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SFMO's 120th Anniversary - The Mid-20th Century

As we continue to mark our first 120 years of service to the people of Washington State, we look back to landmark events that occurred in the middle of the 20th Century.

January 30, 1951: The McClary Convalescent Home Fire in Hoquiam killed 21 residents. In response, the Washington State Legislature passed SB189, which established regulation and enforcement of nursing homes in the state. Fire protection authority was given to the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) to include inspections of facilities.



1961: State Fire Marshal's Office regulatory authority expanded to include fireworks with passage of the Fireworks Law [RCW 70.77](#). The SFMO continues to regulate fireworks wholesalers, importers, retail stands, and pyrotechnic operators.



August 11, 1984: A 48-acre site in North Bend was dedicated as a Fire Training Center. It is now known as the Fire Service Training Academy.

1986: The Washington State Legislature created the 10-member Fire Protection Policy Board and charged them with the responsibility of establishing a comprehensive state policy regarding fire protection services. The Fire Protection Policy Board was eliminated in 2010 as a part of broad, statewide budget cuts.

As we moved through the 20th century, a state fire protection master plan was developed, statewide systems for standards, certification, and training were adopted, and a statewide fire prevention education program was implemented.

In our next newsletter, we will share more history of the SFMO, including additions and changes to our programs and services.

2021 Fire Prevention Division by the Numbers

	Total
IFSAC Certificates issued:	1,513
Haz Mat Students Trained:	370
Mobilization Trainings Delivered:	4
Responses to Mobilization:	8
Initial Inspections Conducted:	413
Reinspections Conducted:	187
Fire and Life Safety Training Sessions for Facilities:	1
Fire and Life Safety Plan Reviews for Schools:	44
Plan Reviews for Contracted Projects:	6
Sprinkler Licenses Issued:	466
Certificates of Competency Issued:	1,070
Sprinkler Fitter Certificates Issued:	1,723
Fireworks Licenses Issued:	876
Sprinkler Demonstrations Conducted:	0
Sprinkler Trainings Delivered:	17

2021 Fire Training Division by the Numbers

	Students
Weekday Recruit Academy:	24
Weekend Recruit Academy:	0
Fire Service Open Enrollment Courses:	186
Marine Courses:	90
Fire Service Department Training:	1,103
Regional Direct Delivery Training:	709
Regional Direct Delivery Recruit Academy:	381
National Fire Academy Training:	89
Law Enforcement/Military/ Other Training:	382



State Fire Marshal's Message

As we step forward into summer, the social restrictions of the last year are easing, giving us an opportunity to gather once again. As early as this coming weekend, friends and family will come together to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday.

We will join to exchange new ideas, learn new skills, and continue to protect the people of Washington State. We are looking forward to meeting again with our fire service partners at the Fire Prevention Institute at Lake Chelan in October.

As proud as I am of our staff working to move projects forward during this pandemic, I am even more excited to see the effect of those collective efforts and a return to in-person events focused on new methods of fire prevention, increased fire leadership training, and innovations in firefighter safety.

We will also convene to face the critical need for blood as we kick off a month long firefighter blood drive, working in partnership with Bloodworks Northwest and Vitalant.

Lastly, we are excited to be part of one of the largest community events in the state each year, as the Washington State Patrol opens a permanent display at the Washington State Fair. The State Fire Marshal's Office 120-year history will be displayed, including photographs, memorabilia, and artifacts.

The opportunity to exchange our ideas and experiences together in the same room has been greatly missed over the past year. We look forward to gathering again and making those connections, one handshake at a time.

It will be good to see you again.

2021 Fire Season Outlook

The National Weather Service predicts the 2021 fire season to be both warmer and drier than normal, with above average risk of large fires throughout the summer. Much of the western United States is in some state of drought, with drought persisting throughout parts of eastern Washington. Much of the remainder of the state is likely to enter into a drought at some point in the summer.

The Predictive Services unit of the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, forecasts much of the western United States to experience above normal temperatures and below normal rainfall for July, August, and September. Without significant weather changes, fire danger will worsen with an elevated risk of large fires expanding to include more of western Oregon and Washington, with eastern Washington increasingly at risk due to the potential for lightning activity. Lightning-caused fires will be the main risk of large fires through August. Wind-driven, human-caused fires may also be a great risk through September, as lightning tends to diminish rapidly after mid-September.



For the latest regional and national fire weather and fire potential outlooks, visit the Northwest Area Coordination Center web site at <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/>. Both the National Interagency Fire Center and the Northwest Area Coordination Center release updated forecasts around the first of each month.

Mobilization Pre-positioning

The final 2021-23 State Operating Budget includes \$500,000 for the SFMO to pilot pre-positioning of mobilization resources when there is a high likelihood of significant fire activity. The Legislature added \$500,000 to the typical \$8,000,000 biennial Mobilization Response budget appropriated in to the state's Disaster Response Account. As soon as the new operating budget passed the Legislature, the SFMO's Mobilization team began working with members of the Fire Defense Committee (FDC) to solidify a framework to manage the process of requesting pre-positioning and deploying resources. The intent of pre-positioning resources in advance of anticipated fire activity is to attempt to prevent initial attack incidents from becoming larger, costlier, and more destructive events.

