

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/Eglen) 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:

Patrick Pearson, Chairman

(Term Expires 2025)

Will Stewart, Vice-Chairman

(Term Expires 2021)

Gillian Gregory

(Term Expires 2021)

John Huntington

(Term Expires 2023)

Stephen Neupert

(Term Expires 2023)

BUDGET

NKF&R receives no on-going federal, state or county funding; the majority of its revenue comes from local property taxes. In 2019, these taxes provided 77% of NKF&R's revenues. Other funding comes from ambulance transport billing and contracts for service with other agencies. The district's 2020 operating budget totals \$9.5 million and includes revenue from a permanent fire levy, a six-year emergency medical services (EMS) levy last reauthorized by voters in 2019 and a four-year (2019-2022) special maintenance and operations levy, approved by voters in 2018. The majority of the special levy is helping to fund long-deferred capital projects.

SERVICE AREA AND CALL VOLUME

The district serves a population estimated at 20,453* 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 4 with a tender credit. The Port Gamble-S'Klallam Reservation, a separate fire district of about 5 square miles and an estimated 695* people, contracts with NKF&R for fire and emergency medical services.



In 2019, NKF&R responded to 3,364 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 62% 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 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 2020 estimates from Washington State OFM

PERSONNEL

NKF&R employs 51 career members, 45 of whom are uniformed. This includes 39 responders (battalion chiefs, lieutenants, firefighter/paramedics, and firefighter/EMTs) serving 48 hours at a time. Each is assigned to one of three shifts, working an average of 56 hours/week. Also serving on shift are members of our volunteer-intern program which averages 12. Seven additional responders (four chief officers, a medical/safety officer and a public information officer) serve on day shift but can be called to incidents at any time.



The remaining seven career members are civilians who provide support such as administrative duties, vehicle and facilities maintenance. NKF&R's seven "respond-from-home" volunteers provide invaluable service as water tender operators. The chaplain program includes two local pastors. Additional volunteers work in community services.

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LONG RANGE PLAN

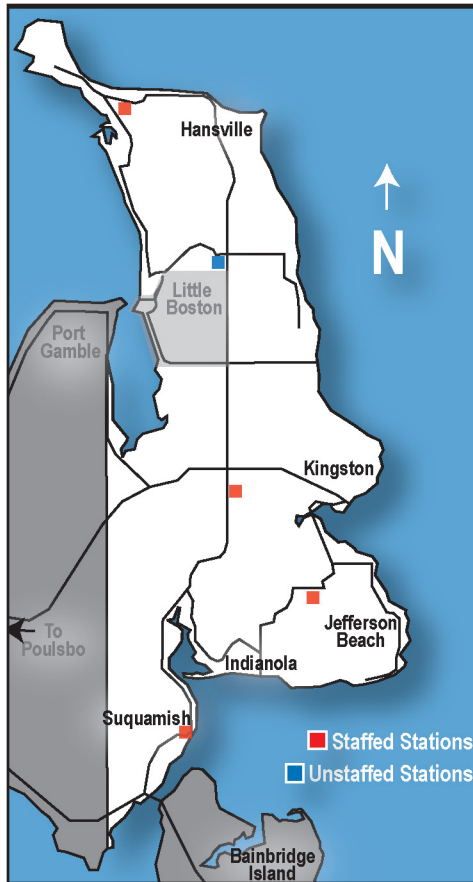
Currently, NKF&R's long-range planning efforts are focused on replacing aging equipment and apparatus while maintaining levels of service as the district continues its recovery from years of flat revenues during the previous economic downturn.



STAFFING

The key to quick emergency response is staffing. Having strategically positioned people around the district, NKF&R posted average initial response times of about 6.5 minutes to priority calls in 2019. "Priority" calls involve immediate threats to life and/or property. The district provides its services with a combination of paid and volunteer personnel responding from four staffed stations. Every day, there are an average of 12 personnel on-duty across the district. The daily minimum staffing will increase to eleven in 2020 when the district fills six new positions, added to meet growing response needs. The on-duty crew always includes at least one paramedic who can provide advanced life support (or ALS) while all others are certified emergency medical technicians (EMT) who can provide basic life support (or BLS). More than 2/3 of all medical calls can be handled at the BLS level.

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.