



FIRE WATCH



By the Numbers - Year to Date

Inspections and Plan Reviews

Initial Inspections : 748

Re-inspections: 587

Childcare Consultations : 64

Fire and Life Safety Training Sessions: 1

Fire and Life Safety Plan Reviews for Schools: 7

Fire and Life Safety Plan Reviews for Contracted Projects: 10

School Acceptance Inspections: 8

Contract Acceptance Inspections: 6

Fire Training Academy:

Weekday Recruit Academy: 46 students

Fire Service Open Enrollment Courses: 248 students

Fire Service Department Training: 1,158 students

Law Enforcement/Military/Other Training: 251 students

Regional Direct Delivery:

National Fire Academy Courses: 28 classes with 560 students

Recruit Academies: 4 Completed and 1 Ongoing

Recruits Graduated: 93 Volunteer Firefighters

Block Training (Basic Firefighter Skills): 16 classes with 457 students

Grant Funded Hazardous Materials Training:

Awareness: 174 Students

Operations: 144 Students

Incident Commander: 69 Students

Above/ Below the Line: 103 students

2024 Energy Symposium: 175 students

Electric Vehicle/ Energy Storage System Awareness: 14 Students

Eastside Workshop: 45 Students

Awareness Refresher: 63 Students

Industry Licensing and Certification:

Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor Licenses: 455

Certificate of Competency Holders: 1,191

Fire Protection Fitters: 1,823

Fireworks Licenses: 833

Sprinkler Demonstrations Conducted: 2



**Team of Contracted Instructors marked one of the first instances where an all-female instructor team supported training at the Fire Training Academy (FTA). These women contributed their expertise to the learning experience for all participants.
(Featuring LaRen Gevaart-Rosie, Nikki Simson, and Michelle Young)**



First-In Training and Education (FITE) is a non-profit organization providing training to high school students on basic firefighting. A three day training session was held at the FTA on May 28-30, 2024.



The Regional Direct Delivery Program assists rural fire departments with firefighter training. This program provides high quality classes and equipment, such as the vent prop pictured above.



The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is gearing up its efforts to equip a new wave of firefighters. Utilizing the FTA campus, DNR orchestrates an intensive training program to prepare its recruits for the challenges of wildland firefighting.

ALL-RISK MOBILIZATION:

Authorized in 2024:

Bowles Fire - 525,000 square foot warehouse
Tidyman Road Fire - 20 acres
Nisqually Fire - 1,221 acres
Beam Road Fire - 8,542 acres
Camas Road Fire - 150 acres
Neff Road Fire - 250 acres
Keys Road Fire - 60 acres
Slide Ranch Fire - 3,800 acres
Road 11 Fire - 840 acres
Balsam Root Fire - 305 acres
Thorp Road Fire - 2,112 acres
Central Region Pre-Positioning

The July 1, 2024, wildfire outlook provided by the Northwest Coordination Center (NWCC) in Portland, Oregon, calls for a warmer than normal summer (July through August). In the same timeframe, Western Washington rises into the above normal category for chance of large wildfires, while the rest of Washington State remains in the normal category. The current outlook does not take into account the recent atmospheric river conditions experienced by much of Western Washington in the early part of June. On a larger scale, the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center forecasts the equatorial Pacific Ocean to begin transitioning into a La Nina phase sometime over the summer. If this trend holds out, the Pacific Northwest could experience an earlier end to the traditional fire season, and a colder 2024-2025 Winter.

The NWCC publishes a monthly/seasonal outlook:
(<https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/predict/outlook.aspx>)





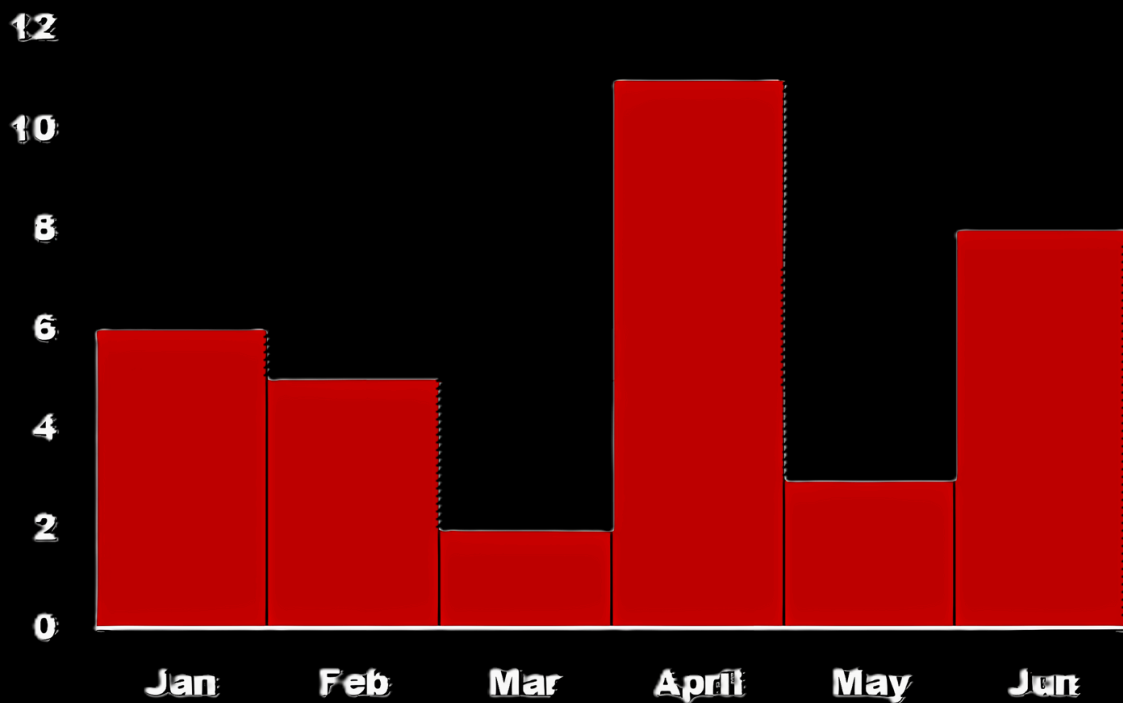
The SFMO's Fire Sprinkler Trailer showcases the benefits of residential fire sprinklers, and is a great public education tool at community events.

