# 209 Annual Report



SOUTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY
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## **SOUTH COUNTY FIRE**

2019 annual report

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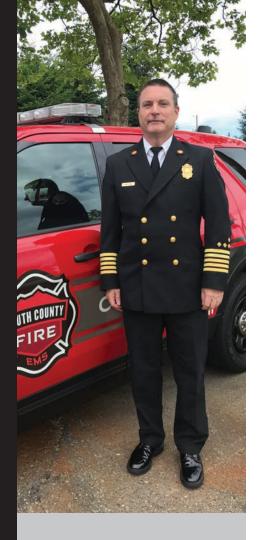
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### **SENIOR**

Leadership Team

**Interim Fire Chief** 

Doug Dahl

**Assistant Chief / Operations** 

Thad Hovis

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John Chalfant

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Jason Isotalo

Deputy Chief / Special Projects

Bob Eastman

**Finance Director** 

Kathleen Junglov

**Human Resources Director** 

Sandra Hollenbeck

## **MESSAGE FROM**

the Fire Chief

**2019** continued to be a transitional year for South County Fire. The year began with the departure of our Fire Chief, which led to my appointment to serve as Interim Fire Chief. Through this transition, our men and women continued to deliver exceptional service, both externally and internally, and I couldn't be prouder of our organization.

As you drive through the streets of our service area you can see the continuous population and housing growth. As an organization it is essential to ensure we continue to meet the ongoing demands for services. To meet these growing needs we:

- · Added 12 full-time firefighters to our overall staffing.
- · Added a 12-hour EMS transport unit.
- Purchased a new ladder truck within our unincorporated area at Station 10 and repositioned our second ladder truck within the City of Lynnwood at Station 14.
- Purchased two fire engines.

You will see many highlights and accomplishments throughout this document and all credit is due to the day-to-day dedication and commitment of our employees. They are the heart and soul of South County Fire and their passion for their jobs reflects in every interaction they have.

This will serve as my one and only Fire Chief message for the annual report, due to my pre-planned retirement in March of 2020. With over 30 years of service in south Snohomish County, the health and strength of our agency is paramount to me. I have never been more confident in knowing that South County Fire will remain a leader in the fire service and that our citizens will continue to receive the exceptional service that has become our standard.

It has been my honor to serve,

Doug Dahl

**Doug Dahl**Interim Fire Chief



## **GOVERNANCE**

### **Board of Commissioners**

**S**outh County Fire is governed by a seven-member Board of Commissioners. Commissioners are responsible for defining the agency's long-term vision and for adopting the budget and policies to be implemented by administrative staff.

In 2019, the regional fire authority (RFA) held its first commissioner elections since its inception in 2017. This marked the beginning of a transition to a board directly elected by RFA voters. During the RFA's first two years, the board consisted of two appointed Lynnwood City Council members and five Snohomish County Fire District 1 Commissioners. Five of the board seats were on the ballot in the November 2019 election. The remaining two seats will be up for election in 2021.

Commissioners Christine Frizzell, Benjamin Goodwin and Jim McGaughey concluded their service on the board at the end of 2019. Mark Laurence, Chris Teofilak and Greg Urban were elected to the board in November and took office in January 2020. Commissioners David Chan and Jim Kenny were re-elected.

#### Burnett appointed to the Board of Commissioners

Drew Burnett was appointed to the Board of Commissioners on July 19, 2019 to fill a vacancy created by the passing of Commissioner Richard Schrock in May. Burnett is the national director of technology services for OptumCare. He has 19 years of combined healthcare and municipal government technology and leadership experience.

#### **Dissolution of Snohomish County Fire District 1**

In February, voters overwhelmingly approved the dissolution of Fire District 1 to take place at the end of 2019. Fire District 1 ceased providing emergency services on Oct. 1, 2017 when South County Fire was created as a regional fire authority, combining the operations of Fire District 1 and the Lynnwood Fire Department. Fire District 1 served the communities of unincorporated south Snohomish County for 74 years.

#### **2020 BOARD**

Jim Kenny, Board Chair Bob Meador, Vice Chair Drew Burnett David Chan Mark Laurence Chris Teofilak Greg Urban

#### **SERVING IN 2019**

Christine Frizzell
Benjamin Goodwin, Vice Chair
Jim McGaughey
Richard T. Schrock.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Richard T. Schrock

Commissioner Schrock passed away May 12, 2019 after a battle with cancer. He served as a commissioner in south Snohomish County for more than eight years. As a member of the Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee, Schrock helped draft the plan approved by voters to create South County Fire. He served on the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System Board of Directors and played a key role in helping secure voter approval to fund the replacement of the county's aging police and fire radio system.

