



Mountain View Fire & Rescue Fire District #44

Introduction

Fire District 44 was formed January 6, 1953. Today, Fire District 44 protects a population of over 32,000, 70 square miles, with an assessed value of 2.6 billion dollars. Our current operating budget is approximately 4 million. Fire District 44 provides fire and emergency medical services to the City of Black Diamond, the City and District Fire Departments are operated as one Department. Fire District 44 is comprised of urban/rural residential property with several schools and some commercial business. A few prominent landmarks include Pacific International Raceways, Washington National Golf Course, White River Amphitheater and the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation. Fire District 44 has mutual aid agreements and boarder with the following agencies: Auburn, Kent, KCFD 28, KCFD 37 and KCFD 43. King County Medic One provides advanced life support services. Fire District 44 is dispatched by Valley Communications. Fire District 44 responds to approximately 2,000 alarms each year (60-70% are medical related calls).

Personnel

Fire District 44 serves under the direction of an elected, five member Board of Commissioners. Each Commissioner serves a six-year term.

Fire District 44 has three Chief Officers. Fire Chief Greg Smith, Deputy Chief Mike Barlow and Assistant Chief is Robert Young. Fire District 44 is a combination career/volunteer district. The district has 19 career personnel including 4 Captains, 1 Training Officer Assistant, and 14 Line Fire Fighters. All career personnel are members of IAFF Local 3186.

Administrative staff include 1 Office Manager/District Secretary, 2 full time Administrative Assistants, 1 Public Educator/PIO, 2 full time Mechanics, 1 Project Manager and 1 part time Grounds Facilities person. The district has approximately 95 volunteers.

Stations

There are 8 stations throughout the district. 24 hour career staff 1 station and 12 hour career staff 2 stations (0600-1800). Five of the eight stations are staffed by volunteers. Volunteers provide nighttime coverage from 7 of the 8 stations.

Apparatus/Equipment

The district owns 10 structure fire apparatus, 4 wild land brush trucks, three 2000-gallon water tenders, 1 medium and 1 light rescue vehicle, 7 aid vehicles, 1 special operations support vehicle, a 14 person transport van, a five-ton flat bed truck and a variety of four wheel drive command vehicles and a training/safety officer vehicle.

The district owns and operates 2 thermal imager devices, 11 Physio Life Pac 12's, 4 Hurst hydraulic rescue tools and a full complement of vehicle extrication tools.

Special Operations

The district has 4 specialized teams capable of handling incidents that require specific training. Swift Water Rescue Team (the district has several incidents a year involving the rivers in our jurisdiction), Low Angle Rescue, Confined Space Rescue and our South Puget Sound Regional Hand Team (Wild Land Fire Fighting). Volunteer Firefighter EMT personnel provide emergency medical services at special events in the District, including all concert events at the White River Amphitheater, the cost of these services are paid directly by event venues and are not subsidized by District operation funds.

Conclusion

This information, while not comprehensive, is presented to give potential candidates an overview of District Operations.