

2019 Annual Report

Woodinville Fire & Rescue
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Woodinville Fire & Rescue is committed to fostering and maintaining the trust of the residents we serve by providing exceptional emergency services, staying involved in our community through education and outreach, and by approaching every call with professionalism.

In 2019, our commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency with our local tax resident's tax dollars continued. Our conservative financial practices allowed us to replace four apparatus from our aging fleet. We purchased these state-of-the-art vehicles from our reserve fund which afforded us a significant discount on the purchase price and allowed us to remain debt free.

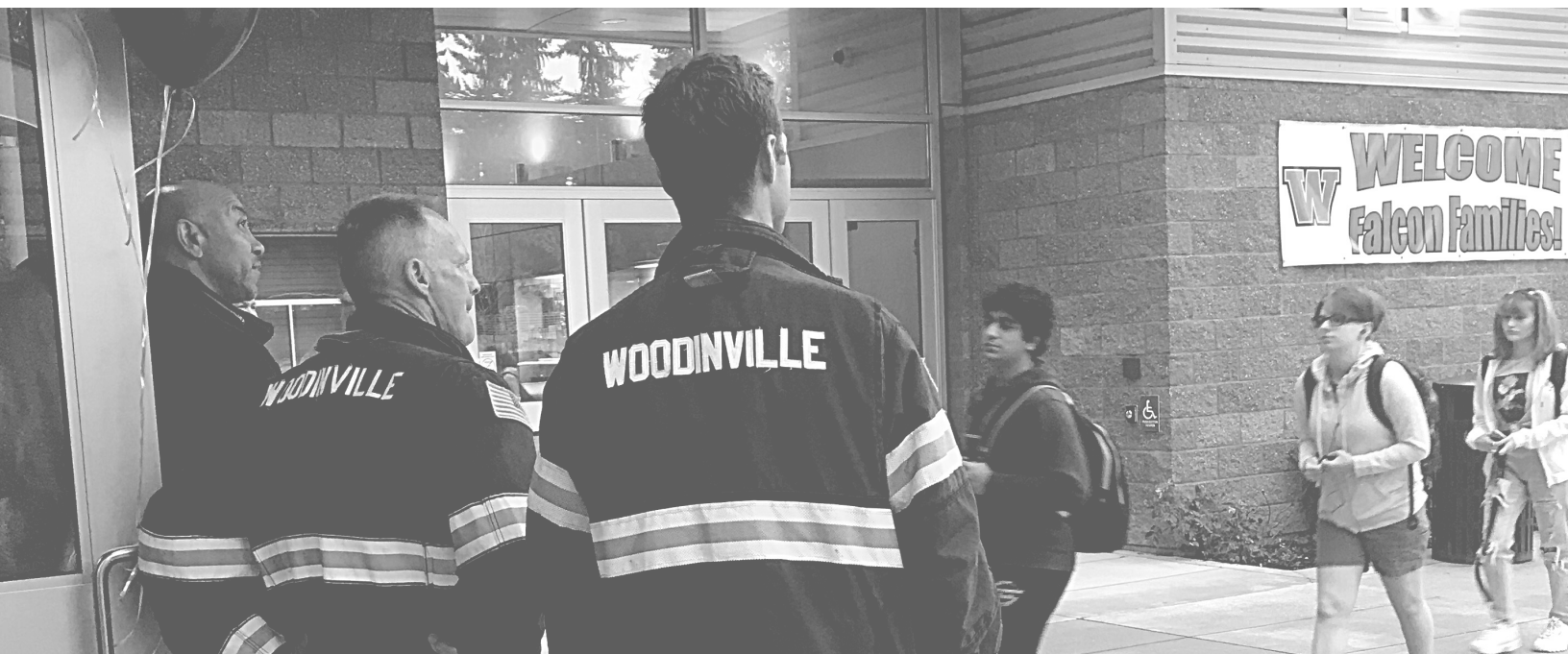
Woodinville Fire & Rescue's Administration and Board of Commissioners work together to make prudent and responsible financial choices. These choices have helped us create and maintain a sustainable organization to serve our community.

