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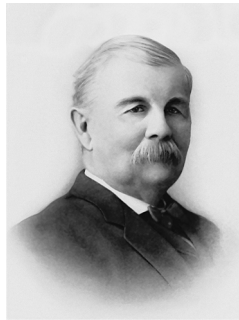
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SFMO's 120th Anniversary - A Look Back at Our Early Days

As we mark our first 120 years of service to the people of Washington State, we look back to the origins of the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) and our initial purpose of reducing the insurance cost of fire losses.



Samuel Nichols, 1903
Source: Wikipedia

March 12, 1901: House Bill 348 established the position of State Fire Marshal with the mission to reduce insurance rates in the state, investigate fires, collect fire statistics, and prosecute arsonists. Secretary of State Samuel Nichols served as the first ex-officio State Fire Marshal.

1909: The SFMO became part of the Insurance Commissioner's Office.

October 1933: During Fire Prevention Week, a press release was issued by the SFMO based on a proclamation by the President of the United States. The press release urged everyone to be aware of the life loss and fire loss nationwide and not regard fire as something that happens to someone else. Also, a reminder that fire losses are paid out of the pockets of everyone who pays a premium and that fires can have a direct effect on the economy of communities.

Moving into the mid-20th century, a number of significant fire incidents began to shape the scope of efforts in reducing fire fatalities and taking a proactive role in prevention, enforcement, and education.

Our next newsletter will focus on how new laws shaped a more comprehensive approach to fire prevention in Washington State.



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2021 Prevention Division by the Numbers

	Total
IFSAC Certificates issued:	1,222
Haz Mat Students Trained:	1,748
Mobilization Trainings Delivered:	4
Responses to Mobilization:	5
Initial Inspections Conducted:	143
Reinspections Conducted:	50
Fire and Life Safety Training Sessions for Facilities:	0
Fire and Life Safety Plan Reviews for Schools:	16
Plan Reviews for Contracted Projects:	5
Sprinkler Licenses Issued:	468
Certificates of Competency Issued:	1,077
Sprinkler Fitter Certificates Issued:	1,845
Fireworks Licenses Issued:	840
Sprinkler Demonstrations Conducted:	0
Sprinkler Trainings Delivered:	9

2021 Fire Training Division by the Numbers

	Students
Weekday Recruit Academy:	10
Weekend Recruit Academy:	0
Fire Service Open Enrollment Courses:	85
Marine Courses:	0
Fire Service Department Training:	0
Regional Direct Delivery Training:	212
Regional Direct Delivery Recruit Academy:	0
National Fire Academy Training:	89
Law Enforcement/Military/ Other Training:	30



State Fire Marshal's Message

2021 is going quickly as we continue to navigate the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. While the pandemic did impact some services, we adapted to meet the needs of the fire service and partner agencies.

The 2020 Fire in Washington Report will be released on April 1. This report showcases the thousands of incidents our fire service responds to throughout the year. It also provides a five-year perspective of incident activity and fire department participation in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) program. NFIRS is an important component to the development of a Community Risk Assessment, and we encourage every fire agency to report. This year, the Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Workgroup is partnering with Vision 20/20 to focus efforts on mitigating risks and preventing fire injuries, fire fatalities and fire losses.

The much needed repairs and upgrades to the Fire Training Academy are starting to come to fruition. The existing burn building is operational and upgrades to retention ponds are planned to accommodate the anticipated increase in water usage. Construction of new residential and apartment burn buildings is expected to begin soon. Further information on the burn building repair and construction is detailed on page 10 of this newsletter.

The Mobilization program is assisting the Department of Health in supporting Incident Management Organizations operating vaccination sites, reimbursing agencies for the 2020 fire season, and preparing for the 2021 fire season.

I am hopeful we will be able to see each other again in the near future as more people get vaccinated and pandemic restrictions are lifted. Until then, thank you for your dedicated service to the people of Washington State.

Former Fire Training Academy Commander Dan Atchison Promoted to WSP Assistant Chief

The State Fire Marshal's Office is proud to announce the promotion of former Fire Training Academy (FTA) Commander Dan Atchison to the rank of Assistant Chief, effective March 26, 2021.

Dan will assume command of the Washington State Patrol's Field Operations Bureau (FOB), where he will oversee the eight geographical districts statewide, where commissioned troopers carry out the department's primary goal of providing a safe motoring environment for the public.



