



*Dedicated to the Community for the
Preservation and Protection of Life and Property
Through Education, Prevention, and Emergency Services.*

2011 Annual Report



From the Chief

Dear Community Member,

On behalf of the SeaTac Fire Department I want to thank the SeaTac City Council and the city's residents for their continued support in 2011. As an organization we are dedicated to the community for the preservation and protection of life and property through Education, Prevention, and Emergency Services.

In 2011, the SeaTac Fire Department Training Division under the direction of Captain Ed Johnson completed a very successful first year of a training association that consisted of the SeaTac, Maple Valley, and Kent Fire Departments. The association was developed to form a unified Training Unit to serve the needs of the three departments.

The first year was a huge success as the three fire departments:

- **Maximized resources**
- **Standardized a training curriculum**
- **Demonstrated that the quality of training increased through specialization of the Training Unit**

State and federal mandates drive the amount of training and certifications required of today's firefighters. The benefits gained by the synergy of aligning the three departments have increased and the required training delivered to each firefighter has achieved quality results that have far exceeded what each department could have accomplished individually.

With the current economic conditions and economic uncertainty, the success of the association in 2011 enhances the opportunity for each department to sustain services and comply with state and federal mandates.

Your continued support of the SeaTac Fire Department has allowed our organization to combine resources to sustain service delivery in the most cost effective way. We will continue to look for economies of scale and reduced costs as we professionally and compassionately help those we serve and protect.

Thank you,



Jim Schneider
Fire Chief



**Firefighter
of the Year
Dan Flood**

Unit Citation Award Engine 47

*"For exceptional service
at an October 30th, 2011
Tukwila house fire"*

Captain Lawton Montgomery
Firefighter Monte Catlin
Firefighter Elias Hudson



**Special
Recognition**

City of SeaTac Fire Dept.

Fire Chief: Jim Schneider
Assistant Chief: Brian Wiwel
Fire Marshal: Jon Napier

SeaTac City Council



*Front (L to R): Tony Anderson, Mayor Terry Anderson,
Deputy Mayor Gene Fisher*

*Back (L to R): Rick Forschler, Mia Gregerson,
Pam Fernald, Ralph Shape*

What was new in 2011?

Two public access heart defibrillators were received through a grant. One will be installed at the SeaTac Police Headquarters and the other in the Tyee High School Education Complex. Staff at both locations will be trained in their use. Public access defibrillators provide early intervention during a cardiac arrest event and increase the chances of a patient's survival.

The CodeRed reverse 911 system was upgraded and updated in 2011 and now allows residents more options when signing up to receive emergency information from the City of SeaTac. To sign up, go to www.ci.seatac.wa.us and click on "CodeRed".

An inter-local agreement was signed and went into effect with the Kent Fire Department in early 2011 to provide the Administrative, Prevention/Code Enforcement, Public Information and Education, Training, Emergency Management, and Fire Investigation services for the SeaTac Fire Department. This agreement will help reduce costs and save taxpayers money.

In September, an Americorp VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) began working as a full time employee for one year in the city's Emergency Management Division. The VISTA employee, whose position is paid for through a grant, will work to revise the city's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The CEMP is the city's plan and procedure guideline for dealing with a natural or manmade disaster.



The SeaTac and Burien Police and Fire Departments successfully graduated another Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class. CERT is an eight week program that trains civilians in basic skills to better prepare them for a disaster. Contact the SeaTac Police Department at 206.973.4917 for more information.