# **ABOUT**

South County Fire

**South County Fire** was established in 2017 as a regional fire authority dedicated to protecting life, property and the environment.

**Our 267 firefighters** work rotating shifts at 14 neighborhood fire stations to serve 250,000 residents in south Snohomish County, Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace.

Most of our calls are EMS. Medical emergencies account for about 85% of our 911 calls. All firefighters are certified as emergency medical technicians or paramedics. Firefighters with special training in hazardous materials response, technical rescue and marine operators are on duty daily.

#### Protecting those we serve also

means preventing emergencies. South County Fire enhances life safety in our communities through fire inspections, investigations and public education in fire safety, injury prevention and preparedness.

### **OUR PURPOSE**

Enhance the Lives of Our Community

### **OUR VALUES**

Integrity

Humility

Compassion

Family

Trust



## **RESPONSE** data

### 911 responses

28,489

911 call responses in our service area in 2019 for an average of **78 calls per day** 

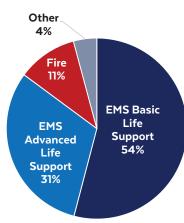
## Responses by apparatus

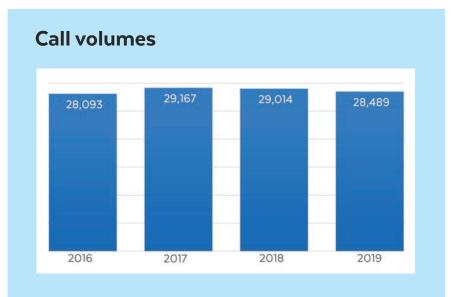
Some 911 calls, such as fires and cardiac arrests, require a response from more than one engine or medic unit. We also respond to help our neighboring fire agencies.

53,006

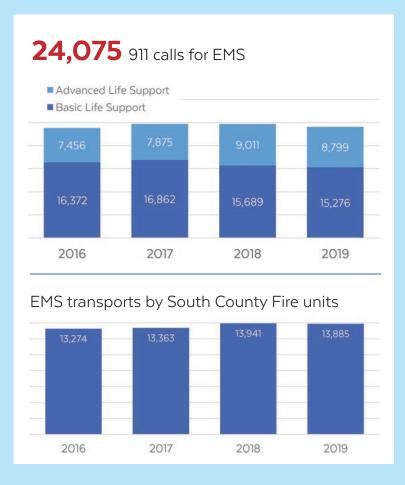
apparatus responses in 2019 for an average of **145 apparatus responses per day** 

### 911 calls by type





### **Emergency medical service responses**



## **RESPONSE** times

**S** outh County Fire's emergency response is built to get you the help you need as fast as possible.

The goal is to get the right resources of firefighters and equipment to your emergency in time to make a lifesaving difference.

A number of factors enter into this equation including:

- · Station location and design
- Traffic and travel times
- · Staffing levels
- Dispatch time
- How quickly the emergency is reported

Guided by national standards, South County Fire has established benchmarks reported annually.

#### Why seconds count

House fires: Fire can double in size every minute. Today's house fires burn faster than ever. Modern furnishings, more open spaces and lightweight construction all contribute to an increased rate at which home fires burn.

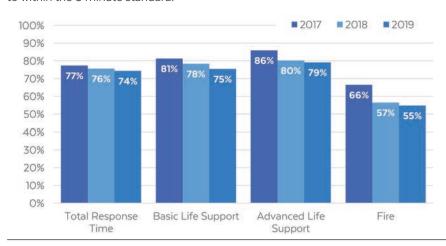
Cardiac arrest: Without treatment, death occurs within minutes when a patient stops breathing and has no pulse.

#### **Traumatic injuries:**

Survivability decreases significantly if the patient isn't in the operating room within one hour.

### 8 minutes on 90% of emergency calls

South County Fire's Response Time Standard is 8 minutes from 911 dispatch to fire department arrival. The goal is to meet this standard on 90% of all emergency calls. The chart below shows the percentage of 911 calls that South County Fire responded to within the 8 minute standard.



