



SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT SEVEN

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Firefighters Form Honor Guard

Clearview, Wash. – Eight of Snohomish County Fire District 7's employees have spent countless hours over the last year and a half forming an Honor Guard to represent Fire District 7 at memorials, ceremonies and events throughout the northwest. The planning started in 2008, and the eight founding members have spent their own time learning and practicing the techniques needed to become a professional Honor Guard. Two members are former Marines who have been instrumental in the training.

"Forming an Honor Guard was something that had just been an idea in the back of people's minds for quite some time," explained Captain Evan Adolf. "It has finally come together and we are extremely proud of our team."

Fire District 7's Honor Guard was created to continue a longstanding fire service tradition to honor fallen brothers and sisters at their funerals and memorials. However, the Honor Guard also participates in parades, dedications, graduation ceremonies and other celebrations and events.

In 2009, the Honor Guard participated in its first events including the Cascade and Jackson High School Homecoming Football Games. They hope to increase their participation at community events in 2010.

The Honor Guard is a completely volunteer organization with members practicing and presenting at events on their own time. Honor Guard members include Evan Adolf, Dennis Egan, Gary Fatkin, Bill Gunterman, Ronda Steinbach, Matt Suhayda, Jeff Thompson and Steve Tickle.

If you are interested in having the Honor Guard at a community event, please contact Captain Evan Adolf at 360-282-3960 or eadolf@firedistrict7.com.

