



# Snohomish County FIRE DISTRICT 7

Earning Trust Through Action

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## **Fire District 7 presented with Dr. Cooper Cardiac Award**

[Monroe, WA] – During EMS week organizations are committed to bringing local communities and medical personnel together to focus on safety and recognizing those dedicated to providing lifesaving services. The theme this year was *EMS Strong – Stronger Together*.

Recently, Deputy Chief Scott Dorsey attended the annual Snohomish County EMS Conference where Fire District 7 was presented with the Dr. Cooper Cardiac Award. As the Medical Program Director, Dr. Cooper over sees all of the EMS programs in Snohomish County. Every year He recognizes an organization for their efforts in cardiac care. Fire District 7 received the award due to the progressive approach in treating patients in cardiac arrest by utilizing new innovative methods such as double sequential defibrillation and the use of the Lucas device during CPR.

Double sequential defibrillation is the use of two cardiac monitors shocking a patient nearly simultaneously during cardiac arrest. This method would be used for patients who are not responding to normal therapy treatments.

The Lucas device is a machine which provides automated chest compressions and is used in transport to the hospital. Using this machine for CPR during transport continuously provides quality chest compressions while keeping personnel safe so they aren't standing up in a moving EMS unit. The use of both of these techniques aids in increased survival rates.

Fire District 7 focuses on continuous improvement of the service we provide, not just in patient care, but also in the prevention programs offered to help make our communities safer. This is done through programs such as our community CPR and First Aid training, Life Jacket Loaner, Bike Helmet Safety, as well as continuous personnel training, and integration of new medical techniques.

With our efforts of prevention and service delivery we are *Stronger Together*.

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*Snohomish County Fire District 7 provides fire and life safety services to over 116,000 people over 98.5 square miles in central and east Snohomish County, including the communities of Clearview, Maltby, Mill Creek and Monroe. In 2017 our emergency personnel responded to over 11,500 emergency calls. Through taxpayer support, Fire District 7 has built the most advanced emergency response system in Snohomish County with highly-trained personnel, facilities, apparatus, and rescue programs. We appreciate your support and are grateful for the opportunity to serve your community.*

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