To request the trailer at a local event visit:
<https://www.wsp.wa.gov/fire-sprinklers/>.

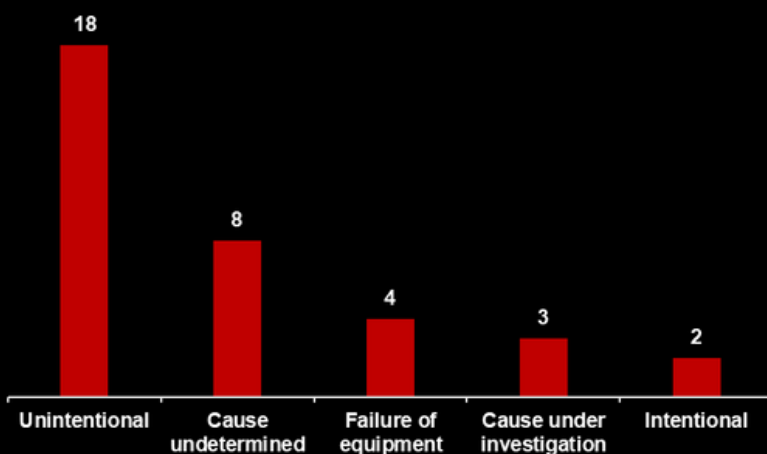


Fire Fatalities:

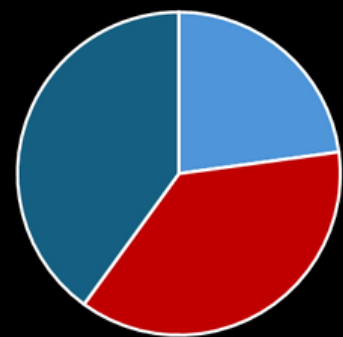
As of July 1, 2024, there have been 35 fire fatalities reported in Washington State. April was the deadliest month with 11 deaths occurring.



Of the deaths, 51 percent were due to unintentional causes, with only 23 percent having a present smoke detector.



Fire Fatalities Smoke Detector Presence



■ Present ■ Not present ■ Unknown



The SFMO is participating in the Sound off Program and we need your help getting smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to those in need.

If you are interested please reach out to FPB Public Information Officer
FPBPublicInformationOfficer@wsp.wa.gov



2024 Fire Prevention Institute
October 14-18, 2024 - Campbell's Resort ~ Lake Chelan
Registration is now open:
[Washington State Association of Fire Marshals - Fire Prevention Institute 2024 \(wsafm.com\)](http://wsafm.com)

Upcoming Classes:

Online Fire Instructor I:

Course: August 12–September 4, 2024

Voluntary, In-Person Practice: September 5, 2024

In-Person IFSAC Testing: September 6, 2024

<https://www.wsp.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-Fire-Instructor-I-Online-Open-Enrollment-Announcement.pdf>

Online Fire Instructor II:

Course: October 1–23, 2024

Voluntary, In-Person Practice: October 24, 2024

In-Person IFSAC Testing: October 25, 2024

<https://www.wsp.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-Fire-Instructor-II-Open-Enrollment-Announcement.pdf>

In-Person Fire Officer I:

Course: September 9–13, 2024

IFSAC Testing: September 14, 2024

<https://www.wsp.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-Fire-Officer-I-Open-Enrollment-Announcement.pdf>

In-Person Fire Officer II:

Course: November 12–15, 2024

IFSAC Testing: November 16, 2024

<https://www.wsp.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-Fire-Officer-II-Open-Enrollment-Announcement.pdf>

New Employees:

Mikaila Hayes:

Mikaila joined the SFMO April 11, 2024, as a Deputy State Fire Marshal in the Education, Enforcement and Analytics Section. Washington has always been considered home, even though she moved often as a child of military parents. She attended Pierce College during high school with the running start program continuing her Bachelors Degree at the University of Phoenix. Mikaila has a passion for helping others and bettering the community. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time in nature with her family.



Matt Denton:

Matt stepped into the role of Administrative Services Manager at the Fire Training Academy on May 1, 2024. Matt is from Austin, Texas. He has a passion for outdoor adventures, such as mountain biking, and volunteers his time as a coach with the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance.



Michael Lasnik:

Michael joined the Fire Training Academy as a Maintenance Mechanic II on May 1, 2024. Hailing from Salinas, California, Michael brings with him a passion for baseball, skiing, hiking, and cherishing moments with his loved ones. Notably, Michael is a combat-disabled veteran, showcasing his resilience and dedication to service.



Rick Price:

Rick Price joined the SFMO on June 17, 2024, as a Deputy State Fire Marshal in the in the Education, Enforcement and Analytics Section. Rick was born and raised in the Tacoma area.

He attended Washington State University and Tacoma Community College. Rick has 35 years experience as a firefighter-paramedic. Outside of work, Rick enjoys boating, camping and spending time with friends and family.

Special Recognition:



Congratulations to DSFM Brian Briscoe for being awarded The 2023 Fire Prevention Bureau Civil Service Employee of the Year Award, as seen being presented by State Fire Marshal Chad Cross.

Updates

The 2023 Fire in Washington Report
was published July 1, 2024

Available on our website
[2023 Fire in Washington Report](#)



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