The National Fire Protection Association 1710 Standard for Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations and Emergency Medical Operations was used as a guideline in the development of South County Fire's response standards.





serving South Snohomish County

Station 16 / Edmonds Maplewood

Station 20 / Edmonds Esperance

**Mountlake Terrace** 

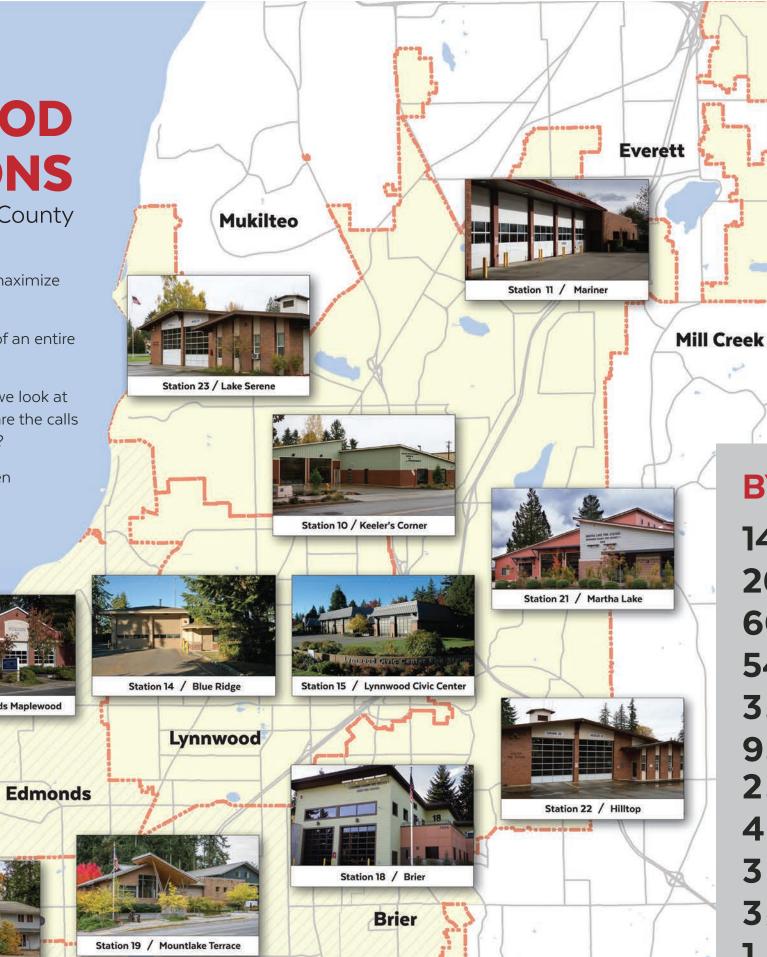
Neighborhood fire stations are strategically located to maximize coverage and minimize response times.

Each neighborhood station is backed by the resources of an entire regional fire and emergency medical service.

To make sure we have the right resources and staffing, we look at the numbers: Where are the 911 calls occurring? When are the calls occurring? What are the drive times and traffic patterns?

Station 17 / Downtown Edmonds

We use this comprehensive analysis to make data-driven emergency response decisions.



## **BY THE NUMBERS**

Station 12 / Hilton Lake

14 fire stations

**267** uniformed personnel

**60** firefighters on duty daytime

**54** firefighters on duty overnight

3 dedicated 24-hour fire engines

9 cross-staffed 24-hour fire engines/EMS units

2 dedicated 24-hour ladder trucks

4 dedicated 24-hour EMS units

**3** dedicated 12-hour EMS units

**3** 24-hour battalion chiefs

24-hour medical services officer



# FIREFIGHTING significant incidents

#### February 17: Fatal residential fire at Lake Serene

An elderly woman and her dog died in a house fire in the 3500 block of Serene Way in unincorporated Lynnwood. Fire investigators have determined this was an accidental fire most likely started by a cigarette.

#### March 21: Commercial fire at Fibres International

Firefighters battled a stubborn two-alarm fire at a paper recycling warehouse in the 2600 block of 94th Street SW near Paine Field. The cause of the fire appeared to be accidental. No one was injured.

#### March 28: Two injuries at mobile home fire

A resident and a firefighter sustained minor injuries in a mobile home fire at the Serene Terrace Mobile Home Park in the 14300 block of Admiralty Way in unincorporated Lynnwood. The cause of this accidental fire was undetermined, but investigators could not rule out sparks in sawdust from a chainsaw.

#### May 2: Woman seriously injured in apartment fire

A woman was seriously injured in a fire at Millwood Estates in the 16600 block of Sixth Ave. W in unincorporated Lynnwood. The cause appeared to be accidental.

#### June 10: Woman injured in Lynnwood house fire

A woman was injured and three cats died in a Lynnwood house fire in the 20700 block of 60th Ave W. Firefighters rescued and provided medical aid to one cat. The cat recovered at a local veterinary clinic and was reunited with his owner. Investigators determined the cause of the fire was accidental.