2019 marked my 33rd year with Woodinville Fire & Rescue. I have seen tremendous change and growth in the fire service and our organization. I am proud to serve our community and look forward to another outstanding year in 2020.

Sincerely,



Fire Chief Gregory Ahearn



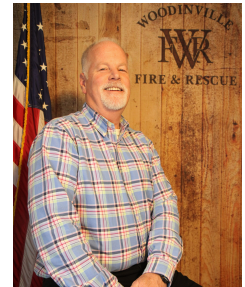
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

2019 was another busy and productive year at Woodinville Fire & Rescue. The people of Woodinville Fire continue to deliver compassionate, dependable, and accountable emergency services.

The Board of Fire Commissioners provides guidance to the District by ensuring prudent fiscal practices while authorizing the funds necessary to maintain the high level of service that our citizens have come to expect. An important part of the Board's fiscal philosophy is to continue to build adequate reserve funds.

This policy allowed the District to purchase three new aid cars and a ladder truck without requiring any additional funding through bond or debt financing. I am proud to report that your Board of Fire Commissioners continues to work hard to represent the residents and taxpayers of the District.

Sincerely,



Board Chair Roger Collins



ABOUT US

Woodinville Fire & Rescue (WFR) serves an area of approximately 30 square miles. This area is protected by three WFR Fire Stations.

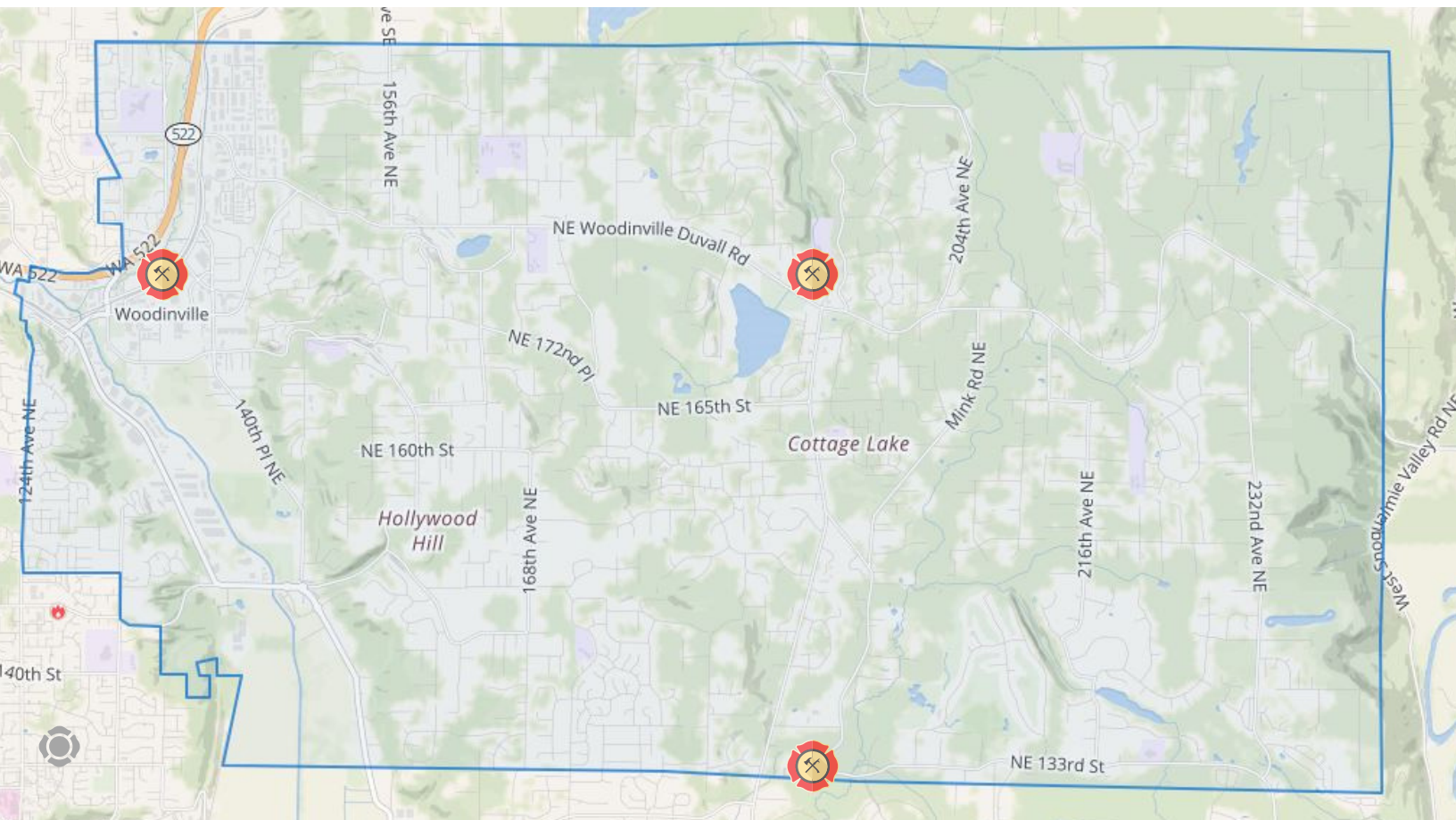
WFR is an all career fire district, employing 57 uniformed career firefighters and 10 civilian administrative personnel.

