

# NORTH KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE

## MISSION STATEMENT

North Kitsap Fire & Rescue (NKF&R) is proud to serve in the protection of lives and property.

## HISTORY

NKF&R is the product of several fire district consolidations. The oldest of these districts – formerly known as Kitsap County Fire Protection District #4 (Suquamish) – was founded in 1945. Fire Districts #5 (Indianola/Jefferson Beach) and #10 (Kingston) were established thereafter. Fire District #14 (Hansville/Egdon) was officially formed in 1951.



For most of their histories, these rural fire departments relied solely on volunteer staffing until 1982, when Fire District #10 hired its first paid employee – a fire chief. An ambulance service, having operated as a separate entity for over 30 years, was taken into District #10 in 1983. Demand for advanced life support services spurred the hiring of paramedics in 1984. Fire District #10's successful and innovative resident firefighter training program was launched in 1987. During that same year, Fire District #5 merged into Fire District #10. In 1993, Fire District #4 joined District #10 and the new organization's name was changed to North Kitsap Fire & Rescue. Fire District #14 became a part of the team in 2001.



## ADMINISTRATION

The district is overseen by a five-member **Board of Fire Commissioners**, elected at-large by the citizens served by NKF&R. The current board includes:

**Stephen Neupert, Chairman**  
(Term Expires 2023)

**Patrick Pearson, Vice-Chairman**  
(Term Expires 2019)

**Will Stewart**  
(Term Expires 2021)

**John Huntington**  
(Term Expires 2023)

**Gillian Gregory**  
(Term Expires 2021)

## PERSONNEL

NKF&R employs 45 people (including the following responders: a medical/safety officer, 3 shift battalion chiefs, 12 lieutenants, 6 firefighter/paramedics and 12 firefighters). The remaining 11 paid members perform administrative, community services, fleet and facilities maintenance, training and other support functions.



The enrollment of the district's volunteer intern firefighter program varies as members land paid fire service jobs, but averages 12. NKF&R's 6 "respond-from-home" volunteers provide invaluable service as water tender operators. The chaplain program includes 3 local pastors. Additional volunteers work in community services.

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## BUDGET

In 2017, NKF&R received about 82% of its operational funding through property tax levies. The district's 2018 operating revenue from all sources is estimated to total about \$6.9 million including \$600,000 from a voter-approved four year special maintenance and operations levy, and excluding the beginning fund balance (the amount carried over from the previous budget year that provides operational funding until receipt of the current year's property tax revenues) as well as debt service for the district's general obligation bonds.

## SERVICE AREA AND CALL VOLUME

The district serves a population estimated at 19,935 in a 46 square mile area that includes the communities of Kingston, Indianola, Suquamish, Miller Bay and Hansville. Residences and businesses served by NKF&R and situated within 1000' of a fire hydrant enjoy a fire insurance rating of 5 with a tender credit. The Port Gamble-S'Klallam Reservation, a separate fire district of about 5 square miles and an estimated 694\* people, contracts with NKF&R for fire and emergency medical services.



In 2017, NKF&R responded to 3,052 calls for emergency services such as structure and brush fire suppression, rescue, motor vehicle collisions, hazardous materials incidents, water rescues, etc. Emergency medical services comprised approximately 64% of that total.

## NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES

In addition to responding to emergencies, NKF&R provides a wide range of prevention-oriented services such as presentations to schools and community groups, station tours, CPR and First Aid training, bike helmet fitting, life jackets for sale or loan, smoke alarm installation, car seat checks, some commercial building inspections and home safety surveys.

**OUTDOOR BURN  
INFORMATION LINE:  
(360)297-4888**

\*Based on 2017 estimates from Washington State OFM

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## LONG RANGE PLAN

Currently, NKF&R's long-range planning efforts are focused on replacing aging equipment and apparatus while maintaining levels of service as the district works to recover from years of flat revenues during the previous economic downturn.



## STAFFING

The key to quick emergency response is staffing. Having strategically positioning people around the district, NKF&R posted average initial response times of about 8 minutes to priority calls in 2017. "Priority" calls involve immediate threats to life and/or property. The district provides its services

Station	Staffing
81	3
84	2
85	2
89	2

with a combination of paid and volunteer personnel. The table at left shows the minimum number of qualified personnel required to staff each station but, often, more than the minimum are on-duty.

Although personnel are assigned to each station every day, they may be away from the facility at any time while responding to emergencies, transporting patients, training, etc.



## STAFFED FACILITIES

### Station 81 (Paul T. Nichol Headquarters)

26642 Miller Bay Road NE  
Kingston

### Station 84

18533 Augusta Avenue  
Suquamish

### Station 85

23260 South Kingston Road  
Kingston

### Station 89

4911 Twin Spits Road  
Hansville

Staffed stations are shown on the map with solid squares, and listed. Routine services such as blood pressure checks and outdoor burning permits are available at any of our staffed facilities.

## EMERGENCY? CALL 911

Do not go to a fire station. Crews may be out of the station on alarms or other duties. Call 911 for fastest service.



## APPARATUS

NKF&R operates the following first-line emergency apparatus:

### Medic Unit (1 or 2)

Staffed with a paramedic and an emergency medical technician, these units provide mobile intensive care for more seriously injured or ill patients.

### Aid Units (2 or 3)

Staffed with emergency medical technicians, these units provide basic life support hospital transport for non-critical patients.

### Fire Engines/Pumpers (4)

Although outfitted for structural firefighting, these vehicles are also equipped to provide first response for medical emergencies



### Water Tenders (3)

These rigs, carrying thousands of gallons each, provide water supply for firefighting in areas where fire hydrants are inadequate or unavailable.

### Utility/Brush Truck (1)

Powered by four-wheel drive, this truck is useful in reaching difficult-to-access areas in forest fire or inclement weather conditions.



### Fire/Rescue Boat (1)

Capable of cruising at more than 30 knots and outfitted with state-of-the-art electronics and firefighting equipment, this vessel is not only used for water incidents; it's also employed in accessing emergencies along the district's many miles of shoreline.

The district also maintains several staff cars and reserve response vehicles.