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Financial Statements Audit Report

Marysville Fire District

For the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

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December 23, 2024

Board of Directors
Marysville Fire District
Marysville, Washington

Report on Financial Statements

Please find attached our report on Marysville Fire District'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*

Marysville Fire District January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Board of Directors
Marysville Fire District
Marysville, 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 Marysville Fire District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 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

December 18, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Marysville Fire District January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Board of Directors
Marysville Fire District
Marysville, Washington

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of Marysville Fire District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, 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 Marysville Fire District, and its changes in cash and investments, for the year ended December 31, 2023, 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 Marysville Fire District, as of December 31, 2023, 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 December 18, 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

December 18, 2024

FINANCIAL SECTION

Marysville Fire District January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Marysville Fire District
Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

		Total for All Funds (Memo Only)	001 General	301 Capital
Beginning Cash and Investments				
308	Beginning Cash and Investments	36,168,845	13,598,427	22,570,418
388 / 588	Net Adjustments	-	-	-
Revenues				
310	Taxes	17,449,793	17,449,793	-
320	Licenses and Permits	-	-	-
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	3,273,834	232,091	3,041,743
340	Charges for Goods and Services	11,106,944	11,106,944	-
350	Fines and Penalties	-	-	-
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	1,416,894	569,486	847,408
Total Revenues:		33,247,465	29,358,314	3,889,151
Expenditures				
510	General Government	-	-	-
520	Public Safety	26,382,382	26,367,278	15,104
530	Utilities	-	-	-
540	Transportation	-	-	-
550	Natural/Economic Environment	-	-	-
560	Social Services	-	-	-
570	Culture and Recreation	-	-	-
Total Expenditures:		26,382,382	26,367,278	15,104
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues over Expenditures:		6,865,083	2,991,036	3,874,047
Other Increases in Fund Resources				
391-393, 596	Debt Proceeds	-	-	-
397	Transfers-In	300,000	-	300,000
385	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-
381, 382, 389, 395, 398	Other Resources	22,913	22,913	-
Total Other Increases in Fund Resources:		322,913	22,913	300,000
Other Decreases in Fund Resources				
594-595	Capital Expenditures	2,711,954	140,911	2,571,043
591-593, 599	Debt Service	60,643	60,643	-
597	Transfers-Out	300,000	300,000	-
585	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-
581, 582, 589	Other Uses	21,653	21,653	-
Total Other Decreases in Fund Resources:		3,094,250	523,207	2,571,043
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments:		4,093,746	2,490,742	1,603,004
Ending Cash and Investments				
50821	Nonspendable	-	-	-
50831	Restricted	-	-	-
50841	Committed	-	-	-
50851	Assigned	24,173,421	-	24,173,421
50891	Unassigned	16,089,169	16,089,169	-
Total Ending Cash and Investments		40,262,590	16,089,169	24,173,421

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Marysville Fire District
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Marysville Fire District, a regional fire authority, was incorporated on October 1, 2019 and operates under the laws of the state of Washington applicable to a fire protection district. The district is a special purpose local government and provides fire protection and emergency medical services.

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 4 – *Component Unit(s), Joint Ventures, and Related Parties*).
- 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 for proprietary and fiduciary funds 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.

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 (1) year. Capital assets and inventory are recorded as capital expenditures when purchased.

E. Compensated Absences

Vacation leave may be accumulated up to 500 hours and is payable upon separation or retirement. Sick leave may be accumulated up to 1,040 hours for 40-hour per week employees, and 1,440 hours for 24-hour shift employees. Upon separation or retirement employees do receive payment for unused sick leave, based on a years of service schedule percentage; exceptions apply for employees who decease while employed or are terminated for cause. Payments are recognized as expenditures when paid.

F. Long-Term Debt

See Note 6 – *Long-term Debt (Formerly Debt Service Requirements)*.

Note 2 - Budget Compliance

The district adopts annual appropriated budgets for Expense, Apparatus, Capital Reserve, and Equipment 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 follow:

Fund/Department	Final Appropriated Amounts	Actual Expenditures	Variance
Expense Fund	\$29,468,144	\$26,890,485	\$2,577,659
Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,831,000	\$2,404,275	\$426,725
Apparatus Fund	\$2,264,050	\$181,553	\$2,082,497
Equipment Fund	\$1,000	\$321	\$679

Budgeted amounts are authorized to be transferred between departments within any fund and/or object classes within department; 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.

Due to an increase in public safety building remodel costs and investment fees, the district's Capital/Reserve and Equipment Funds required one budget amendment for an aggregate increase in fund level appropriation of \$500,750.

Note 3 – Deposits and Investments

Investments are reported at face value. Deposits and investments by type at December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Type of deposit or investment	Total of District's own deposits and investments
Bank deposits	\$56,782
Certificates of deposit	\$0
Local Government Investment Pool	\$19,180,807
U.S. Government securities	\$0
Snohomish County Investment Pool	\$21,025,000
Total	\$40,262,589

It is the district's policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses. The interest on these investments is prorated to the various funds.

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.