WFR responds to an estimated 4,000 calls for service annually, of which 65% are medical emergency responses.

OUR MISSION: Prepare • Prevent • Perform

OUR VALUES: We are progressive professionals dedicated to serving our communities with compassion.

OUR VISION: Trust • Respect • Esprit de Corps • Courage



STATIONS



STATION 31 - HEADQUARTERS

17718 Woodinville Snohomish Rd NE

Woodinville, WA 98072

Built in 2001, the apparatus located at this station are: ladder truck, aid car, engine (pumper), command vehicle, rescue trailer, and wildland vehicle.



STATION 33 - BEAR CREEK

19401 NE 133rd St. Woodinville, WA 98077

Built in 1988 and remodeled in 2000, the apparatus located at this station are: engine (pumper), aid car, and a reserve engine (pumper).



STATION 35 - COTTAGE LAKE

17825 Avondale Rd NE Woodinville, WA 98077

Built in 1987 and remodeled in 1994, the apparatus located at this station are: engine (pumper), aid car, medic unit (staffed with King County Medic One - Redmond Fire Department paramedics).

STAFF

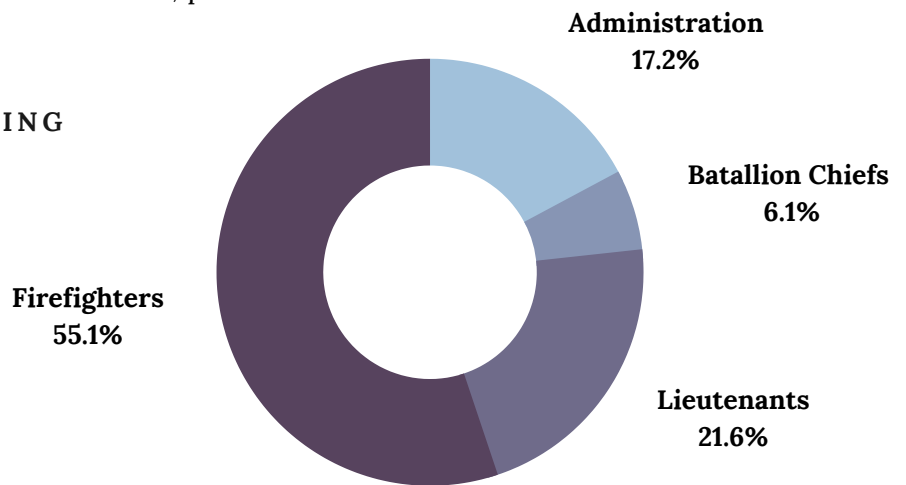
Woodinville Fire & Rescue is a fire protection district created to provide a variety of fire and life safety services to our region. Our staff is dedicated to improving the lives of our community members and keeping residents safe. WFR has staff dedicated to community risk reduction, public engagement and administration.

