources</b>				
594-595	Capital Expenditures	-	1,010,147	4,950
591-593, 599	Debt Service	-	-	-
597	Transfers-Out	16,971	-	-
585	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-
581, 582, 589	Other Uses	-	-	-
Total Other Decreases in Fund Resources:		16,971	1,010,147	4,950
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments:</b>		<b>(16,817)</b>	<b>(91,762)</b>	<b>1,086,877</b>
<b>Ending Cash and Investments</b>				
50821	Nonspendable	-	-	-
50831	Restricted	-	-	-
50841	Committed	-	571,963	11,223,802
50851	Assigned	628	-	-
50891	Unassigned	-	-	-
<b>Total Ending Cash and Investments</b>		<b>628</b>	<b>571,963</b>	<b>11,223,802</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Snohomish County Fire District #4**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2022**

**Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The Snohomish County Fire District 4 (District) was incorporated on December 1, 1942 and operates under the laws of the state of Washington applicable to Fire Protection Districts. The District is a special purpose local government and provides Fire Protection, Suppression and Prevention Services, Emergency Medical Services, and Protection of Life and Property to the City of Snohomish and the surrounding Fire Protection District.

The District reports financial activity in accordance with the *Cash Basis Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) Manual prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of Washington State law, Chapter 43.09 RCW. This manual prescribes a financial reporting framework that differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the following manner:

- Financial transactions are recognized on a cash basis of accounting as described below.
- Component units are required to be disclosed, but are not included in the financial statements (see *Note 8 – Joint Ventures*).
- Government-wide statements, as defined in GAAP, are not presented.
- All funds are presented, rather than a focus on major funds.
- The *Schedule of Liabilities* is required to be presented with the financial statements as supplementary information.
- Supplementary information required by GAAP is not presented.
- Ending balances are presented using classifications that are different from the ending net position classifications in GAAP.

**A. Fund Accounting**

Financial transactions of the government are reported in individual funds. Each fund uses a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its cash and investments, revenues and expenditures. The government's resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds depending on their intended purpose. Each fund is reported as a separate column in the financial statements, except for fiduciary funds, which are presented by fund types. The total column is presented as "memo only" because any interfund activities are not eliminated. The following fund types are used:

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES:**

General Fund This fund is the primary operating fund of the government. It accounts for all financial resources except those required or elected to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds These funds account for specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes of the government.

Debt Service Funds These funds account for the financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal, interest, and related costs on general long-term debt.

Capital Projects Funds These funds account for financial resources which are restricted, committed, or assigned for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities or other capital assets.

#### B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting and measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when cash is received and expenditures are recognized when paid.

#### C. Cash and Investments

See Note 3 - *Deposits and Investments*.

#### D. Capital Assets

Capital assets are assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Capital assets and inventory are recorded as capital expenditures when purchased.

#### E. Compensated Absences

Vacation leave may be accumulated up to 624 hours and is payable upon separation or retirement. Sick leave may be accumulated up to 440 hours. Upon separation or retirement employees do receive payment for unused sick leave. Payments are recognized as expenditures when paid.

#### F. Long-term Debt

See Schedule 09 – Schedule of Liabilities.

#### G. Restricted and Committed Portion of Ending Cash and Investments

Beginning and Ending Cash and Investments are reported as restricted or committed when it is subject to restrictions on use imposed by external parties or due to internal commitments established by the Board of Fire Commissioners by resolution. When expenditures that meet restrictions are incurred, the District intends to use the most restricted resources first.

Restrictions and commitments of Ending Cash and Investments consist of; \$1,047,324 from GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transport), \$9,013 from WA State Military, and \$1,125 from WA State DOH as a Trauma Grant.

### **Note 2 – Budget Compliance**

The District adopts annual appropriated budgets for seven funds. These budgets are appropriated at the fund level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Annual appropriations for these funds lapse at the fiscal year end.

