

The current EMS service area is larger than the Fire District.

To provide an integrated Fire and EMS Service, the Fire District will need to annex the Town of Friday Harbor and some outer islands. This will make them a part of the Fire District.

The current EMS provider will cease collecting revenue as the Fire District begins providing both EMS and Fire services. EMS Staff and assets will be integrated into to the Fire District.

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Integration of EMS and Fire Service

San Juan Island EMS
San Juan Island Fire and Rescue



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THE PLAN

Emergency Medical Services are currently provided by San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 1.

EMS will be moved out from under the hospital district and combined with the Fire District (San Juan Island Fire and Rescue). This is the standard model in Washington State because it uses integrated Fire and EMS resources to maximize coverage and outcomes most efficiently.

This process of integration is being implemented following a one year review of the issue by a Citizen's Advisory Group and their recommendation to proceed. Each agency is governed by officials elected by the public, and who have directed that this proceed.

BENEFITS

If residents annex into the Fire District, the District has an obligation to strategize Fire and EMS response with residents. Possibilities include:

- Emergency response boat at Roach Harbor
- Training on island (CPR, exterior-only firefighting, etc.)
- On-site equipment

Improved Service:

Prevention, response,
and follow up

Improved Sustainability:

Financial, long-term planning, and more comprehensive coverage

Improved Collaboration:

Common vision, common values,
common goals



RESIDENTS OF THE OUTER ISLANDS

The outer islands surrounding San Juan Island are in the current EMS coverage zone.

Residents are being offered the choice to be annexed into the Fire District and receive both EMS and Fire coverage, or may opt out entirely. Unfortunately, EMS service cannot be offered separately. Annexation is accomplished by:

- (1) Petition by 15% of voters filed with the Fire District (if 60%, only step #3 is required)
- (2) Approval by the county council
- (3) Approval by Fire District Board
- (4) Vote by area to be annexed

OR

An alternate method involves annexation based on a petition of land-owners who own 60% of the property.