Dan has done an outstanding job in every position that Chief Batiste has assigned him to throughout his 25+ year career with the WSP. He excelled as the FTA's Commander from August 2013 to June 2018, successfully building partnerships with our state's Fire Service and bringing about positive change at the FTA.

Following his time at the FTA, Dan was assigned to command the Homeland Security Division from June 2018 to November 2020. He was assigned as the District 7 (Marysville) Commander from November 2020 to March 2021. As expected, Dan excelled in these assignments, reinforcing the Chief's trust and confidence in him.

Please join us in congratulating Assistant Chief Dan Atchison as he begins a new chapter in his illustrious WSP career.



2020 Fire in Washington Report

The 2020 Fire in Washington report will be released April 1, 2021. This annual report provides a comprehensive summary on fire incident data submitted through the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) by fire agencies around the state.

NFIRS is the fire services' standard for documenting incidents in a uniform method. The information provides valuable insights into the problems facing our communities, and serves as an excellent source of information when developing a community risk assessment, budget proposal, resource deployment model, and other local initiatives.

The 2020 Fire in Washington report will be posted and available on the [SFMO website](#).



2020 Fire in Washington

Prepared by the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office

2020 INCIDENT REPORTING SNAPSHOT

2020 INCIDENT COUNTS

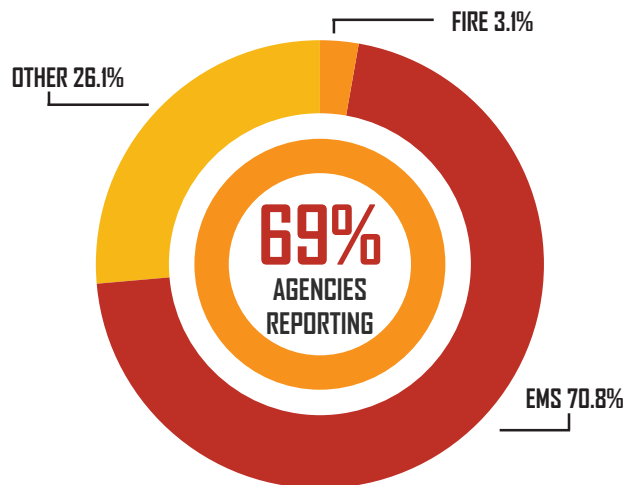
