



Sedro-Woolley, Washington
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The City of Sedro-Woolley received notice this morning that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded the City a grant in the amount of \$1,202,024.00 for the construction of a new fire station.

The City applied for this grant under FEMA's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Assistance to Firefighters Station Construction Grants program in July. The Sedro-Woolley Fire Department is planning to construct a 6,000 square foot building with three fire apparatus bays and five residential quarters on property owned by the City of Sedro-Woolley located at 1218 N. Township.

"Station 2 will reduce response times for citizens and visitors in Sedro-Woolley by locating firefighters and equipment in two locations and increasing staffing levels," stated Chief Dean Klinger. "This project has been in the works for more than a decade and would not have been possible without significant support from the community and money from the federal government."

Mayor Mike Anderson expressed his appreciation for the award, "Our City Council asked us to be aggressive in seeking grant funding since Sedro-Woolley has so much less sales tax and property tax revenue than our neighbors. I am thrilled that Sedro-Woolley is one of three departments in the state selected and I promise that we will make good use of the money, which will make our community a safer place to live."

The SWFD responds to approximately 1800 calls per year from a single station located at 325 Metcalf Street. The department is staffed with a chief, an assistant chief, four part-time positions and 35 volunteers.

Carletti Architects of Mount Vernon has been selected to design the station and manage the construction. The project is expected to go out to bid in December with construction beginning in January of 2010.

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