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted on the same basis of accounting as used for financial reporting.

The appropriated and actual expenditures for the legally adopted budgets were as follows:

Fund	Final Appropriated Amounts	Actual Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 12,958,142	\$ 12,517,142	\$ 441,000
Donation	17,734	20,301	(2,567.00)
Training Center	52,085	42,262	9,823.00
Leave Liability	175,000	-	175,000.00
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 13,202,961</b>	<b>\$ 12,579,705</b>	<b>\$ 623,256</b>
<b>Debt Service Fund</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 16,971</b>	<b>\$ (16,971)</b>
Equipment Replacement	\$ 1,127,000	1,010,146	\$ 116,854
Capital Projects	100,000	4,950	95,050.00
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,227,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,015,096</b>	<b>\$ 211,904</b>

Budgeted amounts are authorized to be transferred between line items within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a fund, or that affect the number of authorized employee positions, salary ranges, hours, or other conditions of employment must be approved by the District's legislative body.

### **Note 3 – Deposits and Investments**

Investments are reported at original cost. Deposits and investments by type at December 31, 2022 are as follows:

Type of deposit or investment	District's own deposits and investments
Bank deposits	\$ 8,168,235
WA State Local Government Investment Pool	1,600,041
Snohomish County Investment Pool	8,366,000

The District's investments are combined between the following pools, both invested through Snohomish County Treasurer's office

#### Investments in the State Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)

The District is a voluntary participant in the Local Government Investment Pool, an external investment pool operated by the Washington State Treasurer. The pool is not rated and not registered with the SEC. Rather, oversight is provided by the State Finance Committee in accordance with Chapter 43.250 RCW. Investments in the LGIP are reported at amortized cost, which is the same as the value of the pool per share. The LGIP does not impose any restrictions on participant withdrawals.

The Office of the State Treasurer prepares a stand-alone financial report for the pool. A copy of the report is available from the Office of the State Treasurer, PO Box 40200, Olympia, Washington 98504-0200, online at [www.tre.wa.gov](http://www.tre.wa.gov).

#### Investments in the Snohomish County Investment Pool (SCIP)

The District is a voluntary participant in the Snohomish County Investment Pool (SCIP), an external investment pool operated by the County Treasurer. The pool is not rated or registered with the SEC. Rather, oversight is provided by the County Finance Committee in accordance with RCW 36.48.070. The district reports its investment in the pool at fair value, which is the same as the value of the pool per share. The SCIP does not impose liquidity fees but does impose redemption gates on participant withdrawals.

#### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in event of a failure of a depository financial institution, the District would not be able to recover deposits or would not be able to recover collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The District's deposits and certificates of deposit are mostly covered by federal depository insurance (FDIC) or by collateral held in a multiple financial institution collateral pool administered by the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission (PDPC).

All investments are insured, registered or held by the District or its agent in the government's name.



#### Note 4 – Property Tax

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property tax levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Collections are distributed daily.

Property tax revenues are recognized when cash is received by the District. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible because a lien affixes to the property after tax is levied.

The District's regular levy for the year 2022 was \$1.41919345812 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$6,239,608,821 for a total regular levy of \$8,855,212.

The District's EMS levy for the year 2022 was \$0.4409605073 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$6,317,439,921 for a total regular levy of \$2,780,280.

#### Note 5 – Leases

The District leases 1 copier from Pacific Office Automation for \$510 per month under a 5-year lease agreement that is non-cancellable.

The total amount paid for leases in 2022 was \$6,120. As of December 31, 2022, the future lease payments are as follows:

Year ended December 31	Total
2023	\$4,590
Total	\$4,590

#### Note 6 – Pension Plans

##### A. State Sponsored Pension Plans

Substantially all the District's full-time and qualifying part-time employees participate in the following statewide retirement systems administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), under cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans; LEOFF II, PERS 1, PERS 2, and PERS 3.