The product of this collaborative work between the SFMO and members of the FDC is Appendix Q of the updated version of the *State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan*, commonly referred to as the "Mobe Plan." Appendix Q details the process for requesting pre-positioning, as well as the evaluation and approval of those requests. Washington State Patrol Chief John R. Batiste approved the updated version of the Mobe Plan on June 24, 2021. As the \$500,000 earmarked in the budget for pre-positioning is contained in the new state operating budget, pre-positioning cannot be utilized until July 1, 2021.

The updated version of the Mobilization can be found on [our website](#). For more information, email FPBMobe@wsp.wa.gov, or call (360) 596-3945.

Health Care Facility Training

The SFMO conducts thousands of fire and life safety inspections in a variety of health care facilities every year. Our main goal is to ensure the safety of everyone inside the facilities including staff, visitors, residents, and first responders. Raising awareness through education is one of our primary means of ensuring compliance and safety.

The SFMO has taught classes at and partnered with Pierce and Thurston County Healthcare Associations, Washington Ambulatory Surgery Center Association, Washington State Healthcare Safety Council, Washington Health Care Association, and the Northwest Healthcare Response Network, which has been found to be an effective method to share fire and life safety requirements.



By working with these associations, we have been able to educate numerous facility stakeholders, including facility administrators, company executives, and maintenance directors. By directly engaging with a variety of facilities, we are able to provide training and information they need to do their job well in a constantly changing environment. This allows facilities to brainstorm ideas on compliance strategies, share best practices, and where to obtain items that meet new requirements.

These training sessions became especially helpful when the [Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers Final Rule](#) went into effect in 2017, requiring all facilities to prepare for emergencies using an all-hazards approach. While all facilities were previously equipped with an emergency plan, the plan now needs to include:

- Reaching out to emergency preparedness officials, patients, and their families
- Having emergency supplies on hand
- Conducting drills
- Writing policies on topics such as loss of utilities
- Use of a federal disaster waiver

When Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services facilities were updated to the 2012 Edition of NFPA 101, the SFMO provided presentations on the new requirements, such as the need for testing hospital and non-hospital grade outlets, and power strips. The new requirements for electrical and medical gases within a facility, conducting fire door inspections, and fire/smoke damper testing were also covered in the presentations.

By partnering with associations, the SFMO is able to provide updates on fire and life safety concerns such as when there are recalls of smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, or other products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard in these facilities.

The SFMO is committed to fostering partnerships and ensuring we continue reaching out to other stakeholders in an effort to increase fire safety across Washington State.

Fire Alarm Silence Function Locking Egress Doors

In nursing homes, assisted living, and other facilities, there may be a need to restrict egress so that residents stay safely within an area or building. Often times, the need to prevent elopement may seemingly conflict with fire and life safety requirements for free egress.

For this reason, the Washington State Amended International Fire Code (IFC) has several provisions to balance the need to prevent elopement, while still allowing prompt egress from a building in the event of a fire or other emergency.

Whether using delayed egress, which complies with IFC 1010.1.9.8, or a controlled egress arrangement, which complies with IFC-WA State Amendment 1010.1.9.7, they both require the doors to unlock, and stay unlocked upon actuation of the fire sprinkler system and/or the automatic fire detection system.

Recently, the SFMO observed a pattern in which the doors can relock prematurely when using delayed egress and/or controlled egress doors. This clearly goes against the Fire Code and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. A common default setting in the fire alarm system will re-lock the delayed and/or controlled egress doors when the system is silenced without a full manual reset being conducted. An inadvertent or premature silencing of the fire alarm system by facility staff would reactivate the door locks and could potentially delay prompt egress from a building when there is a fire event. A new initiating device, such as a pull station or smoke detector, would then be required to activate in order to once again unlock the delayed/controlled egress doors.



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The relocking of the egress doors upon fire alarm silencing is in direct conflict with the provisions of 2013 NFPA 72-21.9.6, which states “*All doors that are required to be unlocked by the fire alarm system in accordance with 21.9.1 shall remain unlocked until the fire alarm condition is manually reset.*”

This can be fixed by simply reprogramming the fire alarm system protocols to require a full manual reset to relock the doors to ensure compliance with NFPA 72-21.9.6. This will allow the facility to maintain the ability for building occupants too promptly and safely egress from a building in an emergency.