#### August 28: Arson condominium fire in Lynnwood

Firefighters battled an arson fire at a Lynnwood condominium in the 5800 block of 200th Street SW on August 28. Police arrested a mentally ill man in connection with the fire. A second fire broke out in the same building the next day. No one was injured in either fire.

#### November 3: Fatal townhouse fire in Lynnwood

A 7-year-old boy and his 15-year-old sister died in a fire at a Lynnwood townhouse in the 6700 block of 196th Street SW. The townhouse was already engulfed in flames when the first firefighters arrived and made a quick attack to attempt a rescue. An 11-year-old boy, who escaped before firefighters arrived, was transported to the hospital and released on the evening of the fire. The investigation into the cause is ongoing.

#### December 25: Fire in abandoned mansion

A two-alarm fire destroyed an abandoned mansion in the 6900 block of Fisher Road in unincorporated Edmonds. The house was engulfed in flames when neighbors reported the fire. Firefighters were on the scene for several days dealing with hot spots in the debris of the collapsed structure. No one was injured. The cause of this fire remains under investigation.

## **SPECIAL OPERATIONS**

teams and apparatus

irefighters are called on to respond to a wide range of emergencies. Some hazards require advanced skills and specialized equipment. South County Fire has firefighters on duty daily with extra training and certifications to respond to these incidents.

#### BY THE NUMBERS

**30** Hazardous Materials Technicians

**41** Rescue Technicians

**32** Wildland Firefighters

**38** Marine Operators

#### **Hazardous Materials Team**

**RESPONDS TO** intentional or accidental release of toxics, combustibles, dangerous chemicals or biological or nuclear agents. Team members are trained to detect, identify and contain the release of hazardous materials while safeguarding the public, responders and environment. South County Fire's team is part of the Snohomish County Hazardous Materials Team, which provides regional response and sharing of resources.

BASED AT Hilton Lake Fire Station 12.

**DECON12:** Truck and trailer equipped with supplies to provide decontamination for victims or responders who may have been exposed to a hazardous substance.



#### **Technical Rescue Team**

**RESPONDS TO** complex emergencies requiring advanced rescue skills such as collapsed buildings, urban search and rescue, trench cave-ins, confined-space rescues, ice and surface water rescues and high- and low-angle rope rescues. South County Fire's team is part of the Snohomish County Technical Rescue Team, which provides regional response and sharing of resources.

BASED AT Martha Lake Fire Station 21.

#### **TECHNICAL RESCUE 21 (TR21):**

Specialized rescue truck stocked with equipment and tools to support the mission of the team; carries inflatable BOAT21.





#### Marine / Water Response

MARINE16 is a 28-foot fire/rescue boat. A bow door allows for beach landings. A side door accommodates in-water patient assistance.

MARINE16 is based at the Port of Edmonds. Firefighters certified as Marine Operators respond from Stations 16, 17 or 20 to staff the boat for emergency response. Capabilities include fire suppression, search and rescue, emergency medical transports and dewatering.

**BOAT19**, based at Lake Ballinger, is a 9-foot inflatable boat equipped with an outboard motor. Its main use is for water rescues on the lake. BOAT19 also is used for emergency access to Lake Ballinger Island. Firefighters from Mountlake Terrace Fire Station 19 or another nearby station are dispatched to staff BOAT19 for emergency response.

**BOAT21** is a 10-foot inflatable rescue boat powered by a 9.9-horsepower outboard motor. Purchased in 2019, the boat is carried on TR21, South County Fire's technical rescue truck. BOAT21 can be quickly inflated and rapidly deployed to serve all area lakes.

#### Wildland Firefighting

Firefighters with special wildland training respond to fires in greenbelts and undeveloped wooded areas in our service area. They are also deployed as needed to wildfires in the state and region.

**BRUSH21** is a brush truck on loan from Snohomish County Fire District 22 in Getchell and based at Martha Lake Fire Station 21 during the wildland season. Equipped with specialized wildland gear, the truck can respond to fires in greenbelts and other undeveloped areas that can't be accessed with a fire engine.

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

community health and prevention

Emergency medical aid is South County Fire's most requested service. All firefighters are either emergency medical technicians or paramedics. Our commitment to providing the best possible care means we are constantly scrutinizing our work, exploring the latest advances in EMS and applying what we've learned to enhance patient care.

