

ANNUAL REPORT



2017

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OUR VISION

We set the standard for quality fire and emergency services by applying strategic thinking, leadership development, and innovation to maintain financial responsibility and public trust.



OUR MISSION

We provide professional fire department services to safeguard the community and enhance quality of life.

ANNUAL SUMMARY

BY: FIRE CHIEF - DR. ALLEN D. CHURCH



*Al Church
Fire Chief*

I am both pleased and proud to be able to present to our community this Annual Report covering the activities of South King Fire & Rescue (SKFR) for 2017. The efforts of the entire fire department are contained within this brief overview of all the activities that took place during 2017. We are a very busy Fire District serving 150,000 citizens

within the cities of Federal Way and Des Moines, and a portion of unincorporated King County.

SKFR responded to 20,337 calls for service in 2017, equating to just over one response every 26 minutes. We provide emergency services related to incidents involving fires, medical aid, technical rescue, hazardous materials, marine with a fire boat in Puget Sound, surface water rescue for our numerous lakes, and a host of other emergent and non-emergent responses. We also provide fire prevention, investigation, and public education services to our communities.

Thanks to the funds provided through the bond issue that our citizens passed in 2015, we are well into the upgrade of all our fire stations to meet seismic standards so they will remain standing when (not if) a major earthquake occurs, coupled with the purchase of new fire engines, a ladder truck, and aid cars (ambulances). We will be hosting several Open Houses in 2018 to allow our citizens the opportunity to visit our remodeled (and much safer) fire stations and see our new emergency apparatus, all at the ready to assist whenever an emergency arises within our community.

We remain one of the most fiscally conservative fire agencies within the state; however, our normal levy has been eroded due to the impact of the 101% lid. In order to sustain our ongoing operations, the Board of Fire Commissioners are looking to place a Lid Lift on the ballot in mid-2018. This

will allow our citizens the opportunity to decide if our levy should be restored to the normal \$1.50/\$1,000 of assessed valuation via property taxes that existed from 2000 through 2017, in that it has now been reduced to \$1.43 for 2018. Much more information on this likely ballot measure will be forthcoming in 2018 as we strategically analyze the needed revenue options to meet our citizen's growing needs.

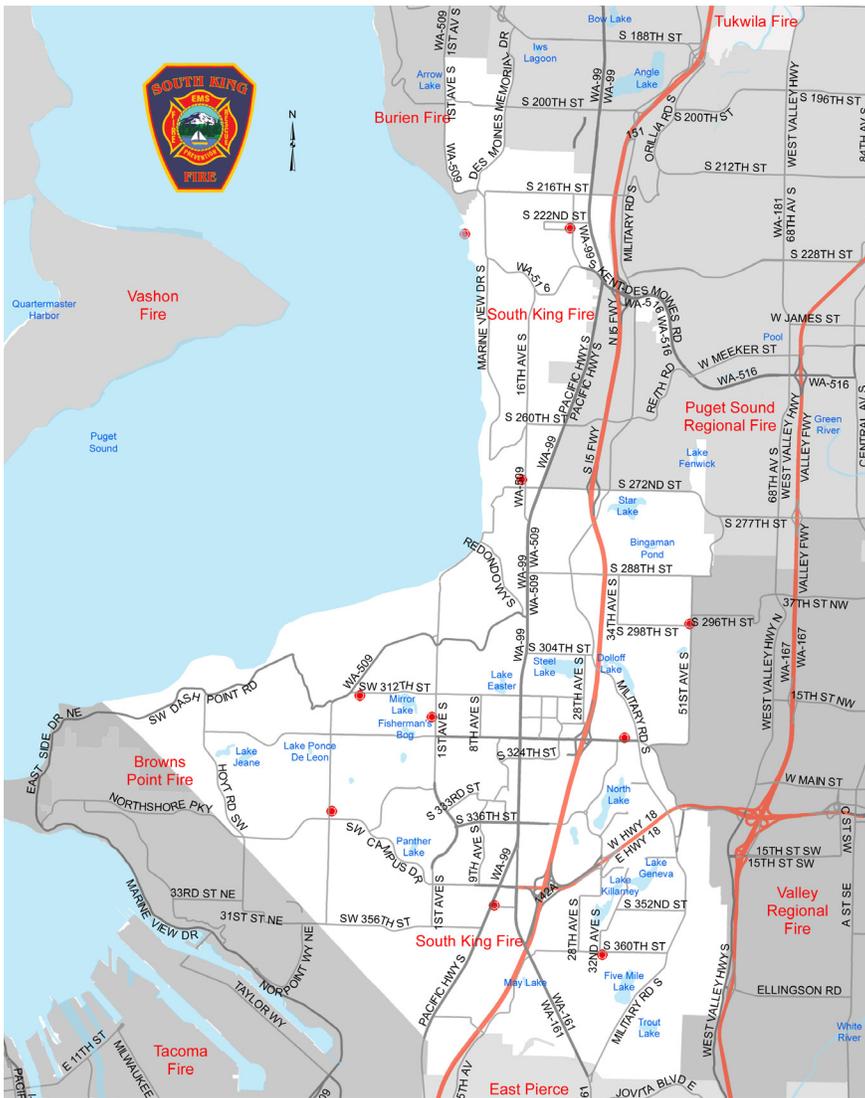
SKFR continues to maintain a Class 2 Insurance Rating by the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau. Having achieved and maintained a Class 2 means we have saved our citizens and business owners large amounts of money on their annual insurance premiums (the difference between a Class 2 and a Class 4 routinely results in a 20% to 25% increase in insurance premiums), while maintaining a Standard-of-Cover to rapidly respond and mitigate fires, emergency medical incidents, and any other emergency that may befall our citizens. SKFR also maintains a AA+ bond rating with Standard and Poors, which is the best rating in the State of Washington for a fire district. We are pleased and honored to have achieved these high ratings for our citizens.