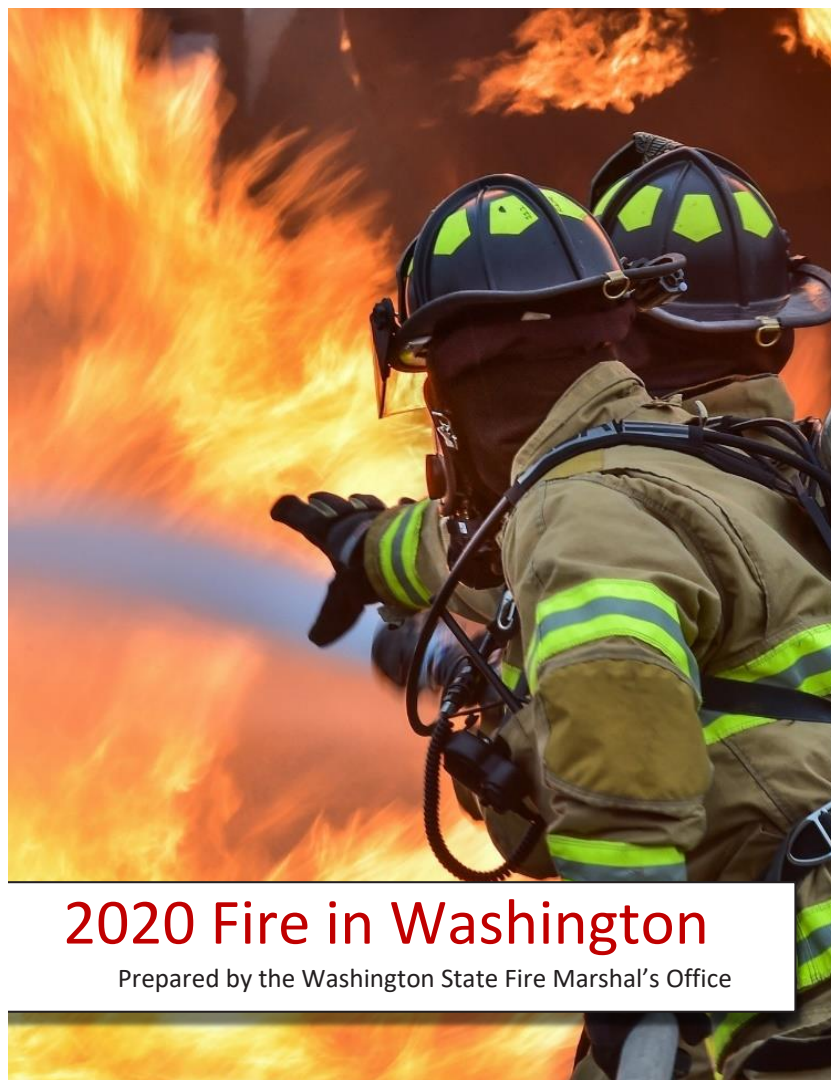
For further information regarding trends on code violations or inspection of state licensed facilities, call the SFMO Inspections section at (360) 596-3947.

NFIRS Annual Reporting Deadlines

Fire agencies participating in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) are familiar with the data deadline of January 31st for inclusion of their data in the annual Fire in Washington Report. In addition, the United States Fire Administration (USFA) also has a reporting deadline of July 1st for the previous years' data.

In preparation for both of these deadlines, there are two important things agencies should do.

- First, ensure all incidents meet NFIRS validation standards by correcting and resubmitting any invalid incidents with critical errors.
- Second, do regular quality control checks in critical data fields where data entry mistakes may occur more easily.



While the SFMO works with all agencies to help ensure data quality, agencies can also independently utilize the NFIRS Data Warehouse's Data Quality reports to regularly assess and improve their data.

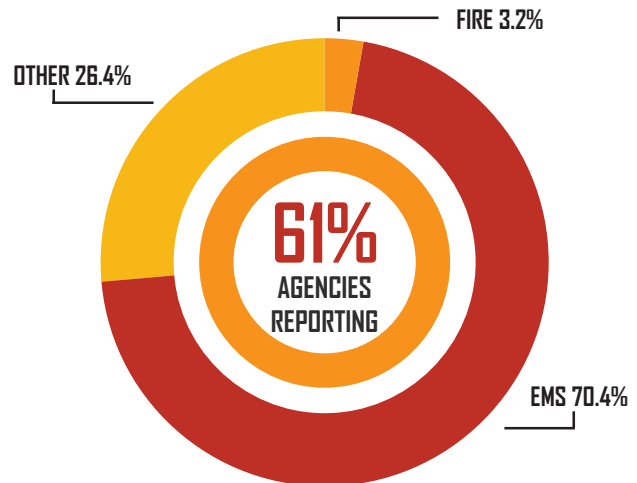
If you would like to learn more about these data quality reports, have other questions, or need NFIRS assistance, please contact the NFIRS Coordinator at NFIRS@wsp.wa.gov, or call (360) 596-3924.