#### Sudden cardiac arrest

Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in the United States. South County Fire is working to improve survivability with:

#### **HIGH-PERFORMANCE CPR:**

Firefighters work as a team to provide high-performance CPR. This requires an initial response of seven firefighters and transitions to a minimum of 11. Firefighters take turns providing high-quality compressions at a rate of 100-120 per minute.

TRAINING MORE LIFESAVERS
IN OUR COMMUNITY: We know
we can save more lives if we teach
people the first aid skills needed to
act during the crucial few minutes
before firefighters arrive. By the end
of 2019, more than 8,000 people
had been trained in ACT First Aid,
South County Fire's innovative one-

South County Fire's cardiac arrest survival rate of

over 50%

is well above average for the nation and state

hour class that focuses on three first aid skills that can make a big difference in the first five minutes of a life-threatening emergency, including hands-only CPR.

## Responding to the opioid crisis

South County Fire works with other community partners as an active participant in the Snohomish County Opioid Response Multi-Agency Coordinating Group.

The group focuses on reducing the impacts opioids have on the health, safety and quality of life of our communities. Partners in this multi-agency effort include law enforcement, public health, public works and human services. South County Fire serves as the lead agency for fire/emergency medical services and hazardous materials.

IN THE FIELD, responding firefighters administered nearly 200 doses of Narcan, a medication that reverses opioid overdose. The Community Paramedic Resource team provides follow-up services to help patients struggling with addiction to obtain treatment and mental health services.



**SOUTH COUNTY FIRE** 

200
doses of Narcan,

a medication to reverse opioid overdose

**IN THE COMMUNITY,** ACT First Aid is teaching people how to recognize and treat opioid overdose by administering Narcan and how to perform hands-only CPR to save a life in the minutes before firefighters arrive.

## Preventing 911 calls: Community Paramedics

South County Fire's Community Paramedic Program provides non-emergency assistance to help frequent 911 callers access social services and resources.

Patients who have called 911 two times in 24 hours or three times over 30 days are automatically referred to the program. Firefighters often call for a community paramedic to assist them on a scene or may refer a patient for follow-up services. Hospital and

social service staff may also make referrals.

South County Fire has two specially-trained paramedics and a captain dedicated to the Community Paramedic Program. A mental health counselor and a peer counselor from Compass Health assist in responding to behavioral and social service needs. Veterans In Prevention help with home safety assessments and follow-up with at-risk falls patients.

The goal of our Community
Paramedic Program is to reduce 911
calls and emergency room visits.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**578** enrollments in Community
Paramedic Program in 2019

**598** in-person visits

**2,198** phone call contacts

**251** emails, texts and fax contacts

**66% reduction** in 911 calls\*

**52% reduction** in emergency department visits\*
\*Data for first half of 2019



## **TRAINING**

and safety

The Training Division provides training and education to more than 300 employees of South County Fire. Specialized training for first responders is required by Washington State law, conforms to industry standards and is essential to the safety of our staff and residents in the communities we serve.

## **Snohomish County Training Consortium**

This multi-jurisdictional regional approach offers training with common instruction throughout the county using the same lesson plan and same instructors. Training officers worked together through 2019 to create a consortium interlocal agreement to be approved by elected officials for implementation in 2020. Participating agencies are South County Fire, Snohomish County Fire District 7, Everett Fire Department and Marysville Fire Department.

## **Snohomish County Fire Training Academy**

South County Fire had 31 recruits graduate from the academy in 2019. In its second year, the academy operated three 12-week sessions to provide local training for 74 firefighting recruits from fire departments throughout Snohomish County. The regional collaboration promotes uniformity in training practices throughout the county. Most training occurs at the South County Training Tower. Recruits in the academy earn certification in Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazmat Operations and Rescue Systems I They also earn 29 credits towards the JATC/AA degree.

#### **Professional development**

Task Books: South County Fire uses an employee development program that is performance, leadership, and education based. Employee Development Task Books are the primary tool for observing and evaluating development. They contain the department-approved standards in the form of tasks, which have been established by experts from various fire agencies and organizations. An evaluator observes an individual's performance and leadership development to determine qualification of the approved standards for each task. In 2019, task books were completed by:

- 31 Probationary Firefighters
- 23 Captains
- 5 Battalion Chiefs
- 6 Medical Services Officers

College enrollment: South
County Fire participates in the
Joint Apprenticeship and Training
Committee (JATC). The program
provides an opportunity for new
hires to participate in a three-year
program which applies toward fire
service college education. In 2019,
45 employees were enrolled in JATC.
Another 17 employees were enrolled
in college classes in 2019.