I mention these achievements in that we are working to maintain these high marks for our citizens, in that they equate to reduced costs and a high level of service throughout our community. We continue to follow the requirements set forth in our Strategic Leadership Plan, providing a path to ensure we meet the ever-changing needs of our citizens.

In the final analysis, the leadership within the Fire District, from the elected Board of Fire Commissioners throughout the entire organization, continues to work together with the simple goal of ensuring we lived up to our newly adopted Mission Statement day-in and day-out during 2017: We provide professional fire department services to safeguard the community and enhance quality of life.

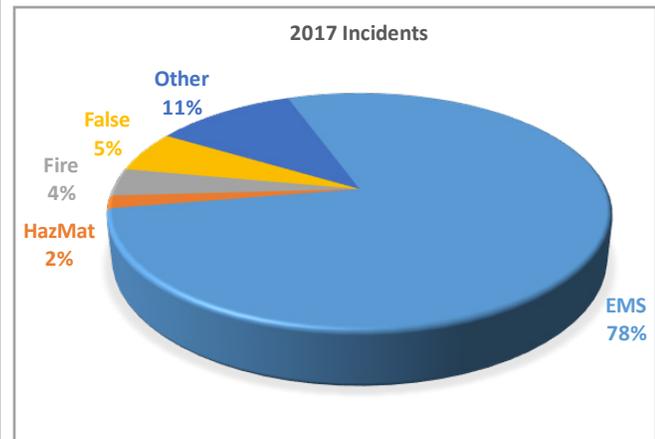
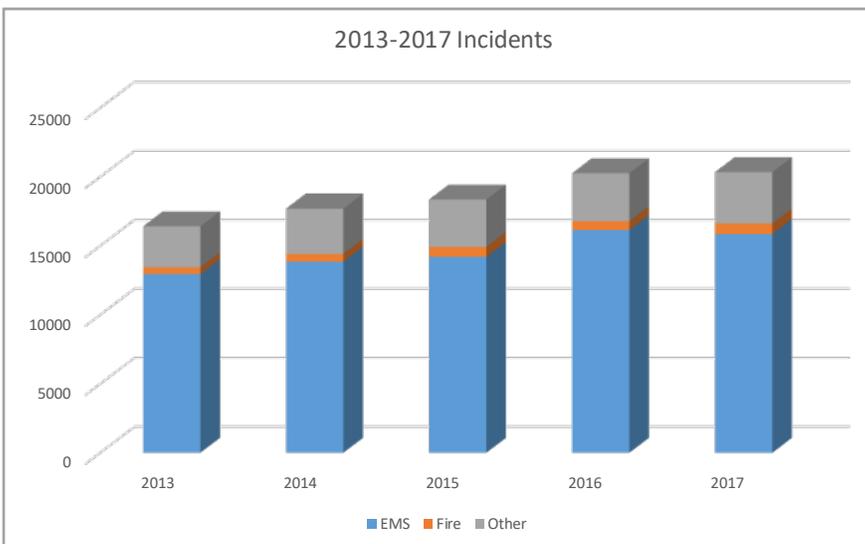
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SERVICE & RESPONSE



TOTAL EMPLOYEES	157
FIREFIIGHTERS & OFFICERS	127
EMERGENCY RESPONSES	20,337
SQUARE MILES	41
CITIZENS PROTECTED	150,000 +
ASSESSED VALUE	\$14,995,390,950
OPERATING BUDGET	\$31,673,444

EMERGENCY RESPONSES: 20,337



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

SKFR is governed by an elected Board of Fire Commissioners. The 5-member Board consists of representatives from the Fire District, each serving a 6-year term. Working closely with the Fire Chief, the Board holds monthly public meetings, establishing Fire District policy and maintaining responsibility for the District's annual budget, long-range planning and strategic goals.

In existence since 1949 and as one of the largest stand-alone fire districts in the State of Washington, we are pleased and proud to be able to report that we have maintained our insurance ratings of Class 2 in Federal Way and Class 3 in Des Moines while continuing our conservative budgeting approach. We are also proud that

SKFR was recertified with a AA+ Bond rating by Standard and Poors, the highest rating of any fire district in the state. This demonstrates the highly professional staff we have in place from top to bottom.

Our goal is to ensure that SKFR meets the needs of our growing community: Whether it is maintaining or upgrading our apparatus, facilities or equipment, or ensuring that we have the funds necessary to maintain our Fire District. We are here to serve the communities of Federal Way, Des Moines, and a portion of unincorporated King County.