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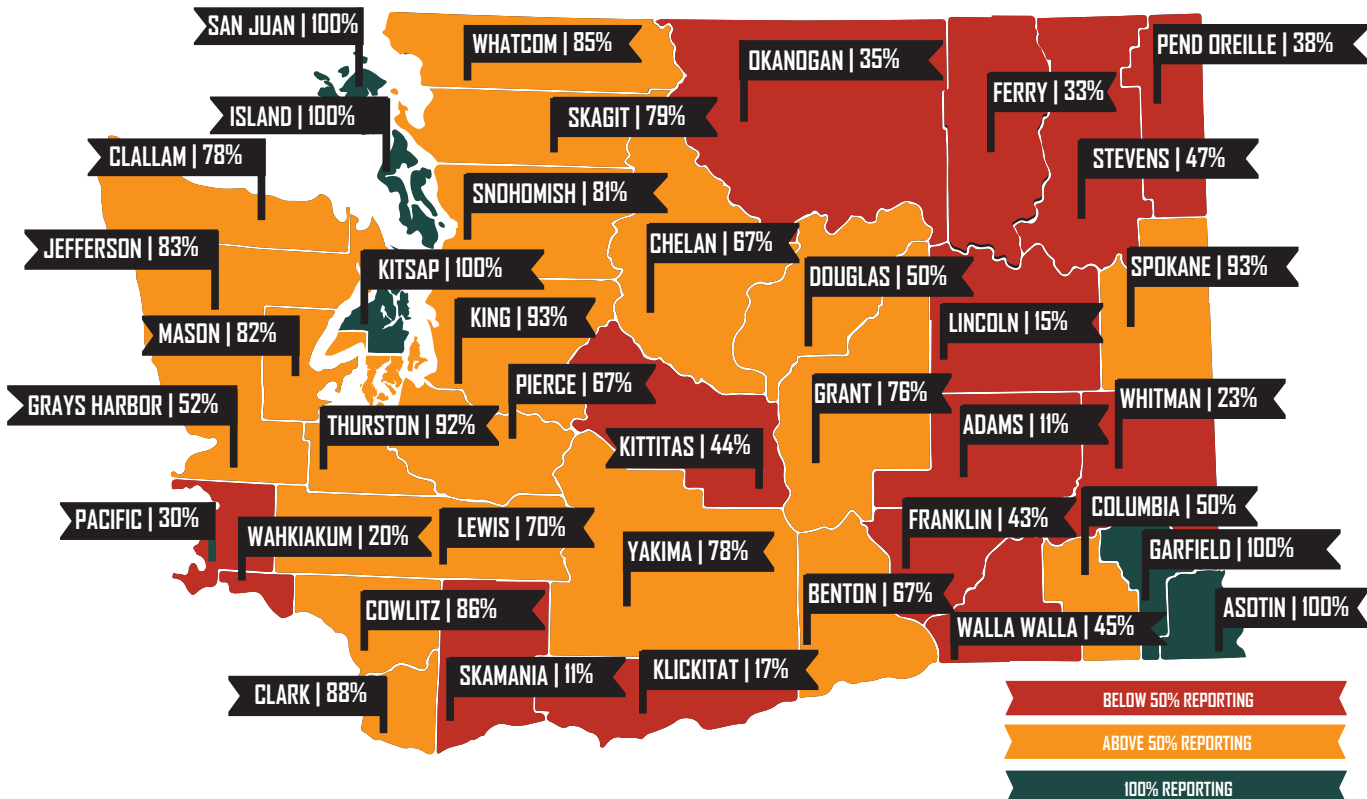
INCIDENT COUNTS

FIRE: 10,091
EMS: 219,797
OTHER: 82,287
TOTAL REPORTED: 312,175

INCIDENT TYPES



PERCENTAGE OF AGENCIES REPORTING TO NFIRS PER COUNTY



WASHINGTON FIRE FATALITY STATISTICS

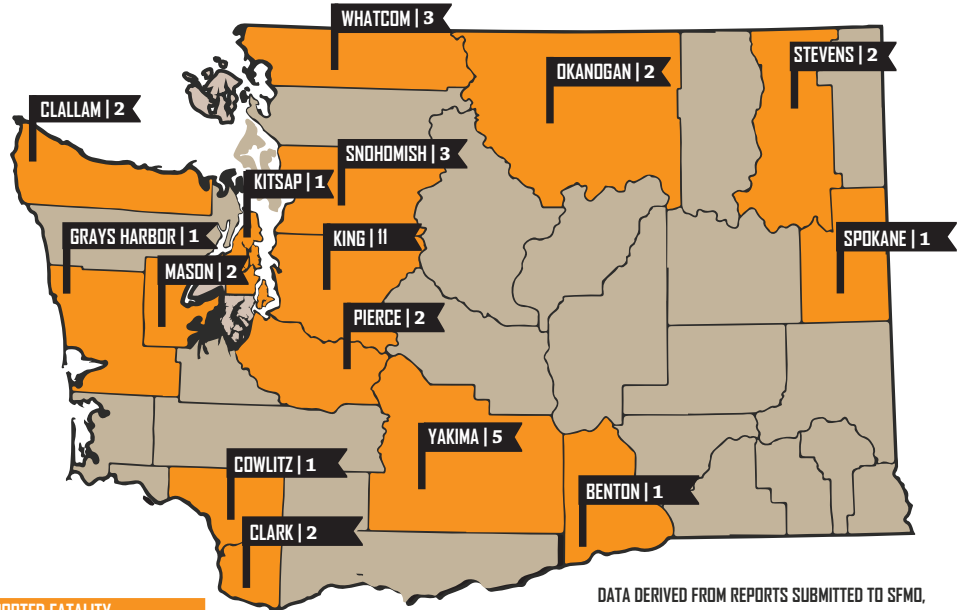
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REPORTED
FATALITIES