#### Safety

**Healthy In, Healthy Out:** This IAFF program educates firefighters on best practices for reducing risk of exposure to carcinogens.

**Peer Support:** 18 firefighters are trained to provide peer support and increase awareness of the behavioral health issues firefighters face. In 2019, South County Fire developed

19,261

drills, tasks and events for a total of

32,578

hours of training in 2019

guidelines for team implementation and operations.

The Safety Committee meets every two months to review accidents and injuries, recommend policy corrections for prevention and develop employee safety programs.







## **Community Risk Reduction**

Community Risk Reduction is a data-driven process to help communities identify their risks and develop a plan to reduce those risks that are viewed as high priority. In 2019, South County Fire was one of 25 fire departments selected by the National Fire Protection Association to participate in a grant-funded pilot project on assessing community risks.

## **FIRE PREVENTION**

inspections and investigations

Firefighters are ready to assist you 24/7, but we would rather prevent an emergency before it happens. The Fire Prevention Division provides coordinated community risk-reduction. This includes public education on fire and injury prevention as well as fire code administration, inspections, building plan reviews and fire investigations to protect the public and firefighters from hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings.

### **BY THE NUMBERS**

South County Fire provides fire inspections in the cities of Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace. These services are provided by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office in the unincorporated areas of the RFA.

#### Brier

- **4** business license inspections
- **9** maintenance/follow-up inspections
- **14** construction inspections
- **24** compliance inspections
- 21 plan review hours

#### **Edmonds**

**216** business license inspections

**1,461** maintenance/follow-up inspections

**628** construction inspections

**198** compliance inspections

**573** plan review hours

#### **Mountlake Terrace**

**124** business license inspections

**584** maintenance/follow-up inspections

**298** construction inspections

**432** plan review hours

#### Lynnwood

**1,054** permit inspections

**684** compliance/maintenance inspections

**1,141** hours of plan review\*

**371** hours of training\*

\*Estimate for 2019 based on actual data for May-December



## **Monthly classes**

- Car Seat Awareness
- ACT First Aid
- Disaster Preparedness for Families

## Other training

- CERT Certification (spring and fall)
- Car Seat Technician Certification (spring)
- ACT Train the Trainer (winter, spring and fall)

## COMMUNITY

### outreach and education

The Community Outreach Team manages and organizes programs and initiatives to promote safety and wellness in our community by:

- Hosting and participating in community events, classes and presentations.
- Focusing efforts in schools, businesses and target populations.
- Distribution of lifesaving devices.
- Coordinating messaging across communication channels.
- Engaging community partners.
- Serving as prevention leaders in the county, region, state and at the national level

### BY THE NUMBERS

**465** fall client contacts

**28,616** event attendees

**1,289** Neighborhood Night attendees

**1,756** attendees at scheduled presentations

**4.044** students at school visits

**40** hours of Youth Firesetter intervention

**240+** smoke/CO alarm installations

#### **ACT First Aid**

**85** classes/trainings

More than 8,000 trained

**44** agencies trained to teach ACT First Aid

#### **Child Passenger Safety** (car seats)

239 seats checked in Snohomish County

19

**37** car/booster seats distributed

**7,173** provided with car seat education

18



## **OPEN HOUSES**

at neighborhood fire stations

## Scout Day March 11, 2019, Mariner Station 11

The open house featured activities to meet scout badge requirements including ACT First Aid, wilderness first aid, disaster preparedness, community helper education and fire and home safety.



#### EMS Week and Teddy Bear Clinic May 18, 2019, Edmonds Station 17

This open house showcased the lifesaving services firefighters provide in the community every day. Activities included a Teddy Bear Clinic (children brought in their favorite stuffed animal for EMS care), medic unit and fire engine tours, ACT First Aid and safe and healthy aging.



#### Fair on 44th Sept. 12, 2019, Lynnwood Station 15

Hands-on activities included spraying water from a fire hose, an interactive rescue demonstration, fire engine and medic unit tours, ACT First Aid, blood pressure checks and more. Firefighters also demonstrated the skills and tools they use for rescues at motor vehicle collisions.



#### Pancake Breakfast and Senior Stroll Sept. 26, 2019, Lynnwood Station 15

In observance of Falls Prevention Week, older adults came for breakfast and to learn about South County Fire's falls prevention programs.



## Fire Prevention Month Oct. 12, 2019, Martha Lake Station 21

The Fire Prevention Week Theme was "Not Every Hero Wears A Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape." Young guests received a super hero cape. Activities included a home fire escape scenario, fire engine and medic unit tours, rescue truck tours and ACT First Aid.