Thank you for your ongoing support. It has allowed us to live up to our mission statement on a daily basis.



Top Row:

James Fossos, Commissioner
William "Bill" Gates, Board Chair
Bill Fuller, Commissioner

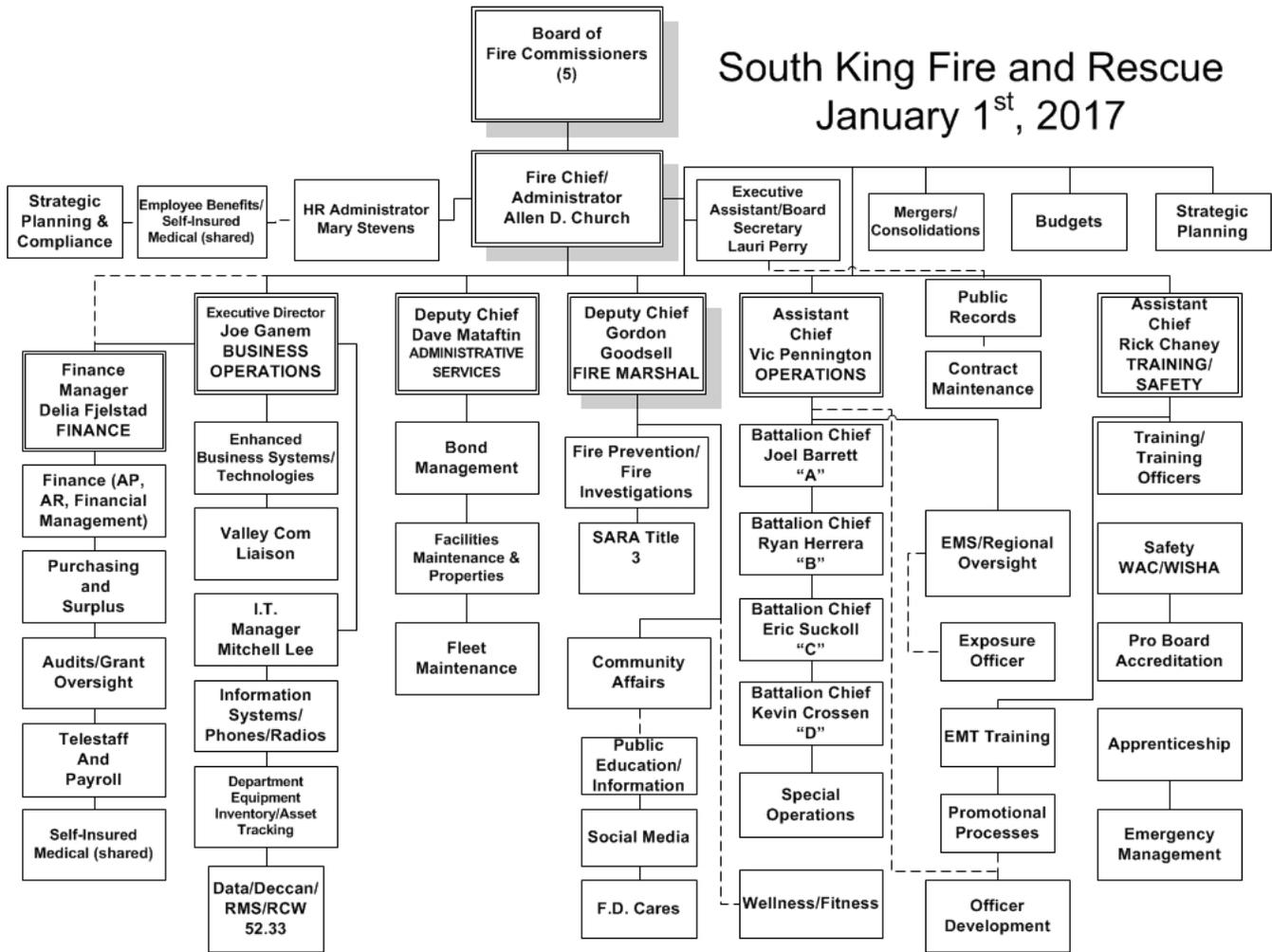
Bottom Row:

Mark Thompson, Board Vice Chair
John Rickert, Commissioner



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

South King Fire and Rescue
January 1st, 2017



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Meet or exceed the customer's needs
- Perform your duties safely
- Keep it clean and professional
- Be honest, respectful, loyal and communicate openly
- Help each other succeed
- Continually improve your skills
- Be prepared to perform
- Help to provide achievable solutions
- Never walk past a mistake
- Be responsible for your actions
- Finish what you start
- Take care of each other; treat each other with respect
- Follow the rules
- Serve with pride
- Hold ourselves and each other accountable
- Support these guiding principles

