



## Letters to the editor

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#### **SKFR must get the finances straight first**

**A Port Orchard resident working for another fire district is telling us the masses are coming (Kitsap Sun letters, June 2). If a firefighter who works for the district is as passionate about this district and shares a letter with us, I am all ears. More scare tactics, just written a bit differently. What else would you call it when we are told we might not get attention due to manning? Yet the Chief says we call, he will come! At South Kitsap Fire and Rescue, 86% of their budget is for salaries. Claims of a cash shortage are due to poor financial management and use of precious resources.**

**Our group had to do a request for public records to find out how many and how much cash they spent to buy six new properties. That's \$2.2 million right there. What happened to just 15 new employees needed over two or three years?**

**And what about manpower shortages? No shortage of high-dollar chief, assistant chiefs, division chiefs, captains, lieutenants, for a start. The ratio of supervisors to workers is grossly over staffed. No wonder they say they are going broke.**

**We know there will be more levies and bond requests. It won't stop. How many more stations, trucks, and employees beyond the 15 we were once told were needed?**

**Nothing's changed. The green and white signs read more like a cry of desperation, not help. We know what you need us for.**

**Vote no, again, in August!**

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