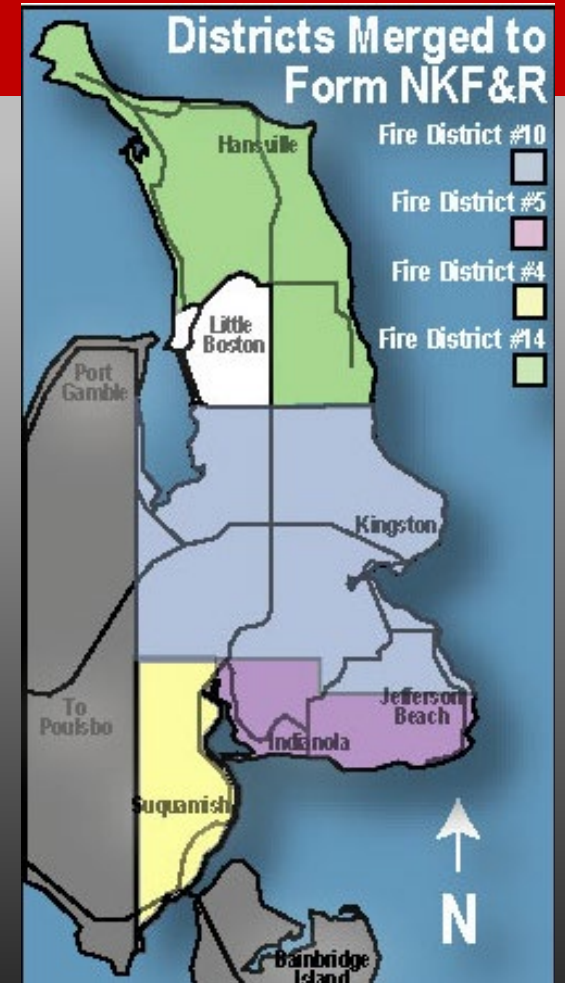


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# HISTORY

Product of four fire districts and three mergers

- First (KCFD #4) founded in 1945
- Indianola/Jefferson Beach into Kingston in 1987
- Suquamish into Kingston in 1994
- Hansville into Kingston in 2001



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# GOVERNANCE

## ***NORTH KITSAP*** ***FIRE & RESCUE***

Proudly serving the communities of  
Hansville, Kingston, Indianola, Miller Bay, Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam

### **Board of Fire Commissioners**

**Commissioner**  
John Huntington

**Commissioner**  
Patrick Pearson

**Chairwoman**  
Gillian Gregory

**Commissioner**  
Chelsea Tate

**Commissioner**  
Wilson Stewart

**Fire Chief**  
Rick LaGrandeur



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# MISSION STATEMENT

North Kitsap Fire & Rescue is proud to serve in the protection of lives and property.



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# ACHIEVING OUR MISSION: PREVENTION

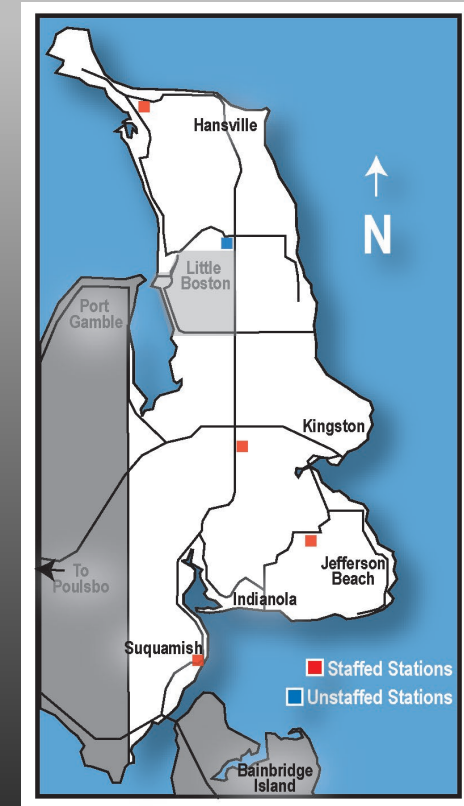
- Fire and injury prevention education in the schools
- Pre-incident planning, home safety surveys, smoke alarm installations
- Car seat checks, helmet-fitting, life jacket kiosks
- Support county's disaster preparedness efforts
- Social and traditional media
- Inspections, investigations, permitting by Kitsap County Fire Marshal's Office



