



**Washington State Auditor  
Brian Sonntag**

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Board of Directors  
Eastside Fire and Rescue  
175 Newport Way N.W.  
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Dear Board of Directors:

We would like to congratulate you on the District's exemplary record of no audit findings since its inception in 1999. This accomplishment reflects the dedication of the District Board, and the District staff to strong oversight of operations, good internal controls and accurate financial reporting.

We appreciate the District's proactive approach and constructive responses to audit issues. In all matters we have brought forward, District management and staff have worked with us to arrive at practical solutions.

A critical factor to the District's success is your management and staff. We appreciate and applaud the spirit of cooperation and the courtesies extended to us throughout the audit process by Lee Soptich, Fire Chief; Wes Collins, Deputy Chief of Planning & Finance; Scott Faires, Budget/Finance Analyst and the other talented and dedicated employees at Eastside Fire and Rescue.

Our Office views its relationship with the District as a model for other entities in our state. We look forward to furthering this relationship and hope you will contact us whenever we can be of service.

Sincerely,

**BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM  
STATE AUDITOR**