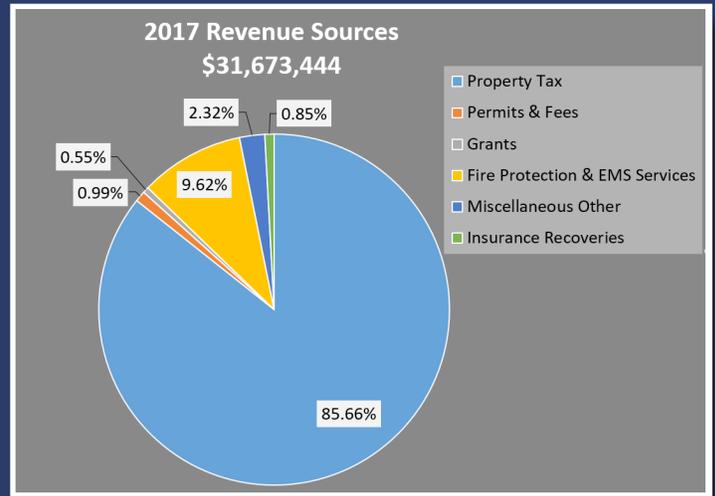
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

By: FINANCE - BUSINESS OPERATIONS

REVENUE

Overall District revenues increased from \$28,713,189 collected in 2016 to \$31,673,444 (\$2,960,255 increase or 10.31%) in 2017 due to increases in property tax values. In addition, the District collected on its first year of the \$2.75 million Maintenance and Operations Levy (M&O), approved by the citizens within the SKFR community.

In November 2016, voters approved a renewal of the M&O Levy with a 66.71% "Yes" vote. The reduced amount of \$2.75 million per year is in place for another four years. The M&O Levy, coupled with stabilizing assessed valuations, enables Fire District staffing levels to be maintained for the long-term. The chart to the right represents the sources of revenue for the District.



EXPENDITURES

The District's operating expenses for 2017 were \$29,115,167 (including regular capital expenditures of \$188,879). The District's capital expenditures in 2017 included necessary equipment and maintenance outside of what was funded by the General Obligation Bond. Capital expenditures included: Forklift for Station 68, two SCBA compressors, final debt payment for Station 26 (67) and ESO Software.

Safety and Improvement Bond expenditures in 2017 were \$15,167,552.

As reflected in previous annual budgets, personnel represent 88%+ of the District's operating expenses.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In November 2015, citizens approved a \$39 million dollar Safety and Improvement Bond with a 61.69% "Yes" vote. The bond proceeds are used to replace the District's capital infrastructure (apparatus, facilities and equipment). For more information on the Bond see page 16.



In 2017, the Information Technology (IT) group handled the insurmountable challenge of completing time-sensitive capital improvement projects (bond), while maintaining a high level of support to our firefighters and support staff. Given the large scope of projects, IT demonstrated team efficiency by shifting traditional management models and taking a bottom-up approach to managing projects. Thus, the key drivers for success in 2017 revolved around fostering creativity, collaboration and communication through employee empowerment.

Utilizing this framework, staff members took the lead on projects that focused on their strengths and core competencies. In contrast to conventional top-down management models or the idiomatic expression of “fitting a square peg in a round hole”, this competency-led paradigm enabled individuals who actually do the work have a direct influence in the decision-making process. This independence offered greater agility and allowed several projects to overlap without issues such as a degradation in quality and scope creep.

In particular, a project that highlights the above-mentioned characteristics was the introduction of ESO Solutions in the third quarter of 2017. ESO is a software company that provides an Electronic Health Record (EHR) designed to improve patient care and clinical documentation. Through ESO’s platform, firefighter/EMT’s have the ability to gather patient data at an emergency and transmit critical information to a hospital’s emergency room in real-time. The aim of this project was to improve life-safety for our citizens while augmenting documentation to support county-wide initiatives.

Behind the scenes, there were a number of moving parts that had to coalesce prior to our ESO “go live” date. Our Data Analysts worked diligently to make certain that ESO’s system met our stakeholder’s requirements while developing a training plan and course curriculum for our firefighters and support personnel. At the same time,

our Systems Administrator tested several hardware platforms while conducting usability and practical application studies to determine the best electronic device in the field. Furthermore, in conjunction with Fleet and Maintenance, our Hardware Specialist implemented wireless hotspots and docking stations in each of our fire engines and aid cars that are used to connect the tablets to ESO, and the hospitals through the health data exchange network. In short, staff members had the autonomy to make recommendations on final decisions in their respective areas, allowing the project to complete on time and most importantly, under budget.

In addition to ESO, IT completed strategic projects that included the replacement of:

- 7-year-old server hardware
- Implementation of new server operating systems
- Integration of a new data backup solution
- Enhancement of system security with new firewall appliance
- Rollout of security cameras and proximity doors at fire stations.

Challenges presented by resource constraints and firm time tables became manageable through appropriate employee-led planning, work, and most importantly, determination.

Collectively, 2017 was a milestone year for the IT group and we look forward to carrying over the success into 2018 and beyond.

Tablet used to complete medical incidents in the field.



PREVENTION DIVISION

BY: DEPUTY CHIEF – GORDON GOODSSELL

The Fire Marshal's Office was staffed in 2017 with the Fire Marshal, Assistant Fire Marshal, five Deputy Fire Marshals and a shared Business Systems Analyst. During the 2017 Strategic Leadership Planning process, the goals for the Fire Marshal's Office were updated and objectives were established towards achieving those goals.

Fire Marshal's Office Goal

The Fire Marshal's Office supports a safe and educated public with an efficient staff of professionals in a sought-after career path, and reduces risk to emergency responders through education, engineering, code enforcement, and fire investigation services.

