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Washington State Auditor Issues San Juan County Fire Protection District #3 Accountability Audit Report

FRIDAY HARBOR, WA – The Washington State Auditor recently released an Accountability Audit Report for San Juan County Fire Protection District #3 for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

Bob Jarman, Chair of the Fire District Board of Commissioners said, “We aggressively pursued concerns raised in the previous state audit and made necessary corrections. I am proud of the work the District has done to ensure our taxpayers money is utilized appropriately and is thoroughly and transparently documented.”

The Auditor found previous deficiencies identified in an earlier audit (January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015) had been fully addressed and corrected. In addition to the review and status of addressing previous accounting issues identified in the previous audit, the current audit report also focused on procurement process, as well as the tracking and monitoring of fuel use.

The Auditor’s report stated, “In those selected areas, District operations complied with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.”

Fire Chief Norvin Collins said, “Our district takes our fiscal responsibilities seriously and we are committed to be responsible stewards of our taxpayer’s money. It’s not only the law, but it’s the right thing to do for our community. We are grateful to the work done by the Auditor to ensure we have appropriate accounting processes and practices. Audits are an important part of our commitment to our Island community.”

The Washington State Auditor’s Accountability Audit Report is available for review at:

<https://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch/Home/ViewReportFile?arn=1024025&isFinding=false&p=false>

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The San Juan Island Fire & Rescue was established on October 6, 1958. The fire district covers about 55 square miles, including all of San Juan Island, Brown and Pearl Islands. For more information, please visit <http://www.sjfire.org/>