MINIMUM ON-DUTY STAFFING

12

2019 TOTAL STAFF:

65.2



NEW HIRES

Woodinville Fire & Rescue hired four new probationary firefighters in 2019.

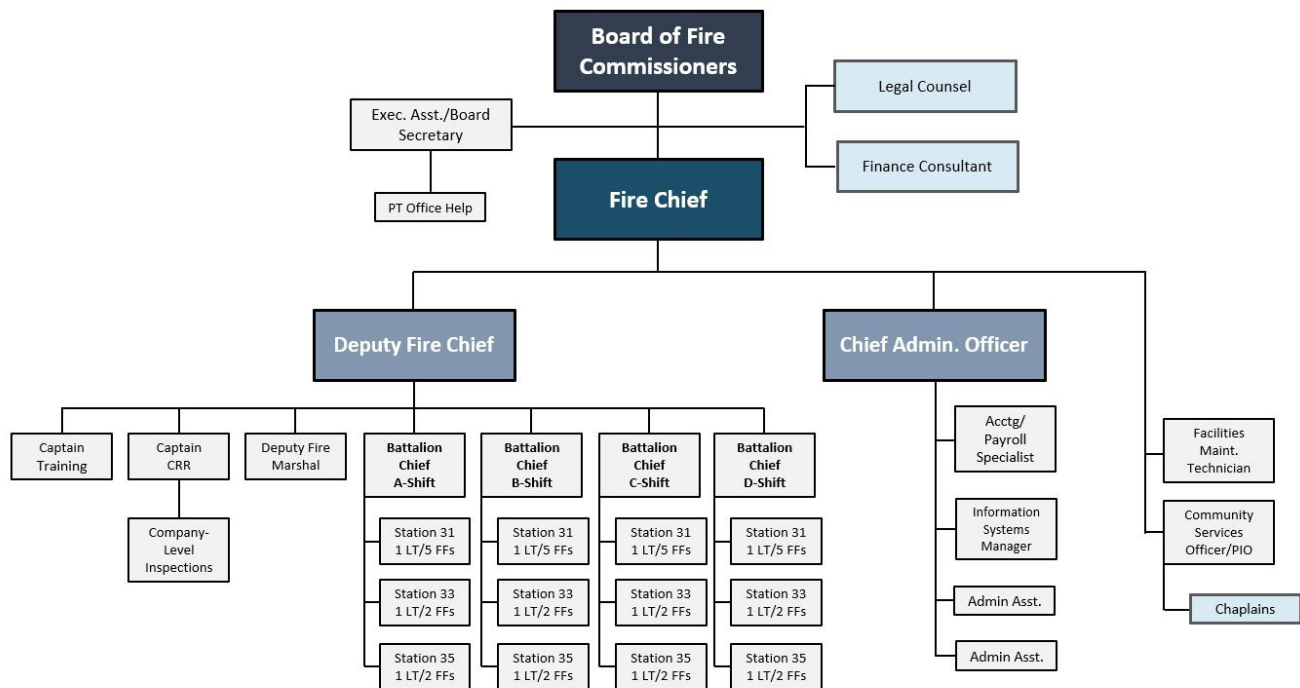
- Jace Allen - C-Shift
- Max Dale - D-Shift
- Carson McMahon - B-Shift
- Connor Shelford - A-Shift

RETIREMENTS

Woodinville Fire & Rescue congratulated three people in 2019 on their retirements.