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# ACHIEVING OUR MISSION: FAST RESPONSE

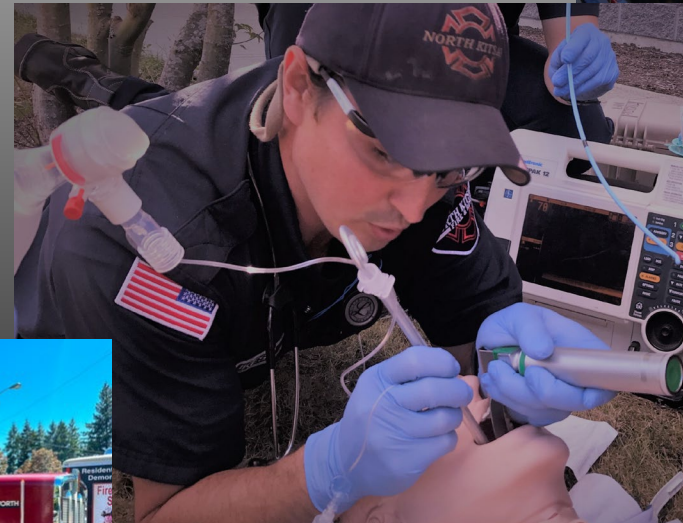
- Service area of 46 square miles
- About 21,000 population (as estimated by Washington's OFM)
- Four staffed stations and one unstaffed (volunteer) station
- Average response time under 7 minutes to priority calls



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# ACHIEVING OUR MISSION: SKILLED PERSONNEL

At least eleven dual-qualified responders on-duty across four stations every day, supported by volunteer chaplains and tender operators



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# ACHIEVING OUR MISSION: SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Behind the scenes:

