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Mission
Professionally and compassionately helping people.

Vision
We will cultivate an environment of excellence, respect and fun.

Values
• Be Safe •
• Do Your Best •
• Serve with Integrity •
• Take Care of Each Other •
Accomplishments in 2018

• Answered more than 28,000 9-1-1 requests for assistance.

• Maintained one of the best 5-year cardiac save rates in the world of 57.62%\(^1\).

• Pro-Active FD-CARES program delivered more appropriate care and reduced the rate of EMS call growth by 87%.

• Consolidated with Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety; saving more than $1 million annually.

• Replaced (5) 25-year-old fire engines to improve the health of our fleet.
  • The multiple unit purchase saved $75 thousand in engineering and other related costs.

• Purchased additional property on Kent’s East Hill for a future fire station location.

• Hired 18 new and replacement firefighters.

• Collected more than $1.2 million in fire impact fees to offset the impacts of new development.

• Utilized $1.3 million to replace outdated fire fighting air-packs.
  • Created a bid set that other agencies could use, saved 18% on the volume purchase.
  • Expected savings over the 15-year life because of new technology.
  • $300,000 in parts
  • $75,000 in maintenance labor

Challenges for 2019

• Maintain service levels with growing population and demand for service.

• Recruit, hire and train new firefighters at a rate faster than we lose to retirements.

• Complete implementation of station alerting system upgrades.

• Maintain Accredited Agency Status with the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

• Complete a Mission and Visioning Process to better reflect the current organization.

• Complete new Strategic Planning process to produce a new 5-year Strategic Plan.

• Request voter approval to restore tax levy and reduce reliance on Benefit Charges.

1. Calculated using the Utstein Survival Flow Chart
Governance Board

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City of Kent

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City of Covington

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Vice Chair  
Fire District #37

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Fire District #37

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Fire District #43
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Governance Board Representative
Margaret Harto, Chair

- Station 45 Rep Vacant*
- Station 70 Rep Lew Sellers
- Station 73 Rep Vice Chair Mike Denbo
- Station 76 Rep Scott Smith
- Station 80 Rep Vacant*

- Station 46 Rep Vacant*
- Station 71 Rep Vacant
- Station 74 Rep Judy Huntington
- Station 77 Rep Rudy Gustafson
- Station 81 Rep Vacant*

- Station 47 Rep Vacant*
- Station 72 Rep Mary Kathryn Meyers
- Station 75 Rep Mike Davis
- Station 78 Rep Sam Sullivan
- Station 83 Rep Vacant*

* If interested in becoming a member of the Citizen’s Advisory Planning Committee, please contact Division Chief of Assessment and Planning Larry Rabel for an application and review of qualifications (253-856-4446 or lrabel@pugetsoundfire.org).
Citizen’s Advisory Planning Committee

The Citizen’s Advisory Planning Committee (CAPC) is the citizen voice that connects directly to the Governance Board. Members annually produce work plans focused on their mission of learning about how the Puget Sound Fire operates, how to more effectively gather feedback from their fellow citizens and how best to communicate citizen concerns and ideas back up to the Governance Board to be heard.

Additionally, the CAPC has a primary role in reviewing, commenting on and recommending changes in the guiding documents of Puget Sound Fire. These documents include the Standard of Cover which determines the level of service citizens want to see which in turn drives other plan development like capital, staffing, and funding plans. Each plan reviewed is followed up with a report to the Governance Board that includes recommendations to approve or disapprove amendments to the Puget Sound Fire’s planning documents.

Mission

LEARN about Puget Sound Fire.

LISTEN to our community as representative of assigned station areas.

ACT as a conduit to the Puget Sound Fire Governance Board.

Vision

CAPC members are recognized and respected ambassadors reflective of our diverse community and serve as valued and trusted partners to the governance board.
Vibrant and resilient communities all share the core foundation of public safety and effective emergency response. The Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority is a partner in the communities we serve and beyond. Puget Sound Fire stands ready to serve and simply take care of those in our community who need assistance as we strive to continually earn your trust and support. Through the delivery of efficient and exceptional services, the men and women of Puget Sound Fire proudly provide professional and compassionate care to those in need.