- Battalion Chief Bryce Riddell - 33 years of service
- Firefighter Ross Van Vactor - 32 years of service
- Firefighter Gilbert "Gib" LaFontaine - 32 years of service

OUR ORGANIZATION



2019 Board of Commissioners

Roger Collins
Board Chair

Jim Dorney

Tim Osgood
Board Vice Chair

Derek van Veen

Mike Millman

2019 Leadership

Greg Ahearn
Fire Chief

Erik Wallgren
Deputy Fire Chief

Joan Montegary
Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF REGONITION

PROMOTIONS

Woodinville Fire & Rescue promoted two officers in 2019. Congratulations to new Battalion Chief (BC) Seth Merritt and Lieutenant (Lt.) Kurt McGowan.

BC Merritt has been assigned to A-Shift and Lt. McGowan has been assigned to Station 33 on C-Shift.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Battalion Chief Greg Garat is recognized for his willingness to take on projects and his unwavering commitment to Woodinville Fire & Rescue throughout his 24 years of service.



FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Firefighter Larry Laurent's positive attitude is contagious. He is recognized as a dedicated firefighter and team player. FF Laurent celebrated 28 years of service to the Woodinville community in 2019.



SUPPORT STAFF PERSON OF THE YEAR

Charlene Inman spends countless hours ensuring payroll and billing is done correctly and on time. She is always ready to help with a smile on her face.



COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

1556

**LIFE SAFETY
INSPECTIONS**

Community Risk Reduction (CRR) is an important part of Woodinville Fire & Rescue. The CRR Division works proactively with the City of Woodinville to reduce risk for the entire community. This group is responsible for implementation, administration, and enforcement of the city's municipal code.

225

**CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTIONS**

The CRR Division works closely with the city to review and approve proposed plans for new construction, tenant improvements, tents and large events. These reviews are done to ensure fire alarms, fire sprinklers, and life safety systems are designed and installed properly.

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PLAN REVIEWS



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AVERAGE FIRST APPARATUS
TURNOUT TIME



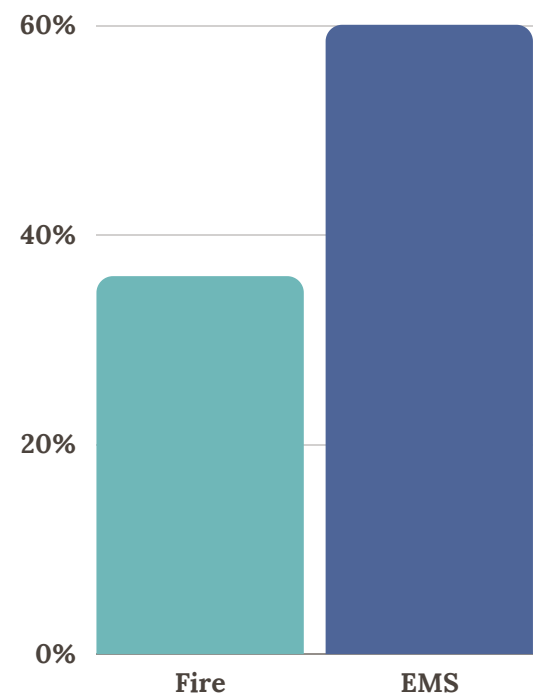
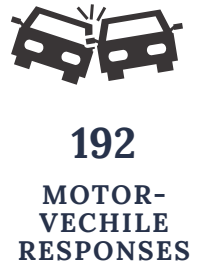
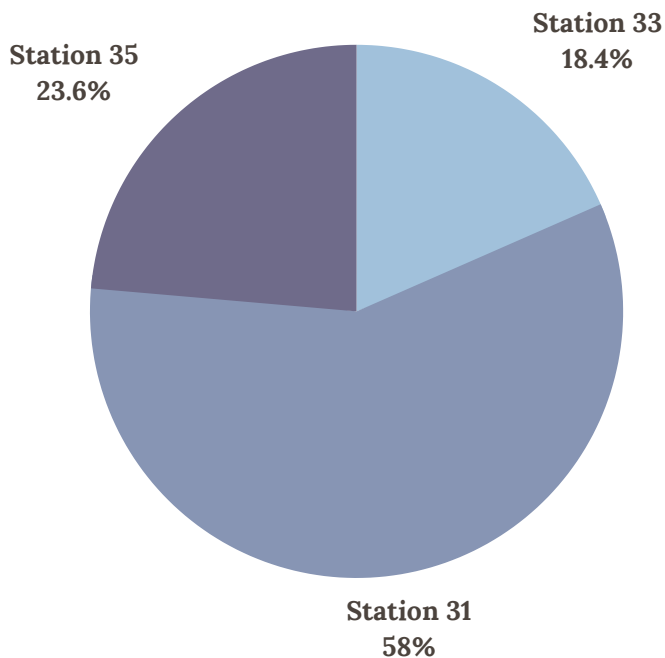
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AVERAGE FIRST APPARATUS
RESPONSE TIME