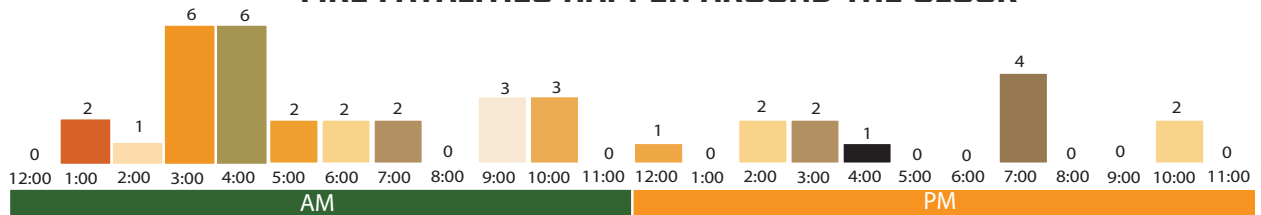
14.7%

INCREASE FROM SAME
PERIOD IN 2020



DATA DERIVED FROM REPORTS SUBMITTED TO SFMD,
CURRENT AS OF 6/15/2021, SUBJECT TO CHANGE
AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE

FIRE FATALITIES HAPPEN AROUND THE CLOCK



PROPERTY USE

18 SINGLE FAMILY	3 OUTDOOR
4 MOTOR HOME/RV	2 SHED
4 MANUFACTURED HOMES	1 TRACTOR TRAILER
5 MULTI-FAMILY	1 BOAT

*One fire fatality occurred in a location that has not been determined by the reporting agency

SMOKE ALARMS

10 PRESENT (4 OPERATED, 4 DID NOT OPERATE, 2 UNKNOWN)
8 NOT PRESENT
14 UNKNOWN

*Seven fire fatalities occurred in locations where smoke alarms are not normally installed

FIRE DEATHS BY AGE & GENDER

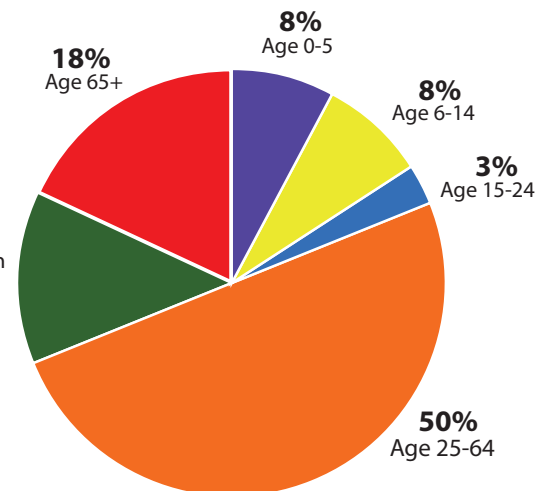
63%
MALE



37%
FEMALE



13%
Unknown



*Percentages rounded to nearest whole number

PERSONNEL UPDATES



Alicia Causey Reallocated to ADSFM

On June 1, 2021, Ms. Alicia Causey was reallocated from a Customer Service Specialist 2 to an Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Alicia's reallocation was based on the increased duties, responsibilities, and accountability factors within the NFIRS program. She previously worked as a WSP Communications Officer before transferring to the SFMO in 2018.



Jackie Reinberg Promoted

On May 16, 2021, Mrs. Jackie Reinberg was promoted to Fiscal Analyst 2 with the Fire Training Division (FTD) administrative staff.

Jackie previously served as the FTD Secretary Supervisor for almost 14 years and has been a key asset in the success of the FTD. The Fiscal Analyst 2 is a new position in the FTD and will oversee accounts payable, accounts receivable, manage contracted instructors/evaluators, and perform other administrative duties as needed. In September 2021, Jackie celebrates a total of 20 years of Washington State service.



Tracy Lyon Joins FTD

Tracy Lyon has joined the Fire Training Division (FTD) as an on-call Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Tracy brings over 29 years of fire service experience to his new role, beginning as a firefighter/paramedic in 1992, to his current position as Division Chief of Training with Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One. Tracy's career has come full circle as he attended the Fire Training Academy (FTA) Recruit Academy in 1992, and has been a contract instructor at the FTA since 1998. Tracy brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to the training staff at the FTA. Tracy will be managing the training on weekends and will fill in as needed to support the mission of the FTD.



Angelique Odom Joins FTD

The Fire Training Division (FTD) is excited to welcome Angelique Odom as a new Secretary Senior.