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 pool does not impose liquidity fees or 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 – Joint Ventures, Component Unit(s), and Related Parties

Snohomish County 911

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 \$1,053,069 on December 31, 2023.

Snohomish County 911's 2023 operating budget was \$28,409,308, operating revenues received were \$29,310,607 and total operating expenditures were \$27,824,076. 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.

Note 5 – Leases (Lessees)

The district leases (1) postage meter from Pitney Bowes for \$201 per quarter under a 63 month lease agreement that cannot be cancelled previous to term end. The district leases (1) copy machine from Copiers Northwest for \$372 per month under a 48 month lease agreement that cannot be cancelled previous to term end.

The total amount paid for leases in 2023 was \$4,434. A variance of \$978 in Schedule 09 lease reductions exists due to lessor write-off of remaining balance on copy machine lease #NASPO-CN27859-EP.

As of December 31, 2023, the future lease payments are as follows:

Year Ended December 31	Total
2024	\$5,263
2025	\$5,263
2026	\$5,263
2027	\$4,892
Total	\$20,681

Note 6 – Long-Term Debt *(formerly Debt Service Requirements)*

The accompanying Schedule of Liabilities provides more details of the outstanding debt and liabilities of the district and summarizes the district's debt transactions for year ended December 31, 2023.

The debt service requirements for general obligation bonds, revenue bonds and installment purchases are as follows:

Year Ended December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$20,023	\$0	\$20,023
2025	\$20,023	\$0	\$20,023
Total	\$40,046	\$0	\$40,046

Note 7 – OPEB Plans

The LEOFF 1 Retiree Medical Plan is a closed, single-employer, defined-benefit OPEB plan administered by the district as required by RCW 41.26. The plan pays for 100% of eligible retirees' healthcare costs on a pay-as-you-go basis. As of December 31, 2023 the plan had (2) members, all retirees.

Fiscal Year 2023	
Number of Retired Plan Members	2
Benefits Paid	\$75,602
*Total OPEB Liability	\$1,193,548

**Measured using the alternative measurement method*

Note 8 – 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 Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System (LEOFF).

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.

LEOFF Plan 1

The district also participates in LEOFF Plan 1. The LEOFF Plan 1 is fully funded and no further employer contributions have been required since June 2000. If the plan becomes underfunded, funding of the remaining liability will require new legislation. Starting on July 1, 2000, employers and employees contribute zero percent.

LEOFF Plan 2

The district also 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.

At June 30, 2023 (*the measurement date of the plans*), the district's proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities (assets), was as follows:

Plan	Employer Contributions	Allocation %	Liability (Asset)
PERS 1	\$44,914	0.006591%	\$150,455
PERS 2/3	\$74,709	0.008497%	(\$348,265)
LEOFF 1	\$0	0.011316%	(\$335,862)
LEOFF 2	\$788,586	0.349370%	(\$8,379,982)

Only the net pension liabilities are reported on the Schedule of Liabilities.

B. Defined Contribution Pension Plans

All the district's full-time members are eligible to participate in a 457(b) defined contribution plan administered by Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), Lincoln Financial Services, and/or Nationwide Retirement Solutions. The District agrees to match the employee participant's contributions to the deferred compensation program up to a maximum of four percent (4%) of the employee participant's base monthly wage. The combined maximum contributions of the plan participant shall not exceed annual IRS maximum for such plans.

The district's total contribution for defined contribution plans during the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$391,413.

Note 9 - Property Tax

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property tax levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Collections are distributed throughout the month as they are received and reported at the end of each month.

Property Tax Calendar	
January 1	Tax is levied and becomes an enforceable lien against the properties
February 14	Tax bills are mailed
April 30	First of two equal installment payments are due
May 31	Assessed value of property established for next year's levy at 100 percent of market value
October 31	Second installment is due

Property tax revenues are recognized when cash is received by 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 2023 was \$1.03 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$16,983,384,790 for a total regular levy of \$17,465,363.

Washington State Constitution and Washington State law, RCW 84.55.010, limit the rate.

Note 10 – Risk Management

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. The district's annual budget includes an appropriated line item for the payment of such claims. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the district paid \$0 in claims.

Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA)

The district is a member of the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA). Utilizing Chapter 48.62 RCW (self-insurance regulation) and Chapter 39.34 RCW (Interlocal Cooperation Act), nine cities originally formed WCIA on January 1, 1981. WCIA was created for the purpose of providing a pooling mechanism for jointly purchasing insurance, jointly self-insuring, and / or jointly contracting for risk management services. WCIA has a total of 169 members.

New members initially contract for a three-year term, and thereafter automatically renew on an annual basis. A one-year withdrawal notice is required before membership can be terminated. Termination does not relieve a former member from its unresolved loss history incurred during membership.

Liability coverage is written on an occurrence basis, without deductibles. Coverage includes general, automobile, police, errors or omissions, stop gap, employment practices, prior wrongful acts, and employee benefits liability. Limits are \$4 million per occurrence in the self-insured layer, and \$16 million in limits above the self-insured layer is provided by reinsurance. Total limits are \$20 million per occurrence subject to aggregates and sublimits. The Board of Directors determines the limits and terms of coverage annually.