FIRE: **25,504**

EMS: **584,977**

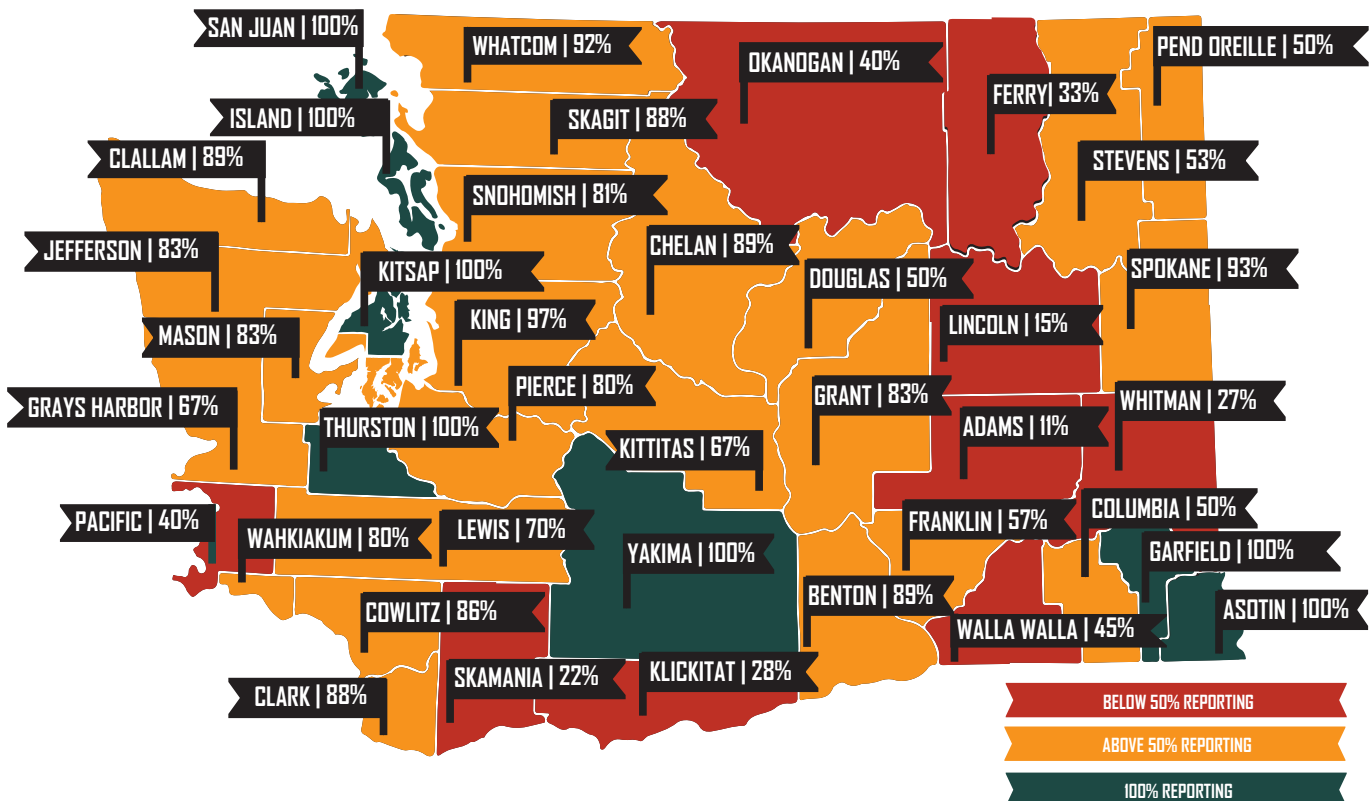
OTHER: **215,588**

TOTAL REPORTED: **826,069**

INCIDENT TYPES



PERCENTAGE OF AGENCIES REPORTING TO NFIRS PER COUNTY



Fire Fatality Reporting

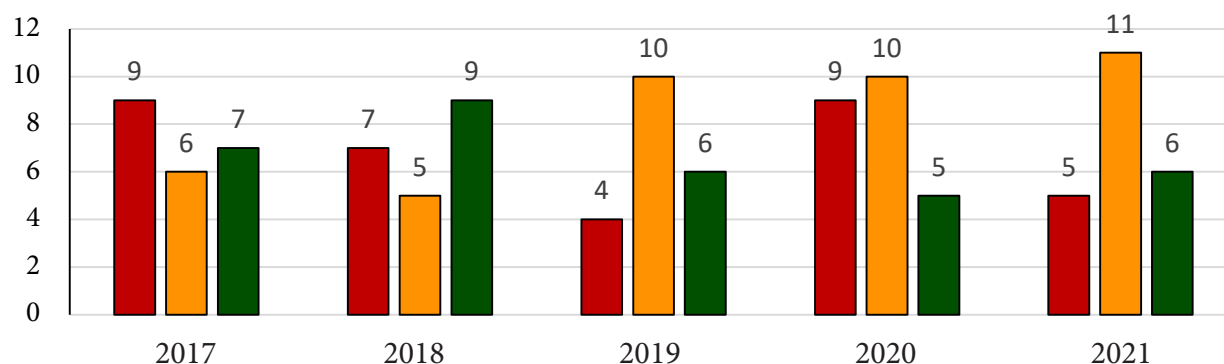
Collecting data detailing fire fatality incidents assists the SFMO in understanding the causes and improving community outreach and prevention efforts.

Fire Fatality Reports are required to be submitted within two business days in accordance with [RCW 43.44.060 \(1\)](#). While fire fatalities are encouraged to be reported to the SFMO by local agencies in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), quick, paper-based reporting of fire fatalities ensures critical data is captured from all across the state, regardless of an agency's NFIRS reporting status.

To date, there have been 22 fatalities reported this year.

2021 Fire Fatalities (January - March)

■ January ■ February ■ March



Who should report a fire-related fatality?

The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) needs to report the fire fatality. The local fire agency, county fire marshal, or law enforcement agency may be the agency submitting the form.

Where can the most current Fire Fatality Report form be found?

The most-current Fire Fatality Report form can be found on the SFMO website, using the following links ([PDF](#)) or ([Word](#)).

What if all of the information requested on the form is not known?

Report what you can within the first two business days, even if the investigation is still underway. An updated report or email may be submitted as the investigation progresses or concludes.