- Administration
- Training
- Safety
- Apparatus and facilities maintenance

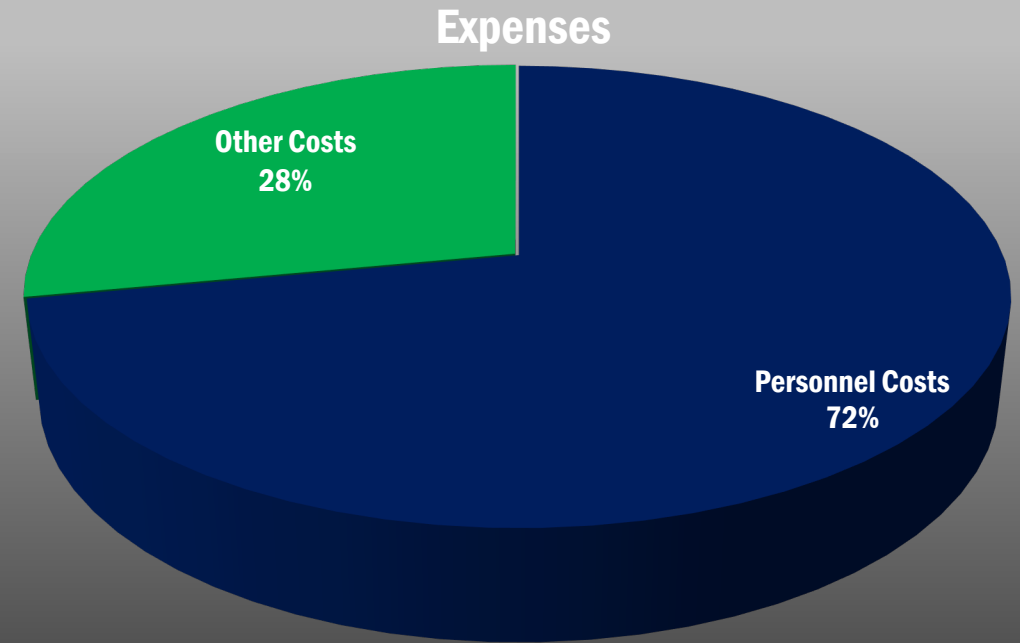
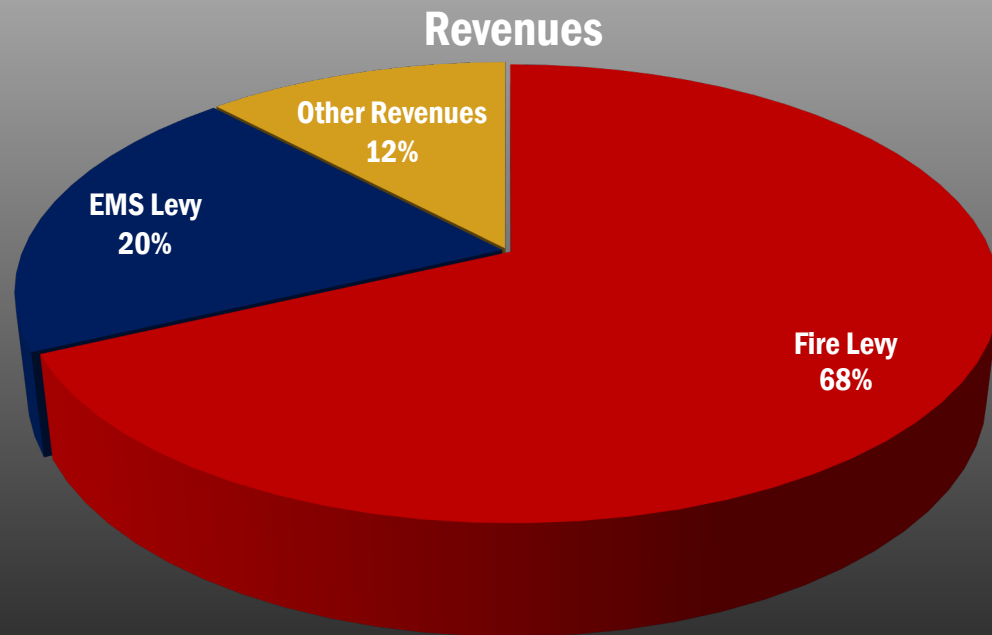