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

All three Woodinville Fire & Rescue stations are staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide prompt emergency response.

RESPONSE BY STATION



3932
TOTAL
RESPONSES IN
2019

18

**TECHNICAL RESCUE
TEAM MEMBERS**

12

**HAZMAT TEAM
MEMBERS**

12

RESCUE SWIMMERS

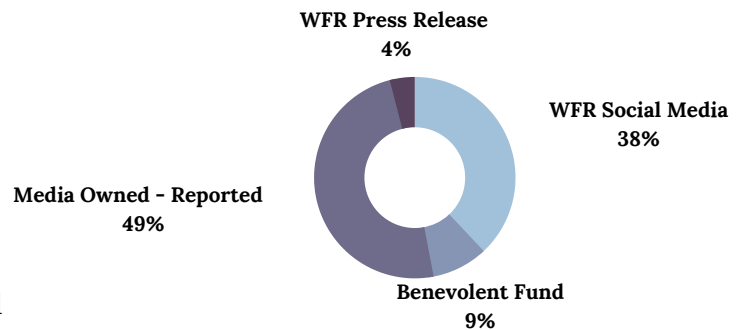
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**WILDLAND TEAM
MEMBERS**

SOCIAL AND TRADITIONAL MEDIA

Over half of WFR's media coverage contained information or images provided by WFR social media, press releases, or activities with the Woodinville Firefighter's Benevolent Fund.

The Woodinville Firefighters Benevolent Fund is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organized and supported by Woodinville Firefighters. In 2019, the Benevolent Fund, with the community's support, provided local families assistance with housing, transportation, food, and medical expenses. The fund is the annual Shop With A Cop program's primary financial sponsor. Last year's Shop with a Cop program provided approximately 100 underprivileged children with presents for the Holidays. Learn more about the fund at wffbf.org.



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New social media accounts following
@woodinvillefire on all platforms

Woodinville Fire & Rescue launched two new social media platforms in May 2019 - Facebook and Instagram. All platforms experienced steady growth in 2019.



FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS:
898



INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS:
1767



TWITTER
FOLLOWERS:
385



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Woodinville Fire & Rescue is dedicated to improving the lives of our community members. We keep residents safe by offering classes, participating in opportunities for community engagement, and sharing safety information.

566**CPR - FIRST AID
CLASSES**

People took a class from WFR
Community Educators

340**EMERGENCY CARE
AWARENESS**

Scouts and local students took our
emergency care class

303**STATION TOURS**

Children and adults toured our
stations

304**BLOOD PRESSURE
CHECKS**

Free blood pressure checks were
given to residents of local
retirement communities

454**HOURS**

Dedicated to community involvement
by uniformed staff

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Woodinville Fire & Rescue hosted multiple events in 2019, including Celebrate Woodinville Pancake Breakfast, Scout Night, Parents & Pastries, and the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

WFR firefighters also joined in on neighborhood celebrations and block parties for Labor Day, Halloween, and National Night Out.



APPARATUS UPDATE

Woodinville Fire & Rescue purchased three new aid units and a new ladder truck in 2019. All apparatus replaced current aging fleet vehicles. The new units were designed and discussed over a one-year period with staff member committees and WFR's Fleet Manager.