Where should the Fire Fatality form be submitted?

Email the form to NFIRS@wsp.wa.gov or fax to (360) 596-3934.

Should a Fire Fatality form be submitted from a department who reports to NFIRS?

Yes. The SFMO's NFIRS Coordinator reconciles paper reports against reports submitted through NFIRS on a quarterly basis, as well as at the end of each calendar year.

How are fire fatalities reported in NFIRS?

Follow the guidelines provided on the [SFMO website](#).

If you have more questions about reporting fire fatalities, or have questions about NFIRS reporting, please contact NFIRS Coordinator Ms. Alicia Causey at NFIRS@wsp.wa.gov.

WASHINGTON FIRE FATALITY STATISTICS

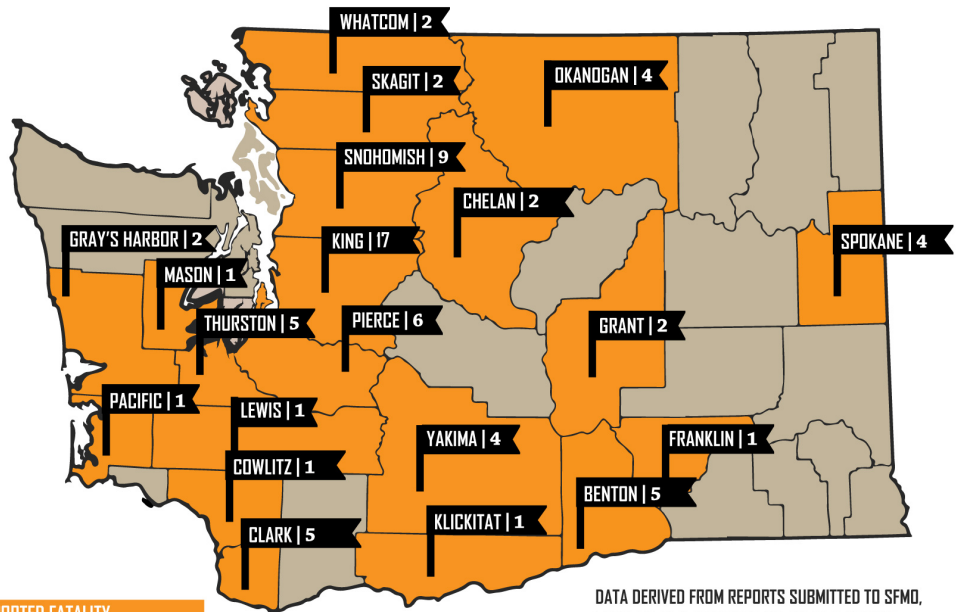
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2020

75

REPORTED
FATALITIES

39%

INCREASE FROM 2019



DATA DERIVED FROM REPORTS SUBMITTED TO SFMO, CURRENT AS OF 2/1/2021, SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE

FIRE DEATHS HAPPEN DAY AND NIGHT



6pm - 6am

47%



6am - 6pm

49%

*4% INCIDENTS REPORTED WITHOUT INCIDENT TIME

PROPERTY USE



30 SINGLE FAMILY	5 OUTDOOR
11 MOBILE HOME/RV	5 VEHICLES
8 MANUFACTURED HOMES	4 DETACHED GARAGES
9 MULTI-FAMILY	2 BUSINESSES

*One Fire Fatality Occurred in a Location That Has Not Been Determined by the Reporting Agency

SMOKE ALARMS



19 PRESENT (6 OPERATED, 7 DID NOT OPERATE, 6 UNKNOWN)
28 NOT PRESENT
13 UNKNOWN

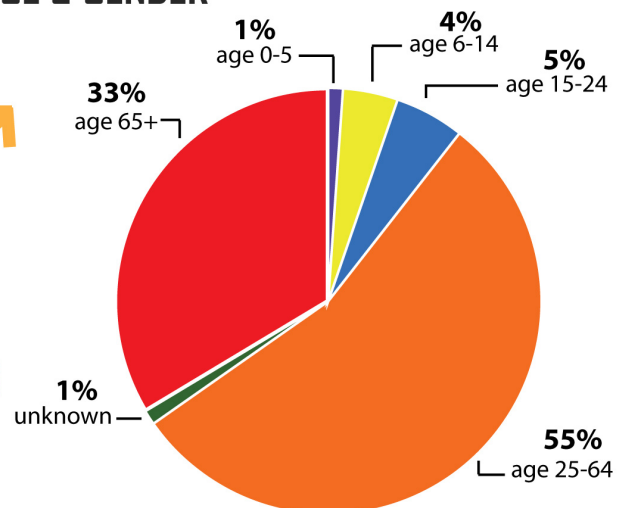
*15 Fire Fatalities Occurred in Locations Where Smoke Alarms are Not Normally Installed