The State Legislature establishes, and amends, laws pertaining to the creation and administration of all public retirement systems.

The Department of Retirement Systems, a department within the primary government of the State of Washington, issues a publicly available Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for each plan.

The DRS ACFR may be downloaded from the DRS website at [www.drs.wa.gov](http://www.drs.wa.gov)

At June 30, 2022 (the measurement date of the plans), the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities, as reported on the Schedule of Liabilities, was as follows:

Plan	Employer Contributions	Allocation %	Liability (Asset)
PERS 1	\$ 24,476	0.00399%	\$ 111,208
PERS 2/3	\$ 41,834	0.00521%	\$ (193,116)
LEOFF 2	\$ 300,424	0.14511%	\$ (3,943,679)

Only the net pension liabilities are reported on the Schedule 09.

## LEOFF Plan 2

The District participates in the LEOFF Plan 2. The Legislature, by means of a special funding arrangement, appropriates money from the state general fund to supplement the current service liability and fund the prior service costs of Plan 2 in accordance with the recommendations of the Pension Funding Council and the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board. This special funding situation is not mandated by the state constitution and could be changed by statute.

## **Note 7 – Risk Management**

### Unemployment Self Insurance

The District self-insures as an individual program for unemployment compensation risk. Claims for unemployment are administered by the Washington State Employment Security Department and invoices are submitted to the District on a quarterly basis, if applicable. Total claims received and paid during the year ending December 31, 2022 was \$48,028.

### VFIS - a Division of Gladfelter Insurance Group

The District purchases insurance for Auto, General Liability, Property, Portable Equipment, and Management Liability through VFIS. The Fire District is responsible for deductibles that are paid on claims that are submitted.

### Northwest Firefighters Trust

The District participates in the NWFF Trust with other fire service organizations for health care. All participating members' premiums are paid monthly. The NWFF Trust provides medical benefits through self-funding with reinsurance for specific stop-loss and aggregate loss protection. The NWFF Trust is an independent legal entity not governed by any other group or organization.

## **Note 8 – Joint Ventures**

The District and other police and fire entities jointly operate Snohomish County 911. Snohomish County 911, a cash basis, special purpose district, was created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, as codified in RCW 39.34. This established the statutory authority necessary for Snohomish County, the cities, towns, fire districts, police districts, and other service districts to enter into a contract and agreement to jointly establish, maintain, and operate a support communications center. Control of Snohomish County 911 is with a 16 member Board of Directors which is specified in the Interlocal Agreement. Snohomish County 911 takes 911 calls and performs emergency dispatch services for local governmental agencies including police, fire, and medical aid.

In the event of the dissolution of Snohomish County 911, any money in the possession of Snohomish County 911 or the Board of Directors after payment of all costs, expenses and charges validly incurred under this Agreement shall be returned to the parties of this Agreement and shall be apportioned between Principals based on the ratio that the average of each Principals' contributions to the operating budget over the preceding five (5) years bears to the total of all then remaining Principals' User Fees paid during such five-year period. Before deducting the payment of all costs, expenses and charges validly incurred, the District's share was \$246,199 on December 31, 2022.

Snohomish County 911's 2022 operating budget was \$26,034,697 operating revenues were \$26,904,022 and total operating expenditures were \$25,119,101. Complete financial statements for Snohomish County 911 can be obtained from Snohomish County 911's administrative office at 1121 SE Everett Mall Way, Suite 200, Everett, WA 98208.

**Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4**  
**Schedule of Liabilities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

<b>ID. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Reductions</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities</b>						
259.12	Compensated Absenses		921,083	115,578	-	1,036,661
263.57	Copy Machine		10,710	-	6,120	4,590
264.30	Net Pension Liabilities		55,847	55,361	-	111,208
<b>Total Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities:</b>			<b>987,640</b>	<b>170,939</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>1,152,459</b>
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>			<b>987,640</b>	<b>170,939</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>1,152,459</b>

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