Puget Sound Fire is a dynamic and growing organization as new and exciting opportunities to serve our communities are discovered. The focused energy of our team members to seek continuous improvement and efficiencies in all areas of the department truly represents the exceptional quality of our staff. One of the most significant changes and improvements to Puget Sound Fire in the past year was our merger with Maple Valley Fire and Rescue serving Fire District 43 and the City of Maple Valley. Through a contract for service, Puget Sound Fire was honored to unite our organizations and begin to serve the citizens together. This merger brought significant financial efficiencies along with benefits to emergency operations. We look forward to a long and successful relationship and believe in this regionalized approach to providing services.
Message from the Chief

This past year we established a new division in the organization called Community Risk Reduction (CRR). We did this in an effort to create efficiencies, build synergy, and ultimately move innovative concepts forward to make our communities safer. We have consolidated our Fire Prevention, Emergency Management and Public Education groups together to share in a common mission and continue to make our communities safe through proactive risk reduction strategies.

The Puget Sound Fire continues to lead the effort to identify opportunities to build regional partnerships in all aspects of the organization. We have partnered with neighboring jurisdictions to regionalize Logistics, Fleet Maintenance and apparatus purchasing, Facility Maintenance, service level Planning, Fire Investigations, and Training. We are proud to be an ongoing partner in the South King County Fire Training Consortium. This organization provides consistency in emergency response training for all of our regional partner agencies. This regionalized approach to training offers increased training opportunities and safer emergency scene operations while reducing the cost of requisite training to each agency.

The future for our communities and Puget Sound Fire is rich with opportunity and challenge. We will continue to seek efficiencies through regionalization under the legislatively imposed limitations to our two-part funding mechanism of property tax and benefit charges. We recognize the importance of long term strategic planning to ensure resiliency and longevity in the quality of our services. We are launching our new 5 year strategic planning process for 2020–2024 and will be seeking input from the communities and citizens we are so proud to serve. It is essential that Puget Sound Fire continues to meet the needs of our citizens and exceed your expectations. Puget Sound Fire is resolute in being a trusted member of the community and being a partner in building a safe, vibrant and resilient place for us all to live and work.

Warmest Regards,

Matthew L. Morris
Fire Chief
Agency Overview

History of an Evolving Organization
Puget Sound Fire has been an evolving organization, adapting to the needs of the community since 1892.

- 1924 – Kent Volunteer Fire Department was formed
- 1948 – Kent Fire Department assists formation of Fire District 37
- 1965 – First paid staff hired, 2 chiefs & 10 firefighters
- 1974 – Kent Fire Department and Fire District 37 combine field operations to reduce costs
- 1990 – Population 85,000 and paid firefighters surpass 100
- 1996 – City of Covington incorporates and annexes to Fire District 37
- 2004 – Granted Accredited Agency Status by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International
- 2007 – Rapid community growth and decreasing funding triggers 18-month Stakeholder study to determine how to sustain services
- 2009 – Second Accreditation review is successful and Accredited Agency status granted through 2013
- 2010 – Voters approve Stakeholder recommendation to form Kent Regional Fire Authority
- 2014 – City of SeaTac Fire consolidates with Kent Regional Fire Authority
- 2016 – Stakeholders recommend new name of Puget Sound Fire to better identify additional areas being served
- 2018 – Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety consolidates with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority
- 2019 – Resident population surpasses 227,000; 271 paid firefighters providing services
Current 2019 Service Area:
Puget Sound Fire provides all-hazards emergency response services to the cities of Covington, Kent, Maple Valley and Sea-Tac as well as the unincorporated areas that fall within King County Fire Protection Districts 37 (District 37) and 43 (District 43). The Department’s total coverage area is approximately 109 square miles broken down as follows:

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Puget Sound Fire ranks second behind Seattle in King County and fourth in Washington for population served.

Services Provided by Highly Trained Firefighters
Puget Sound Fire provides its citizens, businesses, and visitors with consistent, relevant, and evolving emergency services to meet the needs of our changing community in an efficient and effective manner.