FIRE DEATHS BY AGE & GENDER

63%
MALE



37%
FEMALE



*Percentages Rounded to Nearest Whole Number

PERSONNEL UPDATES

SFMO Employee of the Year

It is our pleasure to announce this year's Employee of the Year for the Fire Protection Bureau is Office Assistant 3 Kimberlee Gorton with the Plan Review Section.

"As you know, it can be very difficult to bestow this honor on just one employee given the high caliber of employees that we have throughout our bureau," said Fire Marshal Charles LeBlanc. "Kimberlee has done outstanding work for our bureau since she arrived, and her upbeat and positive attitude has been greatly appreciated. She is very competent in her performance and exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism in all that she does. I'm very proud to have Kimberlee as part of our family!"



DSFM John Wabel Rejoins SFMO



Deputy State Fire Marshal John Wabel has rejoined the SFMO in Education, Enforcement, and Analytics Section. DSFM Wabel left briefly to work as a Property and Evidence Custodian in the Vancouver Crime Lab. Prior to that, he was with the SFMO for three years, after retiring from his career as a 25-year WSP Trooper.

DSFM Wabel's primary responsibilities include fireworks licensing, compliance and investigations, as well as providing support to the other programs within the Section.

WPFE Fire Educator of the Year

The Washington Public Fire Educators (WPFE) have announced that Melanie Taylor, Public Education Specialist with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, has been named their 2020 Educator of the Year.

The WPFE indicates, "Early on in the uncertainty of the pandemic, Melanie worked with her colleagues to create easily digestible content on safe ways for community members to protect themselves when venturing out for essential items. Throughout the pandemic, Melanie has continued to provide consistent, reliable resources to the community."

The SFMO congratulates Melanie on this honor and applauds WPFE for their ongoing work in supporting fire educators across the state.



CRR Courses Developed by Vision 20/20

Vision 20/20 has developed three free, online training programs offered through IFSTA's ResourceOne:

Model Performance Measurement and Evaluation demonstrates how to improve evaluation measurements, primarily for fire prevention programs, including public education, plan review, code enforcement and investigation efforts. Four different types of measures/evaluation are discussed in the training course: formative, process, impact, and outcome. The course is designed to be completed in approximately 90 minutes.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR) introduces students to CRR as a way to create a safer community. It presents the basic elements necessary to prepare a station-based CRR plan and provides an understanding and motivation for implementing CRR practices.

Essentials of Community Risk Reduction helps you gain a better understanding of the importance of CRR to the fire service and the community. It is divided into five modules including CRR, Fire and Burn Prevention, Preventing Home Injuries, Achieving Model Performance, and Communications Coach.

Visit www.ifsta.org for more information.

State and Local Teams Complete Sound Off Training

Sound Off with the Home Fire Safety Patrol teaches children in grades 2-3 and their caregivers how to stay safe from fire and offers home safety visits to install free smoke alarms in homes that need them.

The SFMO is partnering with Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) in the Sound Off Program with the Home Fire Safety Patrol Project, a grant awarded to MPHI by the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Assistance to Firefighters Grants Off, Fire Prevention and Safety grants.

Representatives from the SFMO, Lacey Fire District 3, North County Regional Fire Authority, Pasco Fire Department, Spokane Fire Department, and Spokane Valley Fire Department recently participated in online training with Sound Off grant managers.

The training covered what the departments need to know in order to implement Sound Off, and team expectations through the eight quarters of the grant. The attendees now have a better understanding of Sound Off history, the process and materials, online tools and resources, and upcoming opportunities.

Local teams will be working over the next few months to identify pilot classrooms to implement Sound Off in their communities. Once the pilot is complete, they will proceed to other classrooms. Part of the grant requirements are to track the number of classrooms reached, number of students reached, number of home safety visits conducted, and number of alarms installed.

