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Fire District 4 passes financial and accountability audits

[Chattaroy, Wash.] – Spokane County Fire District 4 passed both its financial and accountability audits by the Washington State Auditor’s Office. The reports, which cover the years 2013-2014, are available for public review on the Auditor’s web site at www.sao.wa.gov.

“These are the community’s tax dollars we use to save lives and property,” said Fire Chief Randy Johnson. “It’s important that our taxpayers know we are transparent and accountable to the people we serve.”

Fire District 4 operates under a balanced budget. This latest report represents the ninth year of clean audits for the fire district by the state. The reports cover financial practices, cash receipts, restricted funds, payments/expenditures, use of credit cards, and bond compliance.

Voters in Fire District 4 approved a bond two years ago to build three stations, a training facility and replace apparatus to improve emergency services. These capital projects are coming in on time and on budget with regular status updates provided through Fire District 4’s web site at www.scf4.org.

In a letter to Fire District 4, the Washington State Auditor said, “In the areas we audited, District operations complied with applicable requirements and provided adequate safeguarding of public resources. The District also complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined.”

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Spokane County Fire District 4 provides fire suppression and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to 45,000 people over 330 square miles in north Spokane County, including the city of Deer Park. Volunteer and part-time firefighters respond to more than 3,100 emergency calls per year; 77 percent on average are for EMS. Find Fire District 4 on Facebook at [/SpokaneCoFire4](https://www.facebook.com/SpokaneCoFire4), Twitter ([@SpokaneCoFire4](https://twitter.com/SpokaneCoFire4)) or visit the web site at www.scf4.org.