Efforts toward reaching our goal are dedicated primarily to engineering, code enforcement and fire investigation. Education is a common component in each of these tasks.

Engineering

Deputy Fire Marshals reviewed 541 permit applications and plans for compliance with the Fire Code. These included land-use applications, fire protection systems, and building plans for new construction and tenant improvements. Once permit applications were approved, inspections were conducted onsite during construction to verify systems are installed and tested in compliance with the Fire Code.



Fire Marshal's Office: Capt. Tony Parise, Lt. Chris Cahan, Susan Bell, Lt. John Strub; Lt. Vince Faranda, Lt. Jim Hugo, Lt. Tanya Holland, Marilyn Scharer, Fire Marshal Gordon Goodsell, Capt. Jeff Bellinghausen

Code Enforcement

On-duty firefighters on engine companies completed 3,390 inspections of existing commercial buildings to ensure they are safely occupied and maintained. These inspections verify exits are unobstructed, electrical wiring is safe, and fire alarm and fire sprinklers are operational.

Our Deputy Fire Marshals issued 643 permits required by the fire code for hazardous materials/processes. They also worked with our Business Systems Analyst to ensure the 2,773 fire protection systems in our District were properly serviced, repaired as needed, and accurately posted on Tegrifire, a web-based system used for online reporting.

Fire Investigation

Deputy Fire Marshals are trained to determine the origin and cause of fires and they provide coverage on call 24-hours a day. In 2017 they responded to 109 fire investigation calls. This service results in the prosecution of the crime of arson and also helps in the development of our prevention programs. Data is reported to the State and collected through the National Fire Incident Reporting System.

The Community Affairs Office (CAO) continues to connect the community with their Fire Department in tangible ways including media, public events both large and small, school interactions, public speaking and just being available to answer citizen's questions. These connections provide opportunities to hear our citizens' needs and provide education and information.

Engaging with children and youth is an important part of our mission. Whether it is individual station tours for schools, special needs groups, foreign exchange students, or scout troops, we are glad to open our stations and let them see what we do. We also reach out to the community showing our apparatus and sharing our expertise. Thousands of kids are reached at open houses, kid's camps, city events, career nights and reading days.

The CAO interacts regularly with area service groups and housing communities. Federal Way and Des Moines have active Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs as well as a large number of senior housing communities that are interested in their fire department. These are opportunities to receive feedback, share changes the department is experiencing, and offer assistance with disaster preparedness, home safety practices and fall prevention.

Working smoke alarms save lives, yet fire fatalities continue where they are not present. SKFR offers free smoke alarms to anyone in need. We also have a fall-prevention program that offers information and equipment to reduce falls.

The challenge of correctly installing a car seat generates requests for help. In 2017 three of our members became certified car seat installation technicians. A monthly program will help ensure our kids are safe in properly installed car seats.

Additional adult programs include Hands-Only CPR classes and the Save-a-Life-Saturday program teaching life-saving skills

to hundreds of people. The addition of a CPR dog manikin helps reach an even broader audience.

The lunar eclipse gave us an opportunity to educate people on safe viewing of the event and distribution of 500 pairs of eclipse glasses.

The mission of the division has expanded to include strategies for addressing the needs of our most vulnerable citizens. These are services not historically provided by the fire department. The CAO has been collaborating with our neighboring fire departments to deliver a coordinated response to our citizens who call 911 when there is nowhere else to turn for help. The CAO also represents SKFR on several commissions addressing homelessness, opiate abuse and mental health challenges in our area.

SKFR attained grants and hired social workers to provide expertise in connecting our citizens with local, state and federal programs that focus on their needs. We have reconfigured our Community Medical Team to be more proficient by assigning firefighters full-time to the unit alongside a social worker. This unit responds to 911 calls that are not as time-sensitive and efficiently connects them with the care they need. This also improves the availability of our fire engines for fires and medical emergencies that require a fast response.



OPERATIONS

Firefighter/EMTs respond to fire, medical and rescue incidents from seven different fire stations deployed strategically within the Fire District. The types of calls for service are varied: from major structure fires and cardiac arrests, to lower-acuity responses assisting people who have fallen, but are not injured.

The Operations Division is comprised of four different shifts that provide 24/7/365 coverage. Each shift is comprised of 10 company officers and 17 firefighters. All officers and firefighters are Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) with defibrillator training. Each fire engine, ladder truck and aid car has first-aid capabilities, with medical aid equipment and a defibrillator for cardiac arrest patients.

Operations also contains specialty teams for hazardous materials incidents, salt-water marine rescue, technical rescue, and rescue swimmers for fresh and salt-water rescues. The firefighters and officers who are on these specialty teams have the training and certifications to allow them the safest and most efficient response to help people in distress.

Each fire engine and the ladder truck carry one officer and two firefighters. The aid cars carry one officer and one firefighter. Fire engines remain the most versatile fire department apparatus, capable of fire suppression, emergency medical response, and operations level equipment to initiate a hazardous material response, technical rescue, or surface water rescue. The ladder truck carries specialized equipment to assist in forcible entry or ventilating a burning structure, and it has fire hose with a pump to act like a fire engine when necessary.