All firefighters are trained and hold appropriate certifications to both deliver basic services and support the work of specialized firefighter teams trained and certified in more advanced skills. The following core services are provided to our community:

- Automobile Rescue
- Confined Space Rescue
- Community Risk Reduction
- Fire Code Enforcement
- Fire Code Permitting
- Fire & Safety Education
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Response
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire suppression
• Fire cause investigations
• Firefighters cross-trained with police powers
• Hazardous Materials response
• High and Low Angle Rope Rescue
• Surface Water Rescue
• Swiftwater Rescue
• Urban Search and Rescue

Specialized FD-CARES Services

The CARES (Community Assistance Referrals and Education Services) Program provides non-emergency services that assist people in better connecting to the services that can help resolve their needs without having to call 9-1-1 for assistance. The CARES Program is a key community health connection that has reduced the growth rate of medical service requests by 87% from 2017 to 2018.
Puget Sound Fire maintains service standards as part of their accreditation process through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). These standards define the community service goals Puget Sound Fire strives to achieve. The goals are based upon saving lives and property. Defined goals are expected to be performed nine times out of ten or 90% of the time. Performance below expected standards can contribute to unnecessary property and life loss.

Data shows Puget Sound Fire is meeting or exceeding past performance but still falling short of many established goals. Community growth are a primary reasons for this. Increases in traffic congestion throughout the service area along with extended rail crossing backups, has increased drive times from the same fire stations to the same general locations by more than 1 minute since the early 2000’s. To help address this, and additional response unity was deployed in January 2019, and plans are in place to relocate two fire stations and add one additional station over the next several years as funding becomes available.

Measuring Performance

Performance goals are illustrated in categories:
- Green: Puget Sound Fire is meeting or exceeding the goal
- Light Green: Puget Sound Fire is reasonably close to meeting the goal
- Yellow: Puget Sound Fire is not meeting the goal, needs improvement but is not a gross deviation from the goal. Effort is needed to improve.
- Red: Puget Sound Fire is not meeting the goal and focused effort should be made to improve performance.

Performance will be displayed similar to the format above.
First Unit Fire Arrival - EMS to critical emergency medical needs: 7 min 30 sec

Second Unit Arrival - EMS to critical emergency medical needs: 7 min 50 sec

Cardiac Survival Rate (Utstein Method of measurement); Maintain cardiac survival rates above national average of 32.64%

Promote and Support public training in CPR to maintain administration of “Bystander” CPR 60% of the time or better

Support Goals

Covington, Kent, SeaTac
Maintain a public protection class rating of 3 or better
Maintained Class 3

Maple Valley
Maintain a public protection class rating of 4 or better
Maintained Class 4

Fire District #37
Maintain an overall public protection class rating of 4 or better
Maintained Class 4

Fire District #43
Maintain an overall public protection class rating of 5 or better
Maintained Class 5
Response Area Stations

Station 45: 1 Engine, 1 B/C
Station 46: 1 Engine, 1 Ladder, 1 Air
Station 71: 2 Aid Cars, 1 Engine, 1 Boat
Station 72: 1 Engine
Station 73: 1 Engine
Station 74: 1 Aid Car, 1 Engine, 1 Ladder, 1 B/C, 1 Air
Station 75: 1 Quint
Station 76: 1 Quint, 1 HazMat
Station 77: 1 Engine
Station 78: 1 Engine, 1 Brush
Station 80: 1 Aid Car, 1 Engine
Station 81: 1 Aid Car, 1 Engine, 1 Tender, 1 B/C
Station 83: 1 Aid Car, 1 Engine
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The map below displays the locations where calls for service occurred in 2018. In the downtown area of Kent, density of calls exceeds 1,000 per square mile. The station 70, 71, and 74 service areas account for more than 50% of the total call volume of Puget Sound Fire.
In the table below, you will see that the count of individual call types responded to and the total staff hours committed to those call types vary significantly. While rescue and emergency medical incidents made up 77% of Puget Sound Fire’s total call occurrences in 2018, the total time invested in responding to these was only 64% of the total. While fires made up just 4% of the total call volume the total staff time committed to fighting fires is 24% of the total staff time committed to emergency responses.

