



Here to **Serve.**  
Ready to **Act.**  
For our **Community.**

## Personnel

Our department is supported by a dedicated team of both career and volunteer members. This includes 119 career suppression personnel and 32 career support staff, along with 20 volunteer firefighters serving in suppression roles and 33 volunteers assisting with support services. Together, their commitment and teamwork ensure we continue to provide reliable and effective service to our community.



## SOUTH KITSAP IS GROWING!

14,766

Total Emergency Calls in 2025

+ 36%

Call volume increase since 2020

67%

Of all Emergency calls in 2025 were for EMS

+ 12%

Population growth since 2015



# SOUTH KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE NEWSLETTER

## A Look Inside SKFR

To provide the support our community needs, South Kitsap Fire and Rescue has been focusing on increasing the number of Firefighter/EMTs and Firefighter/Paramedics on duty 24 hours per day. The support of our community and a streamlined recruitment process have enabled SKFR to hire exceptional service-minded people. In 2025, we welcomed and trained 13 new Firefighter/EMTs and 2 Firefighter/Paramedics. So far in 2026, we have hired an additional 5 Firefighter/EMTs and 3 Firefighter/Paramedics, with more hires anticipated in July.

The Health, Safety, and Training Division has been preparing these new firefighters to serve the South Kitsap community. Tremendous efficiency has been gained through the formation of the Kitsap Fire Academy, saving both time and cost in providing firefighter and EMT certifications to our newest members.

Training effective firefighters and developing outstanding leaders continues to be the focus of SKFR. With a sizeable volume of South Kitsap Fire and Rescue's membership having reached retirement in recent years, the challenge of increasing the number of on-duty firefighters is compounded by the need to build depth within our ranks. Training has focused on leveraging the lessons and experience of our tenured members through mentorship, while finding new and creative ways to deliver training. Regional partnerships, especially our Kitsap County Fire Training Consortium, have made this possible.

The members of South Kitsap Fire and Rescue are deeply committed to serving our community, and we know they can give their best when they're healthy and safe. To support them, we've invested in a comprehensive health and wellness program that emphasizes conditioning, injury prevention, early intervention, and ongoing support.





## EMS Spotlight

SKFR is continuing to strengthen our emergency medical services with the addition of a new 4x4 ambulance arriving in the coming months. This vehicle will help ensure reliable access to care during severe weather and in challenging response conditions.

Kitsap County is also in the final stages of updating regional EMS protocols, which will introduce significant advancements in lifesaving pre-hospital care, including point-of-care ultrasound and the use of blood products in the field. These enhancements are designed to improve patient outcomes by bringing advanced care directly to the scene. In addition, our EMS and Prevention divisions are working together to expand EMS awareness and education throughout the community, strengthening partnerships and improving overall emergency readiness.

## Upcoming Events

### \* Heartsaver Total CPR AED First AID Training Course

May 3, 2026

American Heart Association Certification upon completion.

### \* Station 10 Open House

May 9, 2026

Tour the station, meet firefighters, explore emergency vehicles, and learn about fire safety.

### \* Safe Sitter Essentials

June 22-23, 2026

This class is designed for students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting.

### \* Basic Life Support (BLS) Training Course

July 18, 2026

Designed for healthcare workers and trained first responders. American Heart Association Certification upon completion.



## Smoke alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors: Small Devices that Can Save Your Life.

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are essential safety tools in every home. They provide early warning when danger is present, giving you and your family precious time to react.

Smoke alarms detect fires in their early stages, even while you're sleeping. Install them on every level of your home and inside or near bedrooms. Test alarms monthly and replace the batteries at least once a year. It is also necessary to replace the entire unit every 10 years. Even if your smoke alarms still work after 10 years, they should be replaced.

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, colorless, and odorless gas produced by burning fuel.

Appliances like furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, and vehicles can produce carbon monoxide (CO). Because you can't see or smell CO, these detectors are the only way to know it's present. Install CO detectors outside sleeping areas and on each level of your home. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions on the placement of the alarms. Test them regularly and replace units according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Never ignore an alarm. If a smoke or CO alarm sounds, get everyone outside immediately and call emergency services. A few minutes of preparation and maintenance can prevent serious injury or save a life.



### Smoke Detectors

2024-2025 SKFR replaced 121 smoke detectors.



### Carbon Monoxide Detectors

2024-2025 SKFR replaced batteries in 63 carbon monoxide detectors.

## Message From The Fire Chief

As we welcome the new year, I want to begin by saying thank you. Because of your continued trust and support, South Kitsap Fire and Rescue is experiencing meaningful growth that directly benefits the safety and well-being of our community.

In 2025, we reached a major milestone by increasing daily on-duty staffing from 23 to 25 firefighters, the highest level ever for a 24-hour

shift. Looking ahead to 2026, we are already off to a strong start, welcoming eight new firefighters and increasing baseline staffing to 26 on-duty firefighters as of January 1.

January was also a busy month for our Prevention Division, with progress toward filling a Public Educator position and the addition of a Communications Assistant as part of our expanding Prevention Team. As our organization grows, Station 31 on Tremont Street will soon serve as the centralized home for all Prevention staff, while emergency response operations will continue from the station as always.

I would like to thank our Fire District Commissioners for their leadership and commitment, including our newest commissioners, Chad Stanley and Terry Lerma.

We are proud of the direction South Kitsap Fire and Rescue is heading and remain committed to earning your trust every single day. Stay safe, and thank you for your continued support.

Jeff Faucett  
Fire Chief