### Neighborhood Night at the Fire Station

Neighbors connected with their firefighters at these Thursday night events held at five fire stations in 2019: Hilltop, Blue Ridge, Brier, Keeler's Corner and Esperance. Visitors met firefighters, toured the station and trucks and learned about emergency services in their community.



## Staying connected

#### **Newsletters**

Our Sirens newsletter is mailed to more than 100,000 households. We also send mailings to neighborhoods following fires or other emergency incidents.

#### Social media





South County Fire



@SouthSnoFire

#### Website

www.southsnofire.org

Residents can sign up to receive e-notifications about events and meetings. We've also added a link where you can listen to live fire radio and dispatch.

## **OUR PEOPLE**

dedicated to service

#### **NEW HIRES**

#### **Firefighters**

Todd Bailey
Zackary Balonick
Erik Brown
Anthony Casanas
Brendan Cleary
Conner Davis
Tracy Finch

Thomas Fitchett Jed Golder

Mitchell Irvin Alexander Jasper

Kyle Johnson Everard Lewis

Karl Long

Julian Markfield Sean McGinnis

Keanan Metcalfe Daniel Nelson

Jonathan Newth

Ivan Nunez

Jackson Olney Abigail Ott

Jordan Pankow

Thomas Perillat

Genevieve Polizzi

Jordan Reyes

Ryan Scott Michael Swanson

Christina Thompson

Cory Watters
Camillus Williams

#### **Administrative Staff**

Jay Abraham Larry Hadland (rehire) Amy Nay Laurie Robertson Aimee Salmon Laurell Sprague Sara Strong Alyssa Wooldridge

#### Chaplain

Deborah Rosenfelt

Commissioner

Drew Burnett

#### **PROMOTIONS**

#### **Interim Fire Chief**

Doug Dahl

#### **Deputy Chief Training**

Jason Isotalo

#### **Assistant Fire Marshal**

Aaron Huckstep

#### **Battalion Chief**

Steve Ness John Puetz

#### **Medical Services Officer**

Jay Ford
Dan Grantier
Tom Keene

#### **Captain**

Elizabeth Bankson Nathan Crawford Jason Erickson Kelly Geiger Andy Irish Raymond Ju TJ Kowalski Chris Tompkins Scott Williams

#### **Deputy Fire Marshal**

Alex Jenness David Sherman

#### **Rescue Technician**

Jason Erickson Boris Fayerberg Ryan Holliday Todd Smith Nicholas Tastad



#### Special Assignments

Devin Haas (CRP)
Craig O'Neill (CRP)
Nicole Picknell (CRP Capt.)
Derek Roberts (Training FF)

#### Fire and Life Safety Specialist

Jennye Cooper

## **Financial Analyst**Nicole McConnell

### **RETIREMENTS**

Captain George Boling
Captain Tom Condon
Assistant Chief Scott Goodale
MSO Larry Hadland (rehired)
Chaplain Jim Hopper
Captain Dan Olson
Captain Mike Read
Captain Kelly Sateren
Fire Chief Bruce Stedman
FF Mike Truman
FF/PM EJ Wilson
Captain Andre Yoakum
DFM Bryan Youngman

#### **AWARDS**

Volunteer of the Year

Kim Sharpe

**Lifesaving Award** 

Captain Andy Irish Firefighter/Paramedic Cory Dowell

#### **Lifesaving Award**

Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Larson Firefighter Eric Anderson

#### **Meritorious Service Award**

Medical Services Officer Chris East

#### **Meritorious Service Award**

Interim Chief Doug Dahl

#### Distinguished Service Award

Commissioner Jim McGaughey

#### **Civilian Employee of the Year** Shawneri Guzman

Firefighter of the Year

#### Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Case

Civilian Recognition

Tanya Rae Piper

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## **FINANCES**

## funding emergency services

#### WHERE FUNDING COMES FROM

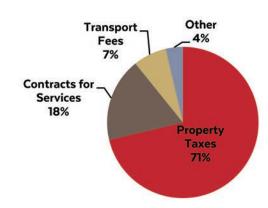
South County Fire receives its funding from three primary sources.

**Property taxes:** Taxpayers within the regional fire authority boundaries (unincorporated south Snohomish County and the City of Lynnwood) pay a fire levy and an emergency medical services (EMS) levy.

**Contract fees:** The cities of Brier, Edmonds and Mountlake Terrace pay contract fees to have South County Fire provide fire and emergency medical response services to their residents. The City of Mukilteo also contracted with South County Fire to provide incident command, medical services officer and ladder truck services for a portion of 2019.