3.68M

AMOUNT INVESTED IN NEW
APPARATUS

100%

PAID IN CASH

1.75 YEARS

AVERAGE AGE OF FIRST OUT
RESPONSE VEHICLES

3 AID UNITS

1 LADDER TRUCK

CUSTOM UNITS PURCHASED



TOTAL TRAINING
HOURS

10,297

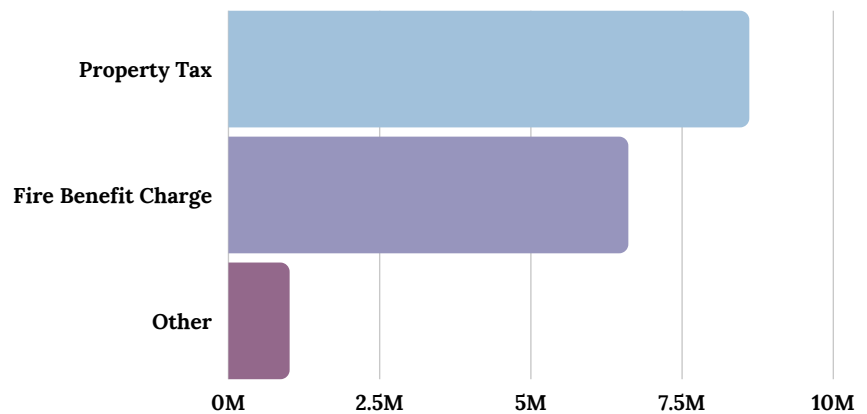


FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Over the last several years, the District has been rebuilding our reserve accounts and will continue to maintain those reserves as we continue to provide the excellent service our community has come to expect. Our Board of Fire Commissioners remains dedicated to looking beyond our existing model for methods of consolidation that will improve service at an equal or reduced cost.

REVENUE

The Expense Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial activities, except those required by State law, or directed by Board Resolution, to be accounted for in another fund.



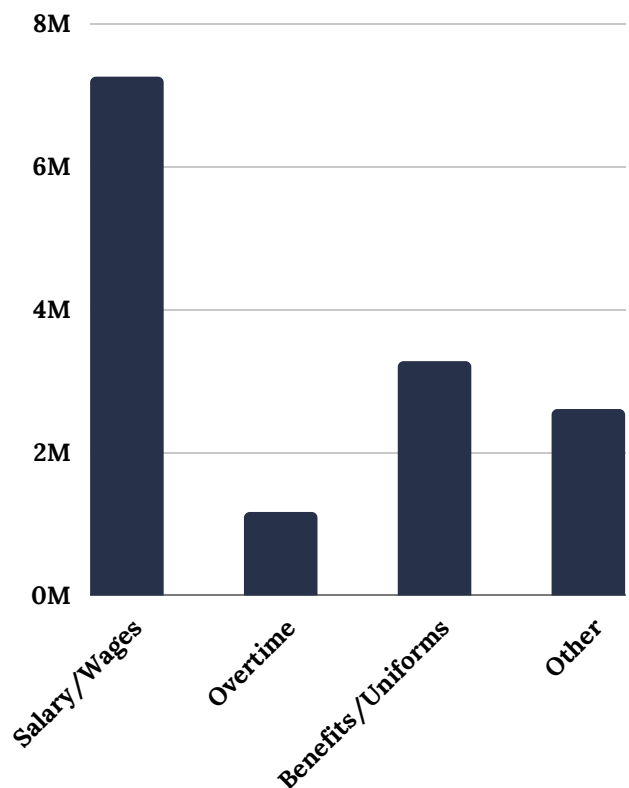
EXPENDITURES

Salary, wages, overtime, and benefits for employees make up the majority of District spending.



2019 PROJECTED
RESERVE FUND BALANCE

10.2M





WOODINVILLE FIRE &
RESCUE

Thank You

Serving our community with
compassion and dedication