Puget Sound Fire’s Community Risk Reduction Division will be focused on reducing the number of Good Intent and False calls in 2019.

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Total Staff Hours in Response: 71,189.94

Top 10 Call Types for 2018
- EMS Call, Medical: 62%
- EMS Call, Excluding Vehicle Accident with Injuries: 6%
- CARES NEMS Dispatch: 4%
- Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries: 4%
- Dispatched and Cancelled en route: 6%
- EMS Call, Other Accident/Trauma: 5%
- EMS Call, Dispatched and Cancelled en Route: 5%
- Patient Assist: 10%
- Patient Assisted by Other Agency: 10%
- AFA, Smoke/Dust – Occupant Generated: 10%

Top 10 Fire Calls for 2018
- Building Fire: 22%
- Beauty Bark Fire: 15%
- Natural Vegetation Fire: 10%
- Passenger Vehicle Fire: 10%
- Cooking Fire, Confined to Container: 9%
- Brush or Brush and Grass Mixture Fire: 7%
- Outside Rubbish Fire: 7%
- Outside Rubbish, Trash, or Waste Fire: 7%
- Mobile Property (Vehicle) Fire: 5%
- Trash or Rubbish Fire, contained: 5%
Accredited Agency Since 2004
Center for Public Safety Excellence

The Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) is the parent organization of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). The Goal of CPSE is to move the world’s fire service toward continuous quality improvement. To accomplish that goal the Commission constantly evaluates what we do to assure our methods and practices are safe, effective, efficient and meeting community expectations.

Puget Sound Fire is one of 200 accredited community-based fire agencies in the world. There are more than 40,000 fire agencies in North America alone, to be one of the 200 simply means that Puget Sound Fire annually strives for excellence through compliance with more than 249 specific performance indicators that evaluate all aspects of the agency.

Annually, a compliance report is submitted to the Commission for evaluation of our compliance. Every 5 years, Puget Sound Fire must renew our Accreditation term by undergoing an intensive site visit by a Peer Team specially trained and certified in agency evaluation. This week-long visit digs into our claims and documents to qualify all of what we do and what we have said we do through a thorough hands-on assessment. Once complete, the Peer Team provides a recommendation to the full Commission if they feel the agency has met the requirements. The full Commission holds a formal hearing and has final say in approving agencies for Accredited Agency Status. PSRF was first Accredited first in 2004, again in 2009, the third time in 2014. Later in 2019 we expect to appear before the Commission for our fourth time.
Serve a Changing Community

Regionalization and growth has benefits, but it also has challenges. As a large authority spread across a vast service area, Puget Sound Fire must work harder than before to reach out at the local level to stay familiar and trusted by the community.

**STRATEGY A**

Better understand the communities we serve.

1. Conduct a community analysis that examines the demographics (population, race, ethnicity, household types, income, age) for our service area.
2. Identify the populations that need new or specific outreach in preparation for an organized public outreach campaign later in 2020.

**STRATEGY B**

Get to know the communities we serve.

1. Engage with, learn from, and leverage connections with community leaders.
2. Develop a calendar or inventory of “community touchpoints”: cultural events and community group opportunities throughout the service area.
3. Identify and encourage staff to make community touchpoints a part of their duties.
Become a Data Driven Organization

Puget Sound Fire is rich with data, but it sits in many places, and not everyone knows it exists. In 2019, we will focus on organizing, analyzing, and integrating our data into operational decision-making.

**STRATEGY A**

Break down data silos.

1. Conduct a data and information needs assessment.
   - Identify the data going out: what information is collected and shared across multiple systems, including RMS, NFIRS, ESO, and ValleyCom?
   - Identify the gaps: what information do we lack? What information do our partners collect?

**STRATEGY B**

Use data organization-wide.

1. Highlight the opportunities to share, integrate, or centralize data for decision-making.
2. Use data to inform and shape budget, policy, and operational decisions and to drive accountability.
Build Long-Term Sustainability and Resiliency

2018 brought two major changes to Puget Sound Fire. Voters rejected Proposition 1 Levy Lid Lift and Fire District #43 contractually consolidated into the RFA. Puget Sound Fire must chart a new course with a larger service area and understand what the future looks like with a different financial footing.

