

Provide copies of minutes of all meetings discussing the desire or need of such a program, and any correspondence or other documentation in the possession of the Skagit County Fire District No. 3, Skagit County and the City of Mount Vernon.

**RESPONSE:**

See attached

**WSDOT'S DATA REQUEST NO. 16:**

Please explain in detail the basis of the district's estimate that it would incur in excess of \$600,000 to improve its station facilities to accommodate a sleeper program. Please describe in detail what improvements are assumed in this estimate along with an itemized breakout of costs included in the estimate.

**RESPONSE:**

See attached

EX. 134

**WSDOT'S DATA REQUEST NO. 17:**

Please state whether Mr. Rabel has formulated an opinion whether any International Fire Code Standard that he believes are currently met by Skagit County Fire District No. 3, but will no longer be met if the Hickox Road Crossing is closed. If the answer is yes, please state that opinion and provide the specific facts that form the basis of the opinion.

**RESPONSE:**

Response is being prepared; will be supplemented

EX. 135

WSDOT'S FIRST DATA REQUESTS TO  
SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT NO. 3

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**Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 3 Supplemental Response to WSDOT's Data Request No. 17:**

Please state whether Mr. Rabel has formulated an opinion whether any International Fire Code Standard that he believes are currently met by Skagit County Fire District No. 3, but will no longer be met if the Hickox Road Crossing is closed. If the answer is yes, please state that opinion and provide the specific facts that form the basis of the opinion.

**RESPONSE:**

The International Fire Code (IFC) does not establish response standards for fire department's. The IFC, is part of the Washington State Building code and pertains to fire code enforcement. I am going to assume that the WSDOT's request is meant to reference the response standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for volunteer fire departments, NFPA 1720.

In my opinion, Skagit County Fire District No. 3, does currently meet the standard established by NFPA 1720 which is arrival to emergency incidents within 14 minutes 80% of the time. The data given to me from the District stated that historical response times averaged 13 minutes, very close to the top end of NFPA's standard but within an acceptable range of time established for rural areas. The District states that the Hickox Road closure will increase response times by 2 to 4 minutes. This extra response time caused by the closure will certainly add to response time and place performance outside of the previously met 14 minute time standard.

Larry Rabel  
January, 4, 2008