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Shoreline Fire Department Receives Favorable Report from State Auditor

A state audit of the financial operations of the Shoreline Fire Department shows satisfactory compliance with state and local laws and regulations and with its own policies and procedures. The Washington State Auditor's Office has given the Shoreline Fire Department's financial statements a clean bill of health for fiscal year 2005. The audit also stated that the Department's internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets.

Washington State Auditor Brian Sontag's audit included assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Such audits typically focus on specific areas that have potential for abuse and misuse of public resources. The audit included surveys of Department accountability in the areas of payroll, purchases, financial statements, expenditures, vouchers and credit card use.

The Department was also found to be in compliance with laws regarding open public meetings, and competitive bids.

"We are pleased to report the positive audit to taxpayers in Shoreline," said Fire Chief Marcus Kragness. "The auditor's report is a credit to those who handle the day to day financial operations of the Shoreline Fire Department."

The Fire Chief also noted that in five years of annual audits, the Department has had only a single finding – one regarding bid law compliance, which was quickly resolved.

Shoreline Fire is a King County Fire Protection district with revenues of approximately 13.9 million. The District has a three member board of Commissioners who are responsible for providing general direction in the areas of financial management, administration and policy adoption for the Department.

Shoreline Fire has 100 employees, with emergency responses totaling more than 8,000 per year.