Angelique has worked primarily in administrative roles within various colleges and universities for over 15 years. She also served in the U.S. Marine Corps for almost 10 years. The FTD is happy to have Angelique join the team. Please join us in welcoming her into the Fire Protection Bureau family.

New Test Bank Management Software Tool for Certification Program

The Certification Program staff received training on new test management software, EVAExam™, and will begin using it to process written exams this month. The SFMO selected EVAExam to replace its current system, LXRTTest, which had reached end of life and was no longer supported by the vendor.

The written testing process with EVAExam will remain the same, though proctors and candidates will notice a change in the response form, or “bubble sheet” used to record answers.

EVAExam provides the Certification Program the ability to offer computer-based written testing at no additional cost, as it is included in the software package. Once the conversion to EVAExam is complete, the SFMO will begin piloting computer-based testing. The hope is to have computer-based testing available on a limited basis beginning in October 2021, and widely available in early 2022. Although the testing will be on a computer platform, tests will continue to be conducted with a proctor in the testing room.

For questions on the new software, contact the Certification Program at (360) 596-3945 or ifsacquestions@wsp.wa.gov.

IFSAC Site Visit to South Carolina State Fire Academy

Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal (CDSFM) Bill Slosson led an International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) site team that conducted a reaccreditation site visit at the South Carolina State Fire Academy, in Columbia, South Carolina. The site visit spanned three days (May 4 – 6) and was conducted entirely on South Carolina State Fire Academy’s 208-acre academy grounds.

IFSAC site teams consist of members from different entities’ programs with a variety of experience in firefighter certification. A representative from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs and a representative from the Washington, D.C. Fire Department also participated in the visit. IFSAC requires entities to undergo a reaccreditation site visit every five years to maintain their accreditation.

During a site visit, the team conducts a thorough review of an entity’s certification policies, procedures, and practices to ensure that all of those elements meet IFSAC’s Criteria for Accreditation. Part of that review also consists of observing how the entity conducts written and practical exams, secures their testing materials and test banks, and manages the certification process from the scheduling of an exam until the results are sent to the candidates. The most significant part of any site visit is a thorough review of the entity’s test question banks and skill sheets, to ensure that the entity has a robust bank of test instruments that can examine all required elements of the Job Performance Requirements for each NFPA standard.

Participating in site visits is also an excellent opportunity for representatives to discuss common best practices and learn from each other’s programs, which makes all IFSAC-accredited programs stronger. The SFMO last hosted a reaccreditation site visit in October of 2019, and is scheduled to undergo that process again in the fall of 2024.

Firefighter Blood Drive Launches

The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) recognizes that every day, emergency service personnel respond to victims of trauma and motor vehicle collisions, and get those patients to critical care. However, patients have a need that goes beyond getting them to the emergency room door.

Washington State is facing a blood shortage this summer, as blood is being shipped to hospitals faster than it is being collected. The Washington State Patrol and the SFMO are partnering with Bloodworks Northwest and Vitalant for a statewide Firefighter Blood Drive this month to combat this shortage and support patients in need.

“My family wants to thank the person that took the time to donate their blood. It saved my uncle's life. He lost a lot of blood due to being on blood thinners. I hope you keep donating your blood because it did save a life!”

-A family member of a recent Bloodworks recipient

We are asking fire service personnel all around the state to take one more step in public service by making a lifesaving blood donation in honor of all of the fire service agencies around the state, your own departments, and the communities that you serve.

Schedule a blood donation at any Bloodworks location between July 1 and July 31, and then on the day of your registration mention our code **FIRE** to the registrar! You can find donation locations in western Washington [here](#), and in eastern Washington [here](#).

All donations will support patients at over 80 hospitals and will help us exceed our goal of 50 donors.













courtesy Bloodworks Northwest

No walk-ins, guests, or people under age 16 are permitted onsite. Donors are asked to bring a mask/face covering to your donation and appointments are required. Please see bloodworksnw.org/coronavirus for more information on steps taken to keep donors and staff safe. There is no wait to donate if you received the Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, Novovax, or AstraZeneca COVID vaccine.

Kidde Recalls TruSense Smoke and Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The SFMO would like to share some important information about a safety recall of certain Kidde Smoke and Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide alarms. The inclusion of this information in your local smoke alarm safety campaigns should be considered.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) website, about 226,000 alarm units are being recalled due to a possible failure to alert consumers to a fire. The recalled units are the Kidde Model Series 2040, 2050, 2060, and 2070 Smoke and Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide alarms. Only alarms with the TruSense logo or “AMBER=FAULT” printed on the front of the alarm are included in this recall. The model number is printed on the back of the alarm.

Model	Alarm	Key Feature
2040-DSR		
2050-DS10		
2060-ASR		
2070-VASR 2070-VDSR		
2070-VDSCR 2070-VASCR		

While there have been no incidents or injuries reported, consumers are advised to immediately contact Kidde for a free replacement alarm. Kidde Support can be reached at (844) 796-9972 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET on Saturday, or online at www.kidde.com and click on “Support” and then “Product Alerts” for more information. Consumers are advised to keep using the recalled alarms until they install replacement alarms.

