



SKAGIT COUNTY TELEVISION

MVTV FAQ'S

What Is MVTV?

MVTV stands for Mount Vernon Television. TV-10 is a governmental cable access station as provided for in the 1994 Cable Act and a franchise agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and AT & T Broadband/Comcast. We are technically called a "EG" Access station, which stands for "Education" and "Government", without the addition of "Public" television. In a nutshell, the difference is that TV-10 does not offer unlimited general public access, but confines the programming to local community education, government activities and community affairs.

What are the channels and who can see them?

TV-10 is found on channels 10 and 26 for residents of Mount Vernon who subscribe to Comcast cable. The franchise agreement allows for the addition of two more stations if that should be deemed necessary.

Where is the studio located?

The studio is in a secure location within the Mount Vernon Police and Court Facility. It is not accessible to the general public, however arrangements may be made for tours. The address is 1805 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, telephone 360-419-3233, e-mail is tv10@ci.mount-vernon.wa.us.

Who owns the station?

The station is currently a function of the City of Mount Vernon municipal government. It is run much like the other departments of the city with a budget, assigned staff and department manager. In the future, it is possible the station will become a separate entity. This is the process that many other government access channels have followed.

Where does the funding come from?

The funding is provided through several sources. These include a charge of \$1.00 per month for Mount Vernon residents who are Comcast cable subscribers. Those funds are dedicated specifically for the studio and production equipment purchases. There is also financial support from the City of Mount Vernon government and station partners. Additionally, the City will be pursuing various grants which could be used for capital equipment purchases and/or personnel.

Who are the station partners?

The City of Mount Vernon is the lead agency in the station. The City has worked closely with Skagit County government, Skagit Valley Hospital, and the Mount Vernon School District to develop productive partnerships. Other partnerships are also being explored and are in various stages of participation. By partnering with these agencies we are able to explore programming ideas, creative contributions, volunteer and educational opportunities.

Who do I contact for further information?

The IS Manager Kim Kleppe. His telephone number is 360-336-0624, e-mail is tv10@mount-vernon.wa.us. You may also contact the Mayor's office at 360-336-6211 or write us at P.O. Box 809, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.