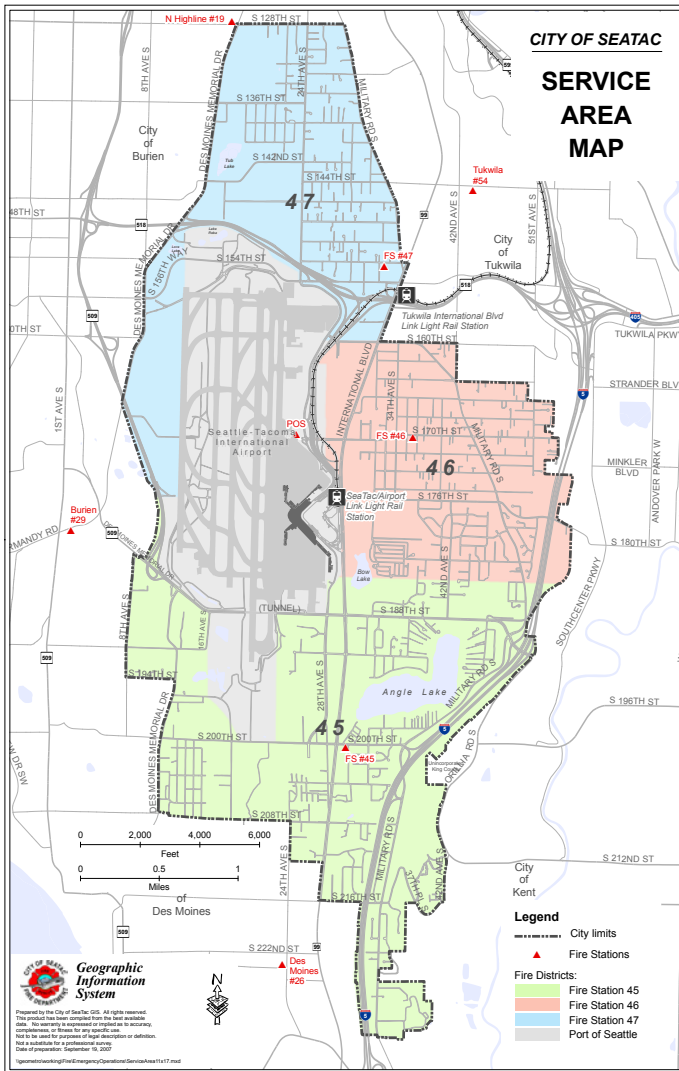
What to expect in 2012

To better serve the residents of SeaTac, the Fire Department Community Assistance Referral and Education Services (FDCARES) program will begin in 2012. FDCARES connects seniors and medically fragile residents with the resources they require but have not received. In addition to helping those in need, FDCARES also reduces calls to 9-1-1 and increases the availability of emergency responders for other emergencies.

The Automatic First Response Agreement with the Kent and South King Fire and Rescue Fire Departments will be expanded to improve the emergency response services to residents and businesses. All three fire departments are dispatched from the same 9-1-1 center and the agreement will help ensure that residents get the quickest possible response to their emergencies.

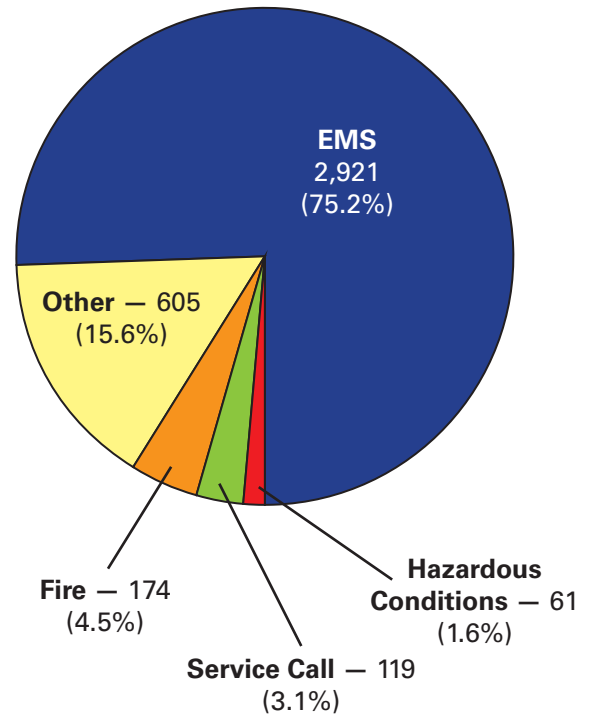
The recently updated CodeRed emergency notification system will be tested in 2012 to ensure that it works properly and to notify the public that the system is ready for an emergency.

The SeaTac Fire Department will continue with its study for consolidation of services with the Kent Fire Department. This agreement, if worthwhile, would expand upon the existing inter-local agreement between the two departments.



Call Volume 2011

3,880 Calls



A mild December ended a 2011 that saw total emergency call volume for the SeaTac Fire Department drop slightly compared to 2010, but also saw an increase in emergency medical responses.

SeaTac Fire Department Fire Stations

www.ci.seatac.wa.us



Fire Station 45

2929 South 200th Street

- Surface Water Rescue
- Emergency medical supplies
- Uniforms
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus repair and maintenance
- Ladder testing, maintenance and repair
- Pressurized air and oxygen systems
- Fire Explorer Scouts*



Fire Station 46

3521 South 170th Street

- Confined Space Rescue
- Equipment decontamination
- Small engines and equipment maintenance, repair and purchasing
- Map book /site map program
- Radio repair and maintenance
- Response records management
- Fire Administration
- Emergency Management
- Fire and Life Safety/Fire Prevention



Fire Station 47

3215 South 152nd Street

- Technical Rescue
- Hose testing, maintenance and purchasing

*The SeaTac Fire Explorer program is for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 and is designed to introduce and educate them about a career in public service as a 9-1-1 dispatcher, paramedic, or firefighter. Explorers attend public events to promote public fire safety education. In addition, they provide support and rehabilitation for fire department personnel at fire scenes and during major incidents throughout south King County. The knowledge and experience Explorers gain can help prepare them for the application and testing process necessary to become a public service employee. For further information on the SeaTac Fire Explorer program, please contact the SeaTac Fire Department at 206-973-4500 ext. 2809 or check out our website at www.zone3explorers.com.