For more information, visit the [Recall Announcement on the CPSC website](http://www.kidde.com) or call the SFMO at (360) 596-3929.

Recruit Academy 21-02



On May 6, 2021, fourteen recruit firefighters started a 12-week Recruit Academy at the Fire Training Academy. This recruit academy meets the National Fire Protection Association's professional qualification standards for Firefighter I and II (NFPA 1001), as well as Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations levels (NFPA 1072). The recruits will learn fire service principles through classroom instruction and rigorous hands-on live fire training.

Recruits:

Clark Cowlitz Fire & Rescue, Jason Gardner
Clark Cowlitz Fire & Rescue, Daniel Passera
Clark Cowlitz Fire & Rescue, Kennedy Tri
Douglas County Fire District #2, Anthony Allabastro
Douglas County Fire District #2, Robert Johnson
Kennewick Fire Department, Matthew Doran
Kennewick Fire Department, Edward Higginbotham II
Kennewick Fire Department, Duncan McFadden
Kittitas County Fire District #7, Alianna Hutchinson
Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue, Antenette Mosiman
Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue, Sarah Riel
North Mason Regional Fire Authority, Lucas Roessel
North Mason Regional Fire Authority, Travis Wilson
North Mason Regional Fire Authority, CJ Wright

If you have any questions regarding Recruit Academy 21-02, 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](#).

Fire Training Academy Seeking Instructors

The Fire Training Academy (FTA) is seeking qualified instructors. The FTA utilizes contract instructors to deliver curriculum and support live-fire training. This is a great opportunity for those who are interested in fire service training. If interested, please contact the FTA at (425) 453-3000.



Live-Fire Instructor Online Training

The FTA is pleased to announce the launch of an online Live-Fire Instructor Course delivered through Washington State University (WSU). This course provides an in-depth knowledge of NFPA 1403 principles and the FTA's Live-Fire policy. Students will gain the same comprehensive knowledge of the FTA's procedures for conducting live-fire training as they would at an in-person class.

The FTA has been working diligently with WSU's Division of Governmental Studies & Services and Division of Academic Outreach & Innovation to launch this course. The FTA will continue to work with WSU to develop and deliver additional online courses in the future.

Access the class through [our website](#) under [Live-Fire Instructor Course](#).

For further information, call the Fire Training Academy at (425) 453-3000.



Hazardous Materials Confined Space Training

Agencies from all around South King County gathered at the Quala Tank Cleaning facility in Kent on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, to train with their Hazmat and Confined Space teams.

The exercise simulated an injured worker inside of a cleaned tanker truck. The objective was to extricate the worker safely from the tanker without injuring responders. The exercise tested team interaction and command functions with a low frequency/high risk incident. These functions included interoperability of teamwork, communications, air monitoring, rope rescue operations, command and safety position work.



The exercise was held on three different days to allow for more responders to attend. The participating agencies included Renton Regional Fire Authority, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, Port of Seattle Fire Department, and South King Fire & Rescue.

For information on future HazMat training sessions, contact DSFM Scott Lancaster at (360) 870-0762 or email scott.lancaster@wsp.wa.gov.

Updated Fireworks Materials Available Online

In 2020, there were 360 fireworks-related fires and 237 fireworks-related injuries reported to the SFMO. To reduce those numbers this coming year, we are happy to share fireworks safety materials for your local campaigns again this year.

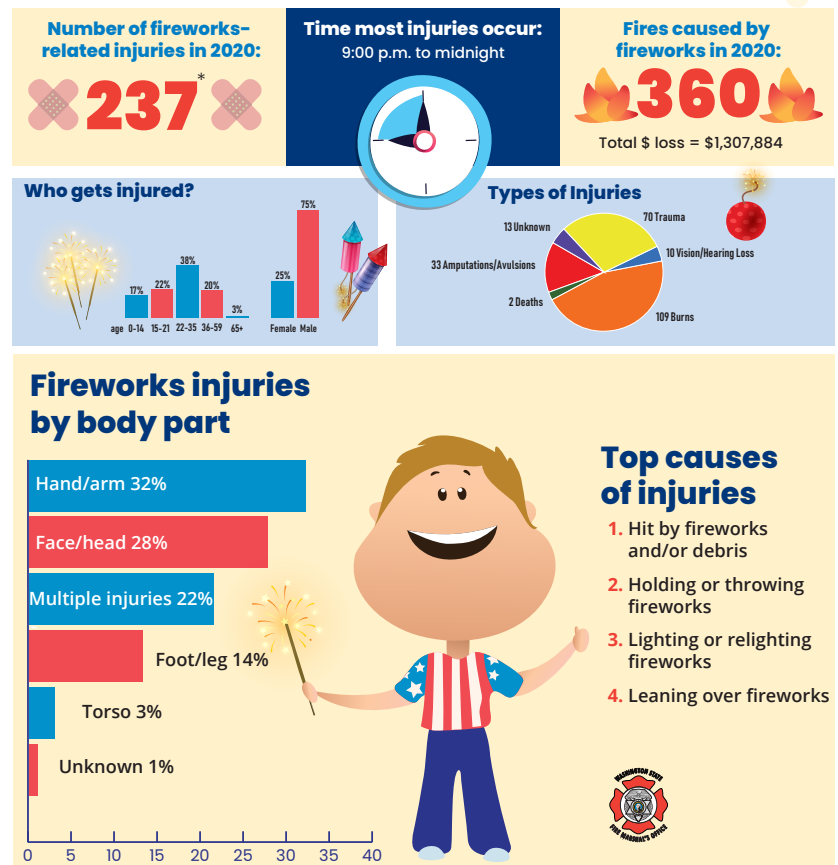
Updated *Celebrate Safely* campaign materials are still available for download! For convenience, most of these items are now available on our website at www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks.