The grant will provide 500 smoke alarms (photo and ion), 5 sets of SmartBurners, and 5 Lifetone alarms for local teams to use in conjunction with their home safety visits. The SFMO has currently received 550 Sound Off Kits and 1,000 Sound Off Storybooks for distribution to local teams for use in the classroom.

Washington State Moves Forward in Statewide Collaboration and Engagement Framework

The Statewide Collaboration and Engagement Framework (SCEF) is a program administered by Vision 20/20. The vision of the SCEF is to build a national coalition of states engaged in adopting and implementing best practices in Community Risk Reduction (CRR) using inclusive and diverse teams to achieve measurable and sustainable results in building safe, healthy, and resilient communities.

Central to this framework is the utilization of subject-matter experts with first-hand success in managing CRR both on a state and local level. Vision 20/20 technical advisors will work with the SFMO and the recently established CRR Coalition to assess the current landscape within Washington. The SCEF focuses on SMART goals and objectives to address the challenges of statewide planning and implementation.

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The process requires a series of short meetings with state contacts to gather intelligence and data for the assessment. Representatives from Vision 20/20 have met with the SFMO and the CRR Coalition. They also provided a presentation to the Fire Service Leadership Forum explaining the goal of the SCEF and encouraging Washington's participation. This presentation resulted in additional participation from fire service organizations on the CRR Coalition.

The SCEF builds upon lessons learned and acknowledges that each state is unique. Each brings its own set of assets and needs, requiring a nuanced and customized approach. The framework is adaptable to address the current landscape within each state and take steps to move them forward to achieve measurable goals and objectives. The SFMO is excited to partner with Vision 20/20 on this program and making Washington a safer place to live, work, and play.

Mobilization Authorized in Support of Mass Vaccination Sites Related to COVID-19 Pandemic

On February 16, 2021, Washington State Patrol Chief John R. Batiste authorized Fire Service Mobilization in support of the mass vaccination sites related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Mobilization is paid for through federal funds granted to the Department of Health (DOH) based on Governor Inslee's Roadmap to Recovery which requires a regional approach to be utilized.

The Fire Defense Committee continues to work closely with the SFMO throughout the process. DOH must approve all resource requests in order for the SFMO to fill the order. At this time, the South Central/Benton, North Central/Wenatchee, South Central/Yakima, East/Stevens, and West/Thurston Regions have been approved for vaccination support.

Burn Building Repairs at the Fire Training Academy

The Fire Training Academy (FTA) recently completed major repairs to the burn building that have been long overdue. The FTA received funding to replace the floors in the existing burn building and replace the refractory. These repairs were needed to ensure the existing burn building will remain in service until the new burn buildings are constructed.



Construction of two new burn buildings is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2021. This project will extend retention ponds to accommodate increased water use, and also includes the construction of a residential building and apartment building.

If you are planning to visit the FTA, please be aware that the main road to access the FTA (Grouse Ridge Road) will be under construction throughout the summer of 2021.

Please contact the FTA at (425) 453-3000 to check road conditions and best times to travel.

These projects are integral components of the FTA Master Plan.

Recruit Academy 21-01



On January 28, 2021, ten firefighter recruits started a 12-week Weekday Recruit Academy that meets National Fire Protection Association 1001 Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications at the Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations Levels. The recruits will learn fire service principles through classroom instruction and rigorous hands-on live fire training.

Company Officer:

Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue, Lieutenant Josh DeHerrera

Recruits:

King County Fire District #27, Jake Conroy
Kittitas County Fire District #7, Keegan Federwisch
North Mason Regional Fire Authority, Lindsay Chaffee
North Mason Regional Fire Authority, George Harris
North Whatcom Fire & Rescue, Evan Maack
North Whatcom Fire & Rescue, Patricia McDermott
North Whatcom Fire & Rescue, Jackson Sayler
Port of Portland Fire Department, Jordan Miller
Port of Portland Fire Department, Tyson Settle
Mount Vernon Fire Department, William Schwitters

If you have any questions regarding Recruit Academy 21-01, please call (425) 453-3000, or e-mail FTARegister@wsp.wa.gov.

If you would like to register a student for future Recruit Academies, please visit [our website](#).

