

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>THE MISSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS</b>
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## **POLICY**

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The mission of Thurston County Fire Protection District No.5 & 9 is to provide a cost-effective high level of service in the protection of life and property from fire, panic and related hazards; provide highly skilled services in the EMT, fire prevention and public education divisions; and, work together with other agencies to achieve proper design in planning and implementing programs that will provide increased levels of protection in the future.

The commissioners, in conjunction with administration, staff and volunteers of the fire district, shall provide the following services for the purpose of:

### **1. PROTECTING LIFE FROM FIRE**

- A. Review and recommend the adoption and provide enforcement of appropriate codes and ordinances to prevent situations that endanger life.
- B. Provide a trained force to effectively remove people from eh danger of fire or other life-endangering situations and to provide the resources necessary to perform this task.
- C. Provide emergency medical services for sick and injured people until they may be transported to proper medical facilities.
- D. Provide education and information to citizens regarding fire safety.
- E. Cooperate with other agencies for the welfare of the victims.
- F. Take other preventative measures to further protect life.

### **2. FOR PROTECTING PROPERTY FROM FIRE**

- A. Review and recommend adoption and provide enforcement of appropriate codes and ordinances to prevent situations from existing that may endanger property.
- B. Recommend to the public procedures and materials which would increase their level of safety above minimum codes and ordinances which are in effect at this time
- C. Recommend manual means available for extinguishing or controlling fires in dwellings and other non-regular activities until the arrival of the fire department.
- D. Provide a force trained in confining fire to the point of origin, extinguishing it, and keeping the damage from fire to a minimum.
- E. Restore the property to as reasonable a state of nor as possible after the fire investigation process.
- F. Refrain from giving advice regarding legal responsibility between tenant and owner or the owner and insurance company.

### 3. PROTECTING LIFE AND PROPERTY DURING NATURAL DISASTERS

For the protection of life and property from earthquake, flood, windstorm and other natural disasters, the fire district shall conform to the Thurston County Disaster Plan.