**Transport fees:** When a patient on a 911 response requires transport to a hospital by a medic unit or an aid car, South County Fire charges a fee. These fees help ensure the highest level of emergency medical care is available for our residents. Transport fees are covered by most insurance companies.

## **2019 General Fund Revenue:** \$67.1 million



#### WHAT THE MONEY PAYS FOR

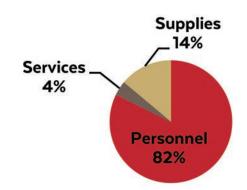
**Personnel (firefighters to respond to 911 calls):** About 82 percent of the budget goes to staffing costs – wages and benefits for firefighters and administrative staff.

**Supplies:** This includes fuel for fire engines, medic units and other vehicles; tools and equipment; and office and operating supplies such as uniforms, smoke alarms, absorbent materials for spill responses, incident command supplies, EMS medications, breathing apparatus and software.

**Services:** This includes 911 dispatch and radio services; professional services such as legal, tech support and benefits administration; the emergency medical supervising physician and medical program director; insurance costs not related to personnel benefits; utilities; expenditures for travel for training and other fire authority business; rental and leases.

Major capital expenses, such as new fire engines and retrofitted medic units purchased in 2019, are funded out of the apparatus reserve fund.

## **2019 General Fund Expenses:** \$69 million







## and equipment

#### **New fire engines**

Two Pierce fire engines were purchased and put in service at Mariner Fire Station 11 and Lynnwood Fire Station 15.

#### Other vehicles

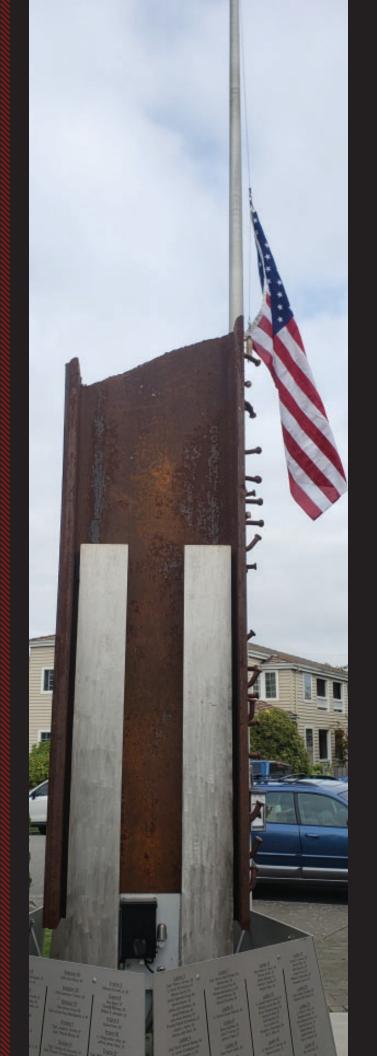
**Two ambulances** were upgraded with remounts of current modules on new chassis.

**Two sport utility vehicles** were purchased to serve as command units.

#### **Extrication tools**

Extrication tools on all front-line apparatus were upgraded to more efficient battery-powered models.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD FIRE STATIONS

#### Fire Station 10 Keeler's Corner

3922 156th Street SW Lynnwood WA 98087

#### Fire Station 11 Mariner

12310 Meridian Avenue S Everett WA 98208

#### Fire Station 12 Hilton Lake

3525 108th Street SE Everett WA 98208

#### Fire Station 13 Silver Firs

13611 Puget Park Drive Everett WA 98208

#### Fire Station 14 Lynnwood Blue Ridge

18800 68th Avenue W Lynnwood WA 98037

#### Fire Station 15 Lynnwood Civic Center

18800 44th Avenue W Lynnwood WA 98036

#### Fire Station 16 Edmonds Maplewood

8429 196th Street SW Edmonds WA 98026

## Fire Station 17 Edmonds Downtown

275 Sixth Avenue N Edmonds WA 98020

#### Fire Station 18 Brier

21206 Poplar Way Brier WA 98036

#### Fire Station 19 Mountlake Terrace

5902 232nd Street SW Mountlake Terrace WA 98043

#### Fire Station 20 Edmonds Esperance

23009 88th Avenue W Edmonds WA 98026

#### Fire Station 21 Martha Lake

16819 13th Avenue W Lynnwood WA 98037

#### Fire Station 22 Hilltop

20510 Damson Road Lynnwood WA 98036

### Fire Station 23 Lake Serene

4323 Serene Way Lynnwood WA 98087