Recruit Academy 21-01 Trains on the Car Props



Certification Program to Implement New Test Administration Software

Later this spring, firefighters across the state will begin using new answer sheets when taking written state certification exams. The International Fire Service Accreditation Congress-Accredited Certification Program has purchased a new test bank management program. The new software will replace the existing, unsupported, end-of-life test management software. The goal is to eliminate the risk of service interruption due to catastrophic failure of the older system.

In addition to a new look to the answer sheets, the new test bank software has the ability to provide computer-based testing to Washington's fire service without having the SFMO make additional software or infrastructure purchases. It is anticipated the computer-based test bank management system will be pilot tested in the fall of 2021.

Fire Officer III/Fire Officer IV Certification Update

The SFMO Certification Program is working with the Washington Fire Chiefs' Fire Training Safety and Officers Section to develop course offerings leading to state certification for Fire Officer III and IV (NFPA 1021). These levels will incorporate individual and group projects that the student/candidate will use to build a portfolio for certification testing, so it is critical that the curriculum addresses the requirements of the testing criteria. The portfolio will be reviewed by approved evaluators to ensure all job performance requirements of the NFPA standard have been met. The student/candidate must also take and pass a written exam in order to complete the level.

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**The first Fire Officer III course is slated to be held this fall,
followed by the Fire Officer IV course in the winter or early spring of 2022.**

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For more information, please contact Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Bill Slosson at (360) 596-3928 or william.slosson@wsp.wa.gov.

Curriculum Review Committee Established

The Fire Service Leadership Forum supported the Training and Education Workgroup in establishing a Curriculum Review Committee. The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Washington Fire Chiefs, Washington State Fire Fighters Association, Washington Council of Fire Fighters, Washington State Association of Fire Marshals, and Washington Public Fire Educators. The purpose of the Committee is to correlate and validate curriculum to the nationally recognized standards applicable to the various disciplines across the fire service. At this time, goals and outcomes are being drafted.

Updates will be provided in future newsletters. For more information, please email Assistant State Fire Marshal Melissa Gannie at melissa.gannie@wsp.wa.gov.

State and Federal Licensing Inspections Update

Since March of 2020, many of the fire and life safety inspections normally conducted by the SFMO were suspended by the state agency that licenses the facility (primarily Department of Social and Health Services and Department of Health) in compliance with proclamations issued by the Governor. These facilities include, but are not limited to, nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities, and residential treatment facilities. It is anticipated that inspections will resume in April 2021.

As our office gears up to resume inspections, we reviewed the types of violations that were cited between 2016 and 2019. The top five violation categories are provided below along with the number of citations per category.

Violation Category	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction	969	1296	1512	1632
Fire Protection Systems Inspection, Testing and Maintenance	662	1023	1140	1076
Electrical Equipment, Wiring and Hazards	874	1117	1365	1256
Emergency and Standby Power Systems	636	864	920	710
Portable Fire Extinguishers	319	371	349	413

Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction violations were primarily penetrations into firewalls. Breaches in sheetrock often caused by electrical or cable wiring not properly protected against the spread of smoke and heat is the leading cause of violations.

Fire Protection Systems Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance includes violations related to fire alarms, fire sprinkler, and other fire protection systems. These systems are critical components of the built-in fire and life safety features of a building. Ensuring these systems operate as designed when an emergency occurs increases the safety of the building occupants. The inspection, testing, and maintenance frequencies were not extended during the pandemic, so facilities are expected to maintain their fire protection systems in operable condition.

Electrical Equipment, Wiring and Hazards includes extension cords used in place of permanent wiring and one power strip being plugged into another power strip as the leading violations found in this category.

Emergency and Standby Power Systems includes violations related to emergency generators and/or battery back-up fire alarm systems and emergency lighting.

Portable Fire Extinguishers includes maintenance and inspection violations, as well as improper mounting height.

Inspection reports are available to AHJs upon request. Deputy State Fire Marshals (DSFMs) would also like to encourage local fire inspectors to make contact with our DSFMs assigned to inspections. Our inspectors would welcome you to join them on an inspection and engage in code discussions.

For contact information for the DSFM that inspects in your jurisdiction, please contact CDSFM Barbara McMullen at Barbara.McMullen@wsp.wa.gov or CDSFM Dylan Montgomery at Dylan.Montgomery@wsp.wa.gov.

NAFED Certification Update

The State Building Code Council has passed an emergency extension for the effective date for requiring National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAFED) certification to work on alternative automatic fire-extinguishing systems to July 1, 2021.