All Members are provided a separate cyber risk policy and premises pollution liability coverage group purchased by WCIA. The cyber risk policy provides coverage and separate limits for security & privacy, event management, and cyber extortion, with limits up to \$1 million and subject to member deductibles, sublimits, and a \$5 million pool aggregate. Premises pollution liability provides Members with a \$2 million incident limit and \$10 million pool aggregate subject to a \$100,000 per incident Member deductible.

Insurance for property, automobile physical damage, fidelity, inland marine, and equipment breakdown coverage are purchased on a group basis. Various deductibles apply by type of coverage. Property coverage is self-funded from the members' deductible to \$1,000,000, for all perils other than flood and earthquake, and insured above that to \$400 million per occurrence subject to aggregates and sublimits. Automobile physical damage coverage is self-funded from the members' deductible to \$250,000 and insured above that to \$100 million per occurrence subject to aggregates and sublimits.

In-house services include risk management consultation, loss control field services, and claims and litigation administration. WCIA contracts for certain claims investigations, consultants for personnel and land use issues, insurance brokerage, actuarial, and lobbyist services.

WCIA is fully funded by its members, who make annual assessments on a prospectively rated basis, as determined by an outside, independent actuary. The assessment covers loss, loss adjustment, reinsurance and other administrative expenses. As outlined in the interlocal, WCIA retains the right to additionally assess the membership for any funding shortfall.

An investment committee, using investment brokers, produces additional revenue by investment of WCIA's assets in financial instruments which comply with all State guidelines.

A Board of Directors governs WCIA, which is comprised of one designated representative from each member. The Board elects an Executive Committee and appoints a Treasurer to provide general policy direction for the organization. The WCIA Executive Director reports to the Executive Committee and is responsible for conducting the day to day operations of WCIA.

Note 11 – Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the district adopted guidance for the presentation and disclosure of Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA), as required by the BARS manual. This requirement resulted in the addition of a subscription liability reported on the Schedule of Liabilities.

The district makes annual subscription payments of \$18,736 for Office 365 licenses. The SBITA contract is for 3 years expiring on 10/31/2024.

Due to vendor delay in first 2 years of contract billing, the total amount paid for SBITAs in 2023 was the entire contract value of \$56,209. As of December 31, 2023, the future SBITA payments are \$0.

Note 12 – Other Disclosures

A. Additional Bank Accounts

Deposit In Transit Account

The district holds a checking account to facilitate timely deposits in accordance with RCW 43.09.240. All deposits into this account, when utilized, are transferred to the Snohomish County Treasurer within 24 hours of the deposit (or the next business day for holidays and weekends) and appropriated into the respective district funds. An authorized balance of approximately \$1,500 is maintained to accommodate account fees and supply charges. This amount has been accounted for in General Fund 001.

Petty Cash and Travel Accounts

The district holds two separate checking accounts for Petty Cash and Travel purposes with a combined authorized balance of \$6,500. This amount has been accounted for in General Fund 001.

Ambulance Billing Account

The district holds a checking account for the timely deposit of ambulance billing revenues collected by our contracted medical billing agency, Systems Design West, LLC. This agency is only granted depository authority to the above noted account. Each month the district withdraws all funds in excess of the \$3,600 authorized balance and deposits them into the respective County Treasurer funds. This amount has been accounted for in General Fund 001.

B. Significant Commitments or Obligations

The district has active commitments associated with purchase contracts as of December 31, 2023. The commitments include: the purchase of two pumper trucks, one ladder truck, and the remounting of two ambulance units.

At year-end the district's commitments associated with purchase contracts for fire and emergency services apparatus are as follows:

Project/Commitment	Spent to Date	Remaining Commitment
Pumper Trucks	\$0	\$2,104,956
Ladder Truck	\$0	\$1,488,982
Ambulance Remounts	\$0	\$392,788

Of the committed balance of \$3,986,726, the district will not be required to raise funds for future financing. Funds will be expended from the assigned balance of the Capital Fund 301.

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ID. No.	Description	Due Date	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities						
263.52	City of Marysville - Public Safety Building Installment Purchase		1,175,000	-	1,175,000	-
263.52	Stryker Medical Equipment - Installment Purchases - #2210157028		60,068	-	20,023	40,045
263.52	Stryker Medical Equipment Installment Purchase - #2210107934		63,792	-	63,791	1
263.57	Pitney Bowes - Postage Meter Lease - #0041239341		4,024	-	805	3,219
263.57	Copiers NW - Copy Machine Lease - #NASPO-CN27859-EP		4,235	-	4,235	-
263.57	SHI - Office 365 Licenses - Contract #20880962		56,209	-	56,209	-
263.57	Copiers NW - Copy Machine Lease - #NASPO-CN32583-EP-01		-	17,833	372	17,461
264.40	OPEB LEOFF 1 Liability		1,556,068	-	362,520	1,193,548
264.30	Pension Liability		198,609	-	48,154	150,455
259.12	Compensated Absences		2,471,226	313,685	-	2,784,911
Total Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities:			5,589,231	331,518	1,731,109	4,189,640
Total Liabilities:			5,589,231	331,518	1,731,109	4,189,640

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