



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

RESOLUTION 2018-01

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners desires to update OG-2263 Emergency Access Policy adopted by Resolution 2014-06 dated October 27, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

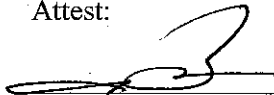
That the Board of Fire Commissioners adopts the following revised policy and procedure which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference:

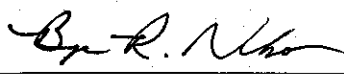
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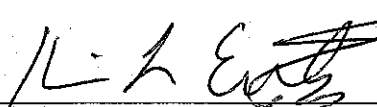
Adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Pierce County Fire District No. 5, this 23rd day of January, 2018.

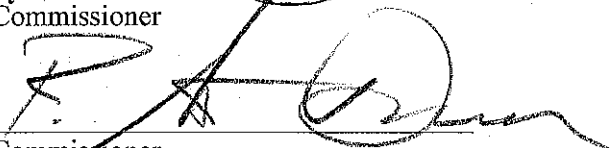
PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 5


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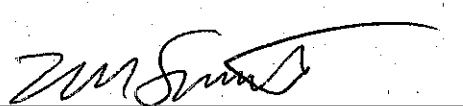

District Secretary


Chairman


Commissioner


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OG-2263 Emergency Access Policy

The personnel and equipment of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5, in response to emergency calls, are in many instances required to gain access to the scene of the emergency by traveling privately owned access routes. In many instances the access routes include privately constructed roadways, driveways, and bridges that have not been constructed or maintained in accordance with state and county standards.

While the Board of Commissioners of the District recognizes the responsibility to provide emergency services to all persons and properties within the District, it also recognizes its responsibility to use reasonable means to protect District personnel and equipment from unreasonable risks that could result in injury to persons or damage to property.

In order to provide reasonable protection to District personnel and equipment without impairing the District's ability to respond to the scene of emergencies in all parts of the District, it is a policy of the District to impose the following requirements and conditions:

1. To ensure the safety of personnel and equipment, the District requires that all privately owned bridges used for vehicular access to private property be inspected by a licensed structural engineer to determine the load carrying capacity of the bridge. Unless otherwise recommended and certified by the inspecting engineer, the bridge will be inspected at least every five (5) years. Upon recommendation and certification of the inspecting engineer, the time until the next inspection can be extended beyond five (5) years but may not exceed ten (10) years. The maximum weight carrying capacity of the bridge as determined by the engineering inspection shall be conspicuously posted on or adjacent to the bridge. The property owner shall furnish a copy of the engineering report to the District.
2. Any bridge not inspected or posted as required above, or in the event the weight of District vehicles exceeds the posted limit, the District emergency vehicles shall not be permitted to cross said bridge.

3. In the event the District discovers private roads deemed unsafe or unusable in the opinion of District personnel because of road grade, road width, unstable surface conditions, vehicle height or weight limitations or other factors, the District vehicles shall not be permitted to travel on such roads during an emergency.
4. District personnel responding to an emergency shall use whatever resources available to provide needed emergency services in the event the District is unable to travel to the emergency scene with the necessary and usual District vehicles.
5. In the event District personnel become aware of any unsafe or un-posted bridge or unsafe private roadways, the District shall notify the reputed owner of all improved properties served by such bridge or roadway in writing of such fact as soon as is reasonably possible.