2021 HazMat Training Conference Scheduled

The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Program and the Washington State Emergency Management Division are pleased to announce details of the 20th Annual HazMat Conference, which will be held virtually this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's conference has been expanded to include the Annual Local Emergency Planning Committee's Conference. The combined conference will begin on April 6, 2021, and run through May 6, 2021, with sessions occurring every Tuesday and Thursday.

Several HazMat related training elements will be offered, which include:

- HazMat and Confined Spaces
- Vehicle-Borne IED, Today's New Challenge
- Hazmat Planning and Response
- HazMat and PPE
- Emerging Threats
- HazMat IQ

Additional information is available at the SERC's website: [2021 Annual LEPC/Hazmat Conference](#)

Wildfire Ready Neighbors Launches

Wildfire Ready Neighbors is a collaborative effort between Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), local wildfire experts, and community organizations that aims to get homeowners and their properties prepared for wildfire.

In April, the campaign will kick-off with a challenge across Okanogan, Chelan, and Spokane counties to motivate as many residents as possible to prepare for wildfire season. Residents in those counties will be invited to sign up at wildfireready.com and receive a FREE step-by-step Wildfire Ready Plan. They will also be entered to win a \$300 gift card to a local hardware store.

The website wildfireready.com will be active on April 5, 2021, and can provide additional information about the program.

For further details, contact Carrie Ulvestad with DNR at (360) 867-8725, or by emailing carrie.ulvestad@dnr.wa.gov.



SFMO Licensing Section to be Renamed Education, Enforcement, and Analytics Section

The Licensing Section of the SFMO has been renamed the Education, Enforcement, and Analytics (EEA) Section.

This name change is more inclusive of the programs and services provided by the Section. The Section administers the Fireworks Licensing Program, Fire Sprinkler Licensing and Certification Program, Fire Safe Cigarette Certification Program, National Fire Incident Reporting System, and Fire Fatality Reporting Program. This section also provides public education and Community Risk Reduction support to the fire service, industry, and public, as well as producing the annual Fire in Washington Report and the State Fire Marshal's Newsletter.

To reach the EEA Section, please call (360) 596-3946.

Fire Sprinkler Trailer Availability

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the SFMO Residential Fire Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer was unable to be brought out to local events this past year. This prop is an effective tool for demonstrating the benefits of residential fire sprinklers.

As local events become possible, the trailer will be available for live demonstrations. The SFMO provides the trailer, supplies, and staff to operate the trailer and conduct educational presentations. Fire agencies interested in scheduling the trailer for their local events should complete and submit the [request form](#) on our website.

To expand the reach of the fire sprinkler trailer, a recorded demonstration will be posted on the SFMO website in the coming months. Additionally, educational resources on residential fire sprinklers will also be available online.



Save the Date - Fire Prevention Institute 2021

The date for the 2021 Fire Prevention Institute is Monday, October 18 (starting at 1:00 p.m.), through Friday, October 22 (ending by noon).

Currently, the SFMO and Washington State Association of Fire Marshals (WSAFM) are moving forward with their planning efforts, and are hopeful that the 2021 Fire Prevention Institute will occur. At this time, it is intended that the speakers deliver their presentations on site (Campbell's Conference Center, Chelan, WA).

Understandably, there may be some modifications made to the traditional conference format. Additional details will be posted on the WSAFM website, at www.wsafm.com as they become available.

If you have specific questions, please contact Tom Maloney at (360) 363-8506, or tmaloney@marysville.wa.gov, or Ellen Tombleson at (360) 596-3902, or ellen.tombleson@wsp.wa.gov.

Upcoming Events and Trainings

April 15-16: NFA - Incident Safety Officer

Tumwater, WA

April 20-21: NFA- Leadership in Supervision: Framework to Success

DuPont, WA

April 23-24: NFA- Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking

Shelton, WA

May 3-6: Fire Instructor 1

North Bend, WA

May 14-15: NFA- Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth

Shelton, WA

June 15-16: NFA - Incident Safety Officer

DuPont, WA

July 9-11, 16-18, 23-25: Firefighter II

North Bend, WA

September 13-18: Fire Officer 1

North Bend, WA

ONLINE COURSES

Introduction to Community Risk Assessment

NFA Online

Intro to Strategic Community Risk Reduction

NFA Online

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