



WEST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE - RESCUE



Daylight Savings Time
 Sunday, March 12th
 Set your Clocks & Change Your
 Smoke Detector Batteries!!

ISSUE I - 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 12 STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027

Emergency services is constantly evolving to meet community expectations, legislative constraints, and new threats as the world changes. This constant evolution makes long range planning difficult especially with unknown future requirements, budgetary restrictions, and regulations. The Fire District has outlined several broad long-range goals to guide our shorter five-year strategic planning to ensure our short-range plans assist in reaching our long-range goals.

This Strategic Plan is focused on continuous improvement through four Strategic Priorities that are key to the continued success of the District. Each Strategic Priority has goals and specific objectives identified for continuous improvement of the District's ability to meet our Mission of preserving and protecting life then property.

This plan covers 2023 through 2027 and provides significant direction and opportunity for the District's effectiveness. Fire District 12's mission, vision, values, beliefs and long-range goals provide general direction while the Strategic Plan communicates more specific direction over the next five years to build on our Mission and long-range goals.

To meet the need for fire and life safety in West Valley, the District plans to continue its focus of on-call members supported by a small cadre of fulltime personnel. We will continue to initiate and encourage cooperation with adjoining fire departments as well as private companies to meet the expectations of our citizens for fire and life safety balancing available resources with acceptable risk.

Four Strategic Priorities have been identified in the plan along with goals and objectives to address each priority:

- Strategic Priority 1: Personnel retention, development, recruitment, and selection.**
- Strategic Priority 2: Financial management and accountability.**
- Strategic Priority 3: Resource management.**
- Strategic Priority 4: Community engagement.**

The District Business and Capital Improvement Plans work in conjunction with the Strategic Plan. Emergency services are a dynamic work environment all plans have built in flexibility and are reviewed annually to ensure the District is able to adapt to emerging issues effectively. Annually an action plan for the following year is developed, applied and progress reported monthly to the Board of Commissioners and Officers Management Team to keep the plan on track. All plans are available on our website under the "Quick Links" section.

2022 Department Report

There were a total of 1081 alarms in the Fire District for 2022 of which 71% were emergency medical calls and 7% were fire calls. The other 22% of calls were a mix of hazardous conditions, service calls, good intent calls and false alarms. Losses totaled \$435,150 for the year and property saved was valued at \$1,393,850, the average loss per fire was \$21,757. A total of 43 acres burned in the District due to wildland fires.

We continue to have incidents in homes without working smoke detectors! Please take a moment to check your detectors and ensure they are less than 10 years old and are working properly.

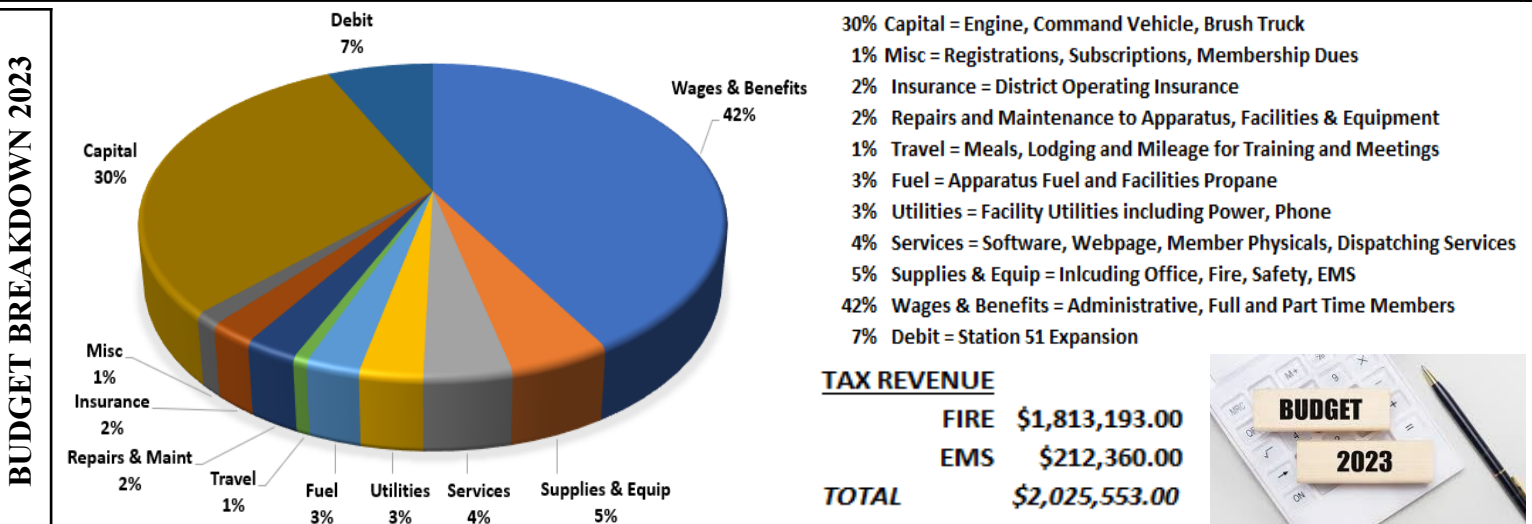
Our Members are the backbone of our service to you, in 2022 our Members put in 3,444 hours on incidents and 5,580 hours training. Twenty-six Members responded to more than 100 alarms in 2022 with Captain David James topping the on-call Member list with 234 responses.

