

South Kitsap Fire and Rescue

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



First, all of us at South Kitsap Fire and Rescue want to thank you for your support! Working in a community like South Kitsap is a privilege we do not take for granted. In 2023, we are committed to being more visible in our community in non-emergency times, talking with you, asking questions, and answering yours. We are committed to doing the work our community needs with a purpose!

Our number one challenge in the fire district is that we are critically understaffed. We have been working hard to find creative ways to meet the growing needs of our community. We have evaluated our current station assignments and how they are staffed. We are currently analyzing what apparatus we have in our stations. Through these processes we continue to come to the same conclusion; South Kitsap Fire and Rescue's ability to provide services in a timely

manner can only be accomplished by hiring additional firefighters and paramedics.

We believe our responsibility to the community is to always evaluate and always improve our service. The need for firefighters has not decreased. In fact, the urgency is near critical for our community. Hiring additional firefighters for our community will accomplish three things for South Kitsap. First, it will reduce response times by having more fire and EMS units available to respond. Next, it will make our community safer by having more fighters available to respond to simultaneous calls. Finally, it will increase firefighter safety and health by reducing illness and injury caused by fatigue.

We will continue to do the work our community needs, as a team of professionals, always evaluating and always improving. We do this because we care. We care about our community. We care about your safety. We look forward to working for you in everything we do and face these challenges together. As a community, we can solve these challenges.

Thank you,
Chief Faucett

OVER
12,000
CALLS PER YEAR

80,000
POPULATION



DISTRICT STAFFING MINIMUM STAFFING 19 FIREFIGHTERS PER DAY

Station 8- Fircrest (4) 1 Company Officer 1 Firefighter/Paramedic 2 Firefighter/EMT	Station 9- Yukon Harbor (2) 1 Company Officer 1 Firefighter/EMT	Station 11- Bethel (4) 1 Company Officer 1 Firefighter/Paramedic 2 Firefighter/EMT
Station 16- Gorst (2) 1 Company Officer 1 Firefighter/Paramedic	Station 17- Glenwood (2) 1 Company Officer 1 Firefighter/EMT	Station 31- Tremont (5) 1 Battalion Chief 1 Company Officer 1 Firefighter/Paramedic 2 Firefighter/EMT



VOLUNTEER STATIONS

- Station 10- Banner
- Station 12- Olalla Valley RD
- Station 13- SE Nelson RD
- Station 14- Bethel Burley
- Station 15- Glenwood

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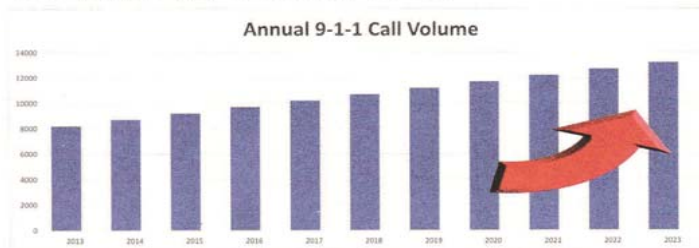
COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Regardless of their role within our organization, all the professionals and volunteers at SKFR are proud to serve our community and committed to providing the best service possible. This is particularly true of the 19 firefighters, staffing our six career stations 24 hours a day to respond in your time of need, with the goal of improving the outcome of whatever situation is presented. As our community and calls for service grow, it has become more and more challenging to provide our residents with the level of service you all deserve.

SKFR is the largest and busiest of all the fire districts in Kitsap County. In 2022, we responded to 12,708 calls for service, a 6% increase over 2021, continuing a trend we have seen over the last decade. In 2013, SKFR implemented daily minimum staffing of 19. In that year, our call volume was 8,222, representing annual averages of 144 calls for every on-duty firefighter and response times of 6 minutes and 57 seconds. By comparison, in 2022, the annual average increased to 233 calls per on-duty firefighter and response times of 8 minutes and 18 seconds. For the

other four fire districts in Kitsap County, the average annual calls per firefighter was 135 for 2022. This workload on our firefighters resulted in a dramatic increase in on-the-job injuries or other illness, which prevents us from increasing our daily minimum staffing. We expect this injury and response time trend to continue increasing as call volume climbs, should our daily staffing remain at 19.

Our goal is to provide the high-quality service our residents deserve, while understanding the economic realities we all live in. Personnel are essential to accomplish this goal and for us to align with regional performance, we would need to add 21 firefighters. Based on this, we project reductions in the averages of annual calls per firefighter and response times to 173 and by 60 seconds respectively, with a 50% reduction in time loss due to on-the-job injury or other illness. However, static or a reduction in staffing would have the opposite effect on each of these areas, degrading our ability to achieve the best outcome, regardless of the situation we face.



55%
INCREASE IN
CALLS OVER
TEN YEARS



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DID YOU KNOW? In 2022

67%



67% of all SKFR
calls are EMS

688



Total number of
motor vehicle
accidents in 2022

4,509



Total patients
transported

58



Building fires