



OPTION 4: Partnership with the City of Snoqualmie

Discussions are in early stage so information is limited. A range of options are being discussed.

All Sub-Options would require approval by FD 27 Board and Snoqualmie City Council.

Sub-Option 1: **Functional Consolidation** of Major Divisions (Operations, Training, etc.)

Sub-Option 2: **Shared Administration** (one management team leading/overseeing two departments)

Sub-Option 3: **Merged Organization** (Interlocal Agreement; function as one agency)

Sub-Option 4: **Voter-Approved Merged Organization** (Regional Fire Authority or Annexation into District)

Note: This sub-option may be considered at a later date.

Sub-Options 1-3

- Continue governance by elected FD 27 Commissioners
- Negotiated interlocal agreement establishes levels of service, admin structure, financial structure, etc.

Re. Financial Sustainability

- Continued reliance on voted Excess Levy or could implement a Fire Benefit Charge
- Impact to expenses and taxes depends on extent of consolidation and negotiated cost-sharing

Re. Service Delivery

- Could achieve 3-person career staffing at station (Sub-Option 3)
- Similar community programs and special operations
- Could achieve administrative efficiencies (Sub-Options 2 & 3)
- Improved overall firefighter training

Sub-Option 4:

Voter-Approved Merged Organization (Regional Fire Authority or Annexation into District)

- Requires voter approval greater than 50%; if Fire Benefit Charge is proposed, then greater than 60%
- Irreversible decision
- Governance structure to be negotiated

Re. Financial Sustainability

- Taxes would likely decrease for FD 27 taxpayers

Re. Service Delivery

- Would be established with 3-person career staffing
- Could be established with locally-focused community programs
- New organization established with merged operations (all benefits of Sub-Options 1-3 plus independent organization with fully merged administration and changed taxing structure)