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**SETFA earns clean audit, upholds strong financial practices**  
*Fire authority commended for transparency and accountability*

YELM, Wash. – Southeast Thurston Fire Authority (SETFA) has again received top marks for financial accountability, continuing its strong track record of clean audits and responsible fiscal management.

SETFA serves 30,000 residents across 120 square miles, including the cities of Yelm, Rainier, and surrounding unincorporated areas. The agency operates under a balanced budget and is governed by a six-member board of locally elected fire commissioners. Financial and policy decisions are guided by a five-year Strategic Plan and a Capital Facilities Plan, both developed with input from the community.

“Openness and accountability are essential to how we operate,” said Fire Chief Mark King. “Our team takes pride in managing public funds carefully and making sure every dollar supports the critical services our community depends on.”

SETFA has passed every independent financial and accountability audit conducted by the Washington State Auditor’s Office—a reflection of the agency’s commitment to transparency and good governance.

To maximize taxpayer resources, the fire authority actively seeks grants, partners with neighboring agencies to share costs, and collects impact fees on new development to help offset rising service demands.

All SETFA board meetings are open to the public. Agendas, financial reports, and long-term planning documents are available at [www.sethurstonfire.org](http://www.sethurstonfire.org).

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*Southeast Thurston Fire Authority provides emergency response for fires and emergency medical service to 30,000 people over 120 square miles, including the cities of Yelm, Rainier and surrounding unincorporated areas. SETFA relies on full-time and volunteer emergency personnel to respond to more than 4,000 calls per year. Learn more at [www.sethurstonfire.org](http://www.sethurstonfire.org).*