The crew on E64 encountered a lost dog on an incident - due to the dog's chip, a phone call was made and the dog was reunited with family. We never know who our patients are going to be.

Aid cars are smaller ambulance type vehicles that respond to medical emergencies as well as fires, extrications, and many other types of responses. Aid cars are normally located in a "dual house" fire station that has an engine or ladder company. In dual houses the aid car is the first unit dispatched to an aid response, with the engine or ladder responding when the aid car is at another call.

There is one Battalion Chief (BC) on duty each day. The BCs are experts at scene command, assuming control of an incident that requires multiple apparatus to carry out the mission.

FIRES OF SIGNIFICANCE

By: BATTALION CHIEFS & BUSINESS OPERATIONS

On the morning of Sunday May 21st, employees opening a coffee shop reported a fire at the Center Plaza Building across from the Commons Mall in Federal Way. When firefighters arrived at the scene, the fire had already reached the attic and was burning through the roof. The first units on the scene focused their efforts on protecting the adjacent building (to the north), and to prevent the fire from spreading. For over 4 hours, firefighters fought to contain the blaze and extinguish the flames. When it was all over, the northern building was spared, but the building of fire origin was completely destroyed. SKFR called for three alarms and received assistance from Tacoma, Burien, Auburn, and Kent. One firefighter suffered a minor injury during the incident. Despite a thorough and lengthy investigation by multiple agencies, the fire remains undetermined. Had the building been equipped with a fire sprinkler system, the fire would more likely have been confined to a small area. Unfortunately, there were no requirements for fire sprinklers when the building was constructed in the late 1970s.



An Arcadia Townhomes building was heavily damaged on August 9, 2017. The occupant said he had left a few hours before he was notified of the fire. The ignition source was likely from an improperly discarded smoking material in very dry vegetation on or around the back deck. The homeowner's dog perished in the fire. There was no central fire alarm or sprinkler system other than individual smoke alarms inside each unit.

On December 27, 2017, one occupant died in an apartment fire. First-arriving firefighters rescued the elderly woman from her unit, but she succumbed to her injuries. The fire was determined to have been caused by a propane cooking appliance on a balcony. The fire destroyed one unit and caused extensive damage to two additional units.



SPECIAL TEAMS

RESCUE TEAM

The Technical Rescue Team consists of 16 highly trained rescue technicians and rescue specialist operating out of Station 64. The team's mantra is "improving readiness every day." This mind set permits a state of operational readiness in the areas of: structure collapse rescue, rope rescue, confined space rescue, swiftwater rescue, trench rescue, and heavy vehicle extrication rescue. Several members of the team are also members of Washington Task Force-1, one of FEMA's 28 national Urban Search and Rescue teams. Members of the team maintain an extensive specialized cache of equipment housed on Rescue 64, able to respond locally as well as regionally.



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM

The HazMat team was originally placed in service in 1982 to address issues with the Weyerhaeuser Technology Center along with the danger of hazardous spills on I-5. As hazardous materials threats have increased over the years, so has our team, which now includes up to 16 firefighters trained as HazMat Technicians. They work hand-in-hand with the HazMat teams of Kent, Renton and Port of Seattle Fire to provide hazmat coverage and leadership for all of Zone 3.



SURFACE WATER SWIMMER TEAM

The Surface Water Swimmer Team continues to be effective in recovering drowning victims in our numerous lakes and Puget Sound. With the exception of the Marine Team, all the other special teams partner with neighboring fire departments to provide expertly trained firefighters to mitigate special response needs. Collaborating with neighboring fire departments provides more consistent training regionally, and the daily staffing to carry out a special response mission without overburdening one department.



MARINE TEAM

Marine 67 (M67) is a 32-foot rescue/fire boat that operates in Puget Sound out of the Des Moines Marina with 16 trained pilots.



Following the initiatives outlined in the Strategic Leadership Plan, the Training Division continues to meet internal training needs of the District and continues to be a regional leader in the development of firefighters, officers and special operations team members. To deliver quality services, we added a third training officer position in March of 2017. Having the additional resource allowed us to expand our services and better serve the members of SKFR. Listed below are some of the many accomplishments of the Training Division for 2017.

Emergency Medical Services

EMS training was enhanced by improving our comprehensive Quality Assurance Program through a newly created EMS case-review process. This augmentation gives us access to patient records at local hospitals, allowing Training Officers to review each medical incident from the initial time of call to when the patients are discharged from a definitive care facility. This intelligence is used to identify areas of development and incorporate training plans to improve patient care and EMS services to our communities. Furthermore, we partnered with King County EMS (KCEMS) to launch and implement Cardiac Arrest CODE-STAT to review all of the District's cardiac arrest cases. Having the ability to electronically review cardiac arrest cases gives the District greater insight on appropriate training practices with the idea of improving patient outcomes. Lastly, to better address the Opioid Crisis, we trained each firefighter in the use of Naloxone/Narcan, enabling our firefighters to administer the drug to patients experiencing a life-threatening Opioid overdose.