Additional materials including retail stand inspection forms and media release templates are also available through a secure file server. Call (360) 596-3929 or email fireworks@wsp.wa.gov to get instructions on how to access those materials.



Fireworks: Handle With Care

Each year in Washington, fireworks cause injuries and fires. Don't let your family become part of these statistics. Be prepared. Be safe. Be responsible.



SFMO at the Washington State Fair

The history of the State Fire Marshal's Office will be on display at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup, September 3-26, 2021.



Washington State Patrol, along with the SFMO, is excited to return to this annual tradition. Look for us in the new Washington State Patrol Building, located near the Blue Gate entrance.

2021 Fire Prevention Institute

The SFMO joins the Washington State Association of Fire Marshals, the Washington Public Fire Educators, and the Washington Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators in announcing the dates for the 2021 Fire Prevention Institute (FPI).

The FPI is being held at Campbell's Resort at Lake Chelan, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2021, and concluding before noon on Friday, October 22, 2021. The Institute focuses on important prevention and strategy issues facing fire officials and will include essential training hours needed for code recertification.

Please note that Campbell's has increased safety measures for COVID-19. There will be means provided for social distancing and hygiene.

For registration and further details, visit www.wsafm.com.

Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service

The Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service will be held August 15, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at the Fire Training Academy in North Bend.

For additional information, please contact Pat Ellis at pellis@pugetsoundfire.org or call (253) 856-5826.

2021 Fire Prevention Week Announced

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" works to educate everyone about the different sounds smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. The State Fire Marshal's Office will be joining with fire agencies around the state to promote Fire Prevention Week messaging this October. Watch for further updates and resources!



NFA Courses Offered in Washington

The State Fire Marshal's Office is pleased to announce the following National Fire Academy (NFA) Community Risk Reduction courses to be held in Washington State over the coming months:

Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction (F0635) - November 16-17, 2021 – SeaTac, WA

This two-day course demonstrates to students nationally recognized principles that, when used appropriately, can lead to community risk-reduction programs that can measure success in local communities. This course will give students the opportunity to explore programs from communities across the United States that have been showcased at Vision 20/20 symposiums. These programs demonstrate what nationally recognized organizations identify as examples of "best practices" in community risk reduction.

Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction (F0636) – December 1-2, 2021 – Pasco, WA

This two-day course is designed to help fire and emergency services learn what community risk reduction is and how to build organizational support for it. This course will address the challenges that fire departments face in shifting their priorities from response to prevention. In many departments, community risk reduction is still considered a low priority. This course will show you how community risk reduction can help you and your department become more of a community player in times of decreased budgets.

Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction (F0636) – January 26-27, 2022 – SeaTac, WA

This two-day course is designed to help fire and emergency services learn what community risk reduction is and how to build organizational support for it. This course will address the challenges that fire departments face in shifting their priorities from response to prevention. In many departments, community risk reduction is still considered a low priority. This course will show you how community risk reduction can help you and your department become more of a community player in times of decreased budgets.

These no-cost courses provide the necessary background and instruction to establish and gain community support for CRR efforts in your area. Take advantage of these amazing NFA courses being held close to home!

Upcoming Events and Training

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

North Bend, WA

September 13-18: Fire Officer 1

North Bend, WA

October 16-17, 23-24: Fire Instructor 1

North Bend, WA

October 13-14: NFA – Fire Service Safety Culture: Who Protects Firefighters From Firefighters?

Seattle, WA

October 18-22: Fire Prevention Institute

Lake Chelan, WA

November 1-5: Fire Instructor II

North Bend, WA

November 6-7 : NFA – Preparation for Initial Company Operations

Cheney, WA

November 13-14: NFA – Creating Environments for Professional Growth

Deer Park, WA

November 15-19: Fire Officer II

North Bend, WA

November 16-17: NFA – Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction

SeaTac, WA

December 1-2: NFA – Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction

Pasco, WA

January 26-27: NFA – Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction

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