**STRATEGY A**

*Understand the new normal.*

1. Translate the 2018 levy loss into the future operating budget to understand what the difference between then and now will be.
2. Establish a community relations group.

**STRATEGY B**

*Prepare for and practice resiliency.*

1. Update and exercise the Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Governance to reflect the realities of our larger service area.
2. Identify key positions and develop a cross-training plan for wider skill coverage.
3. Explore opportunities for further mergers/consolidations with neighboring departments.
Cultivate a Culture of Collaboration

Puget Sound Fire is charged with protecting more than 225,000 people over 109 square miles. It cannot do it alone. We must work together as a team and as a partner to other agencies and organizations throughout South King County.

**STRATEGY A**

Break down organizational silos.

1. Set Leadership Team expectations for consistent communication, including division updates.
2. Identify professional development needs and career pathways for civilian staff positions.

**STRATEGY B**

Collaborate with community leaders

1. Build and strengthen relationship with the revamped Community Advisory Planning Committee (CAPC).
2. Engage with CAPC in development of the 2020 Strategic Plan.

**STRATEGY C**

Strengthen employee engagement.

1. Regularly communicate how PSF’s day-to-day activities connect to its purpose and goals.
2. Establish a Continuous Improvement Committee (CIC).
Toys for Joy
Each year, Local 1747 and the community wrap thousands of presents for those in need in their community, culminating in delivery to four different community need centers. In 2018, the community wrapped together 4,489 gifts, 59 bikes, 817 stuffed animals, and 17 bags of stocking stuffers.

Christmas Engine
The Maple Valley Christmas Engine is a tradition that will continue with the joining of our departments. In 2017, the Christmas Engine and community raised $25,315.15 and 25,642 pounds of food for the MV Food Bank; 2018 raised $23,906.98 and 35,979 pounds of food.

Gift of Life Presentation
Through Puget Sound Fire’s Public Education group, the department performs a presentation for local high schools on the ramifications of drunk driving.

Make-A-Wish Foundation
For any Make-A-Wish patient in the SeaTac, Kent, Covington, and Maple Valley areas, Puget Sound Fire and Local 1747 provides resources as well as donations when necessary.

Relay for Life
Department members fundraise and participate in the local Relay for Life event in Kent every year.

Firefighter Stairclimb
Local 1747 members climb the Columbia Tower annually to raise money for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

CERT Classes
Puget Sound Fire’s Department of Emergency Management teaches twice yearly Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.
Senior Lunches
Local 1747 orchestrates and volunteers members to raise money for Kent, Maple Valley, and SeaTac Senior Centers. Kent Senior Center holds quarterly Senior Lunches with the Local, and Maple Valley and SeaTac will host semi-annual lunches.

Cornucopia Days & Covington Days
Puget Sound Fire’s Public Education sets up a booth at both Cornucopia and Covington days to interact with and promote fire education in the community.

Purple Lights Nights for the Covington Domestic Violence Task Force
Local 1747 has continually financially supported the efforts of the Covington Purple Lights Night which has grown from a local campaign to international recognition across 32 states, Canada and Guam.

Bow Lake Community Breakfast
In 2017 and 2018, Bow Lake Community’s Local Union Firefighters continued the tradition of an annual breakfast flipping flap-jacks and mingling with the community.

WSCFF Burn Foundation
One of the Local 1747 members sits on the Board for the Burn Foundation; additionally the Local financially supports and members volunteer at the annual summer “Camp Eyabsut” for burn victims.

Youth Sports Teams
Each year, local teams in SeaTac, Kent, Covington, and now Maple Valley are supported by Local 1747.

Chief for a Day in Partnership with Kent Police Department
In partnership with Kent Police Department, Local 1747 helps to sponsor a local terminally ill child to be a “Chief for the Day” and help their dreams to come true.

Student Scholarships
Local 1747 provided scholarships to 6 high school seniors in the Puget Sound Fire response area in 2017 and 2018.
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