



Fall Newsletter 2025



Update from the Chief

As we transition into fall, West Mason Fire is excited to say that we are moving into a new phase of the year. Now we are finally able to focus on training and making sure that the volunteers have the things that they need.

We have 4 people attending the Mason County Fire Academy. This academy is graciously paid for by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Soon, we will start ramping up for the winter EMT class for those who wish to become Emergency Medical Technicians. To keep our credentials, both volunteer and career staff alike, are required to continuing education to maintain their provider certifications.

We are preparing for the Washington State Survey and Ratings Bureau. This entity determines how we rate in the eyes of the fire insurance industry. West Mason Fire will renew its tender credit for the areas that do not have fire hydrants. With the successful completion of the tender credit, the areas with no hydrants will only drop one class instead of all the way to the bottom of the scale. When we are finished with the evaluation, we will publish our new ratings on our website.

Now for the big news! We have responded to several fire calls with the new engine. This has allowed our volunteers and career staff to be more efficient and effective. All of the firefighters truly appreciate the support and the ability to get away from some very old equipment.



As always, I welcome any member of the community to stop in for a look around or a cup of coffee. We have no secrets and would love for you to see, in person, what we are all about.

Thank You for the continued support.

Matthew N Welander
Fire Chief, West Mason Fire

Your Opinions Matter!



Please scan QR code with your phone.

We would love to hear your feedback! Your survey answers will be anonymous. We will in no way be able to link you to your answers or comments so please take this opportunity to be brutally honest with us, good or bad.

My Fellow West Mason Residents,

On behalf of the West Mason Fire District, I want to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported the recent Fire Levy Lid Lift. Your vote was more than a formality – it was a clear message that you believe in strengthening public safety, supporting emergency preparedness, and investing in the essential services that help protect our community.

Thanks to your support, we will be able to:

-  Maintain and improve emergency response times
-  Provide critical equipment and training for our firefighters
-  Continue adapting to meet the growing needs of West Mason residents

To Those Who Voted 'No' — We Hear You

We also want to acknowledge and thank those who did not support the levy. Every vote matters, and every voice is important.

We understand that financial decisions like this are never taken lightly. We are committed to earning your trust by using these funds responsibly, transparently, and with clear benefits to the community.

Moving Forward, Together

We are proud to serve all of West Mason—regardless of how you voted—and we remain grateful for the opportunity to continue protecting and supporting the community we all call home.

Thank you again for standing with the West Mason Fire District.

Warm regards,
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Chairman, West Mason Fire District



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