Fire Suppression

The Training Division developed the Washington State JATC Driver Engineer program approved by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries Apprenticeship and Training Council. Along with this program, we developed and administered the promotional testing process that led to the selection and promotion of 28 firefighters to the position of Driver Engineer. Upon completion of the Driver Operator Apprenticeship Program, each Driver Engineer will have received 2,000 hours of on-the-job training, 144 hours of structured class/lab instruction, and IFSAC Pumping/Aerial Operators Certification.

Quarterly multi-company drills were implemented, aimed to streamline and deliver consistent training between all four platoons while aiding the District in compliance with the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau. As a result, the citizens in SKFR's communities continue to benefit from a Class 2 fire insurance rating.

Recruit Firefighter Training

Eight recruit firefighters completed 20 weeks of recruit firefighter training consisting of: 2 weeks of pre-academy training at our Training Center; 12 weeks of recruit academy at Bates Technical College; and 6 weeks of advanced recruit training at our Training Center, which offered a new pilot program, in partnership with KCEMS, to provide an EMT bridge course to introduce firefighters to KCEMS standards and protocols. Upon graduation from the recruit academy, each recruit is certified at the IFSAC Fire Fighter 1 & 2 and Hazardous Materials Operations levels and is released to Operations to work in the field. Once assigned to Operations, the probationary firefighters must complete the 3-year firefighter apprenticeship program.

The Training Division continues to be innovative and strives to meet the ever-changing demands placed upon fire and emergency services. Through active strategic planning, we strive to provide the highest quality learning environment and training facilities to deliver outstanding career development and emergency response skills training that surpass the expectations of the fire service.

SUPPORT DIVISIONS

BY: DEPUTY CHIEF - DAVE MATAFTIN

FLEET DIVISION

The Fleet Division was comprised of four Emergency Vehicle Technician Certified Mechanics, including one supervisor. To accomplish the mission of SKFR requires a fleet of fire engines, aid cars, ladder trucks, hazmat and rescue apparatus, a marine unit, and staff vehicles (totaling 54 vehicles). These mechanics accomplish the daunting task of maintaining all apparatus for emergency response. Along with normal drive-train maintenance, most of our apparatus has specialty-type equipment such as fire pumps, gurneys, emergency lighting, mobile radios, on-board computers, and a host of other equipment that requires on-going maintenance. The mechanics play an important role in maintaining a safe and timely emergency response to our community.

FACILITIES DIVISION

In 2017, the Facilities Division was tasked with several large-scale projects that continued throughout the year. Fire station upgrades were made possible due to funds from the voter-approved Bond Issue. This work has allowed the Fire District to ensure our facilities meet the most current earthquake standards. By completing this work, it allows for a greater margin of safety for our employees and improves response readiness to the public. Below is a highlighted list of some of the accomplishments of the division:

- Hired a WA State journeyman electrician, Shaun Moorhead as a Facilities Technician.
- Installed two new Self-Contained-Breathing-Apparatus (SCBA) compressors purchased in part, by a federal grant.
- Repaired and maintained seven fire stations, training center and properties. Repaired drywall, electrical, lighting, plumbing, heating and cooling, bay door repairs, painting, pedestrian doors, windows, fire sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems and more.
- Constructed an additional office space at Station 62.



- Station Vehicle Exhaust Extraction upgrades at Stations 62, 63, 64, 65.
- Installed fencing at stations 63 and 61.
- Inspected, tested and recorded 6,026 fire hydrants in our district to ensure in working condition with the cooperation of Lakehaven Water District, Highline Water District, Water District 54 in Des Moines and Tacoma Water District.



BOND PROJECTS



In November 2015, voters approved a \$39-million-dollar bond to earthquake harden and remodel fire stations, purchase new apparatus, and upgrade outdated information technology systems. In 2016 a significant amount of time was spent on planning the various projects outlined in the measure. In 2017, progress was more visible as station construction commenced and vehicle and technology replacements began. Below are some of the Fleet and Facility related projects completed.

Station 67

Seismic structural upgrades, truck bay exhaust with CO/NO detection controls, bunker gear extractor and drying cabinet, bunker gear storage room with exhaust, kitchen repair and upgrade, roof replacement, furniture replacement, security upgrades.

Station 63

Seismic structural upgrades, truck bay exhaust with CO/NO detection controls, bunker gear extractor and drying cabinet, fire sprinklers, alarm system replacement, fencing, new HVAC system, weatherization of exterior of building, limited blacktop repair and replacement, roof drain containment on site system, roof replacement.

Station 61

Seismic structural upgrades, truck bay exhaust with CO/NO detection controls, bunker gear extractor and drying cabinet, bunker gear storage room with exhaust, decontamination room, hazmat storage room, bathroom upgrades, sewer connection to public conveyance system, roof replacement, minimal blacktop replacement, generator upgrade, kitchen and day room improvements, fencing, and security.

Station 66

Embarked on the station seismic structural upgrades and extreme makeover. Firefighters moved into doublewide trailer onsite purchased from Medic One to maintain call run times. We worked with City of Des Moines on permitting as well as Highline

Water District to add fire sprinklers, and Puget Sound Energy to address the facilities' power needs. This project is on-going with projected completion in the second quarter of 2018.