Starting out 2023 we have a total of 89 Members, 78 on-call, 4 administrative staff, 4 full-time firefighters and 3 Commissioners. Our average length of service is 8.7 years on the Department with 26 Members having more than 10 years on the Department. Our total on-call Members increased 10 Members last year, if you are interested in joining our team, visit our website to submit an application before May 31st.

Accomplishments for the District in 2022:

- Awarded first place for Management Excellence by WFOA.
- Launched the Wildfire Ready Neighbors program with DNR.
- Ordered a new brush truck chassis.
- Replaced all nozzles.
- Met our response goals 73% of the time.
- Replaced all portable and mobile radios.
- Leased space to AMR ambulance for faster response in District.
- Updated and adopted our Strategic Plan for 2023-2027.
- Leased land for a cell tower.

For an in-depth look at our 2022 report visit our webpage www.westvalleyfire.com and click on "2022 Operational Report" on the right side of the homepage under "Quick Links". You can also view our Strategic Plan, Capital Improvement Plan and Business Plan on the website.



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YAKIMA COUNTY SOLE SOURCE AMBULANCE PROVIDER

YAKIMA COUNTY HAS ACCEPTED A PROPOSAL FOR A SOLE SOURCE 911 AMBULANCE PROVIDER, STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING FIRE DEPARTMENTS DEVELOPED THE STANDARDS FOR THE PROPOSALS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. THE NEW CONTRACT IS DESIGNED TO:

- PROVIDE AN EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF AMBULANCES AROUND THE SERVICE AREA TO MEET PERFORMANCE-BASED RESPONSE TIME REQUIREMENTS.
- REQUIRE AMBULANCE TYPE, AGE, MILEAGE AND WHAT EQUIPMENT/MEDICATIONS ARE CARRIED AND STAFF IS TRAINED TO USE.
- INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE 911 AMBULANCES IN SERVICE TO HANDLE EXPECTED CALL VOLUME.
- PREVENT INCIDENTS WHERE THERE ARE NO AVAILABLE AMBULANCES OR EXTENDED RESPONSE TIMES DUE TO REDUCED STAFFING OF AMBULANCES.
- REDUCE THE WAIT TIME FOR AN AMBULANCE TO CALLS FOR SERVICE.
- ENSURE OUT OF TOWN INTER-FACILITY TRANSPORTS DO NOT AFFECT THE 911 AMBULANCE SYSTEM.

WE BELIEVE A SOLE SOURCE 911 AMBULANCE CONTRACT WILL IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO MEET OUR MISSION OF PRESERVING AND PROTECTING LIFE THEN PROPERTY THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SELECTED PROVIDER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING HOW THIS CONTRACT AFFECTS WEST VALLEY, PLEASE CONTACT CHIEF CRAIG 966-3111.

Calendar of Events

February

- 14 Commissioner Meeting 5pm*
- 20 Presidents Day (Office Closed)
- 28 Commissioner Meeting 4pm*

March

- 12 Daylight Savings Begins
- 14 Commissioner Meeting 5pm*
- 28 Commissioner Meeting 4pm*

*All Commissioner Meetings are held at 10000 Zier Road, Yakima, WA. Those wishing to attend via phone, please call 509-966-3111 to make arrangements ahead of time.



2022's MEMBER OF THE MONTH



- January:** Jim Mickelson, Station 53
- February:** Jessica Pfaff, Station 51
- March:** Tim Wilsey, Station 53
- April:** Wayne Haubrich, Support Services
- May:** Drew Butler, Station 53
- June:** Ben Hartmann, Station 52
- July:** Josie Gohl, Station 53
- August:** Jake Hanes, Station 51
- September:** Kiann Jaeger, Support Services
- October:** Andrea Ely, Support Services
- November:** Jessica Pfaff, Station 51
- December:** Justin Nickolaus, Station 52

HOME HEATING SAFETY

It may be January, but there is still plenty of cold winter days ahead. Did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? Here are a few simple safety tips to help keep you warm and safe on those cold chilly days.

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3-feet from heating equipment, such as a space heater, fireplace, furnace, etc.
- Have a 3-foot "KID FREE ZONE" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven or a gas BBQ to heat your home.
- Never bring gas generators into your home.
- Maintain working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, both have a 10-year life expectancy.
- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected annually.
- Place portable heaters on a solid, flat surface, turn them off and unplug when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Choose heat lamps with a cage cover. Make sure they are properly secured and away from anything that can burn.

More information can be found about home heating safety at www.nfpa.org

FACT:

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January and February.

The Tampico Community Center and Station 54 are getting a much-needed cosmetic update. In 2016 the District installed an ADA compliant ramp into the Community Center, we are now taking it one step further and combining two smaller restrooms into an ADA restroom, complete with a shower for Firefighter decontamination. Both the Community Center kitchen and Station kitchen haven't been updated since they were built in the 70's, they will both be getting a facelift with new countertops and backsplash. These upgrades were made possible by a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Commerce and budgeted District funds in 2022.



2022 CALL VOLUME



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	%
Fires	78	7.22%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	769	71.14%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	30	2.78%
Service Call	115	10.64%
Good Intent Call	50	4.63%
False Alarm & False Call	39	3.61%
TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR 2022	1081	100%

THANK YOU VOTERS
 FOR RENEWING THE
 EMS LEVY!!