*Upper left & right:
Significant structural steel
reinforcements as part of earthquake preparedness*



New aid car fleet

FIRE STATIONS & FACILITIES



STATION 61

(1979, Upgrade 2017): 3203 S 360th St, Auburn, WA

This station is located just east of Wild Waves. The firefighters that staff this station are part of the Hazardous Materials Team that responds to hazardous materials incidents in King County, from the Seattle City border to the Pierce County border.



STATION 62

(1978): 31617 1st Ave S, Federal Way, WA

Administrative and business services for SKFR are located at Station 62. It is the busiest station in the District. Firefighters oversee the purchase and maintenance of the bunker gear that is worn into hazardous fire environments.



STATION 63

(1964, Upgrade 2017): 33414 21st Ave SW, Federal Way, WA

Station 63 is located in the Twin Lakes area of Federal Way. It is the third busiest station in the district. The Federal Way Police also have a small substation within this station.



STATION 64

(1987): 3700 S 320th St, Auburn, WA

A public memorial honoring those who perished on 9/11 is located in front of this station, on S 320th St just east of I-5. Members of this station are on the Rescue Team, ready to respond to incidents that involve confined spaces or high/low angle rescues. Paramedics from King County Medic One are also housed at this station.



STATION 65

(1968): 4966 S 298th St, Auburn, WA

This facility is located in unincorporated King County. Station 65 is responsible for the logistics of SKFR including the purchase and distribution of emergency medical equipment and station supplies.



STATION 66

(1966): 27010 15th Ave S, Des Moines, WA

Station 66 is located above Redondo Beach, just west of Pacific Hwy South.



STATION 67

(1970, Upgrade 2017): 2238 S 223rd St, Des Moines, WA

Station 67 is located in Des Moines off the Kent-Des Moines Rd, west of Pacific Hwy South. The Marine Team and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Respiratory Program are located at this station. Paramedics from King County Medic One and their Medical Services Officer also reside at this station, ready to respond to calls in south King County. Station 67 is the second busiest station in the District.



STATION 68

(1964): 1405 SW 312th St, Federal Way

Station 68 houses the Training, Fleet and Facilities Divisions. Firefighters continually drill at this station to keep up their emergency skills, and many training courses are held in the classroom.



CITY HALL

33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way

Federal Way City Hall houses the Fire Marshal's Office. This division works closely with the Cities of Federal Way and Des Moines, along with a small portion of unincorporated King County, to provide inspections, plan review, investigations, and prevention services.

OTHER PROPERTIES

SKFR owns several parcels of property throughout the Fire District related to future planning and potential growth as necessary. They include the following: 47th Ave SW & Dash Pt Rd, which is available should long-term growth occur in the west portion of the District; S 356th St & Pacific Hwy S, which is available should growth in the south end of the Fire District require an additional fire station; S 288th St and approximately 30th Ave S, in anticipation of future department needs; and S 320th St just east of I-5, upon which a future training and emergency operations center are planned.

NEW HIRES



Hope Leonard
Payroll



Kelsey Barrett
Accounts Payable



Shaun Moorhead
Facilities Technician



Tamara Liebitz-Lantz
Social Services



Jordan Barrett
Firefighter



Nathan Broussard
Firefighter



Elexia Cooper-Anderson
Firefighter



Greg Folwell
Firefighter



Jason Koffarnus
Firefighter



Paul Pinkstaff
Firefighter



Karl Wiggins
Firefighter

RECOGNITIONS

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Facilities Manager Lance Boe
Lieutenant Brad Chaney
Firefighter Cortney Cullison
Fleet Mechanic Jason Fent
Lieutenant Patrick Mertlich
Firefighter Brian Moore
Lieutenant Jan Nielsen
HR Manager Mary Stevens

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Lieutenant Thomas Bolin

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Battalion Chief Kevin Crossen
Captain David Michaels
Firefighter Edward Rickert
Firefighter Rob Willson

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Captain Tom Batten Jr.
Firefighter John Fontana

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Data Analyst Marilyn Scharer

45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Ret. Firefighter/IT Specialist Mark Mannard
Captain Thomas Thorson

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Lieutenant Anthony John

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Firefighter Travis McKenney

NON-COMBAT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Fleet/Facilities Supervisor Ken Brumet

SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE AWARD

Data Analyst Marilyn Scharer

WILLIAM MARTIN AWARD

Battalion Chief Kevin Crossen

WHITNEY BELLINGHAUSEN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Board of Commissioners

RETIREMENTS



Susan Bell
Administrative Assistant
7/1/1998 - 4/1/2017
19 years of dedicated service



Wendy Chinn
Lieutenant
4/10/2000 - 6/1/2017
17 years of dedicated service



Pat Gentry
Payroll Technician
5/11/1987 - 6/1/2017
30 years of dedicated service



Kerry Moore
Firefighter
6/1/1981 - 6/1/2017
36 years of dedicated service



Ed Plumlee
Assistant Chief
7/17/2001 - 4/1/2017
16 years of dedicated service



Dan Rice
Firefighter
2/1/1989 - 9/1/2017
28 years of dedicated service

IN MEMORY



Vince Faranda
Deputy Fire Marshal
4/4/1961 - 4/16/2017



Dick Body
Volunteer
12/15/1933 - 8/11/2017



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52.33 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The 52.33 Performance Report will be inserted here after 2017 call statistics have been prepared.

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