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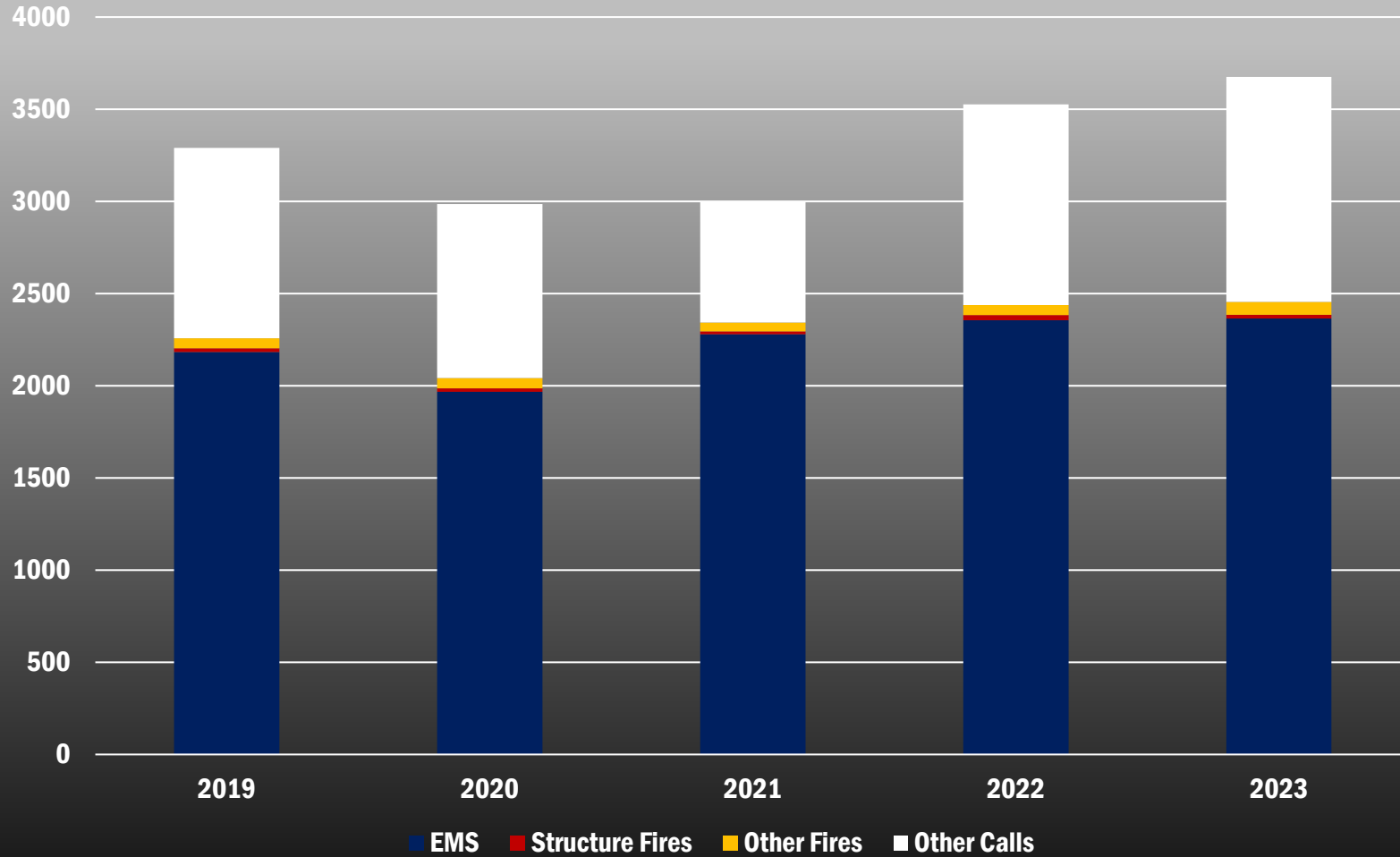
# ACHIEVING OUR MISSION: BUDGET

No on-going county, state or federal funding.  
Primary source is local property taxes.



2023 expenses were nearly \$13 million

# RESPONSES



Total calls are up 18%  
between 2019 - 2023

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# RESPONSES



## 2023 CALLS: 3,726

Highest ever - up 3% from 2022

**MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: 63% OF ALL CALLS**

Down from 65% of all calls in 2022

**STRUCTURE FIRES: 19 (9 IN DISTRICT)**

Down from 30 (13 in district) in 2022

**AVERAGE DAY: 10.3 CALLS**

Up from 9.9 in 2022

**BUSIEST DAY: JULY 27**

22 calls due to a general increase  
in most incident types

Photo from a July 2023 brush fire, likely sparked by fireworks. Though the fire threatened several homes in the Jefferson Beach neighborhood, firefighters were able to stop the flames before any structures were damaged.

At the current pace of 10.64 calls per day,  
2024 incidents could reach 3,900.

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# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Learn about your hazards
  - Wildfire, earthquake, tsunami
- Make a plan
  - Coordinate with family, household
  - Sign up for Kitsap Alert
    - [www.kitsapdem.com](http://www.kitsapdem.com)
- Build kits
  - Be 2 weeks ready
    - Food, water, medicine
  - Build smaller kits for car, office



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- New all-hazards neighborhood preparedness program from KCDEM, “Meet Your Street”
  - Meet neighbors, know what skills, resources and backgrounds can be used to help each other
- Resources are available
  - Kitsap County DEM
    - [www.kitsapdem.com](http://www.kitsapdem.com)
  - North Kitsap Fire & Rescue
    - [www.nkfr.org/information/safety-tips/](http://www.nkfr.org/information/safety-tips/)

# WILDFIRE PREVENTION

- Wildfire can happen here
- What can we do?
  - Prevent
    - Monitor outdoor burning at all times
    - Completely extinguish
      - Cool to the touch
    - Avoid burning in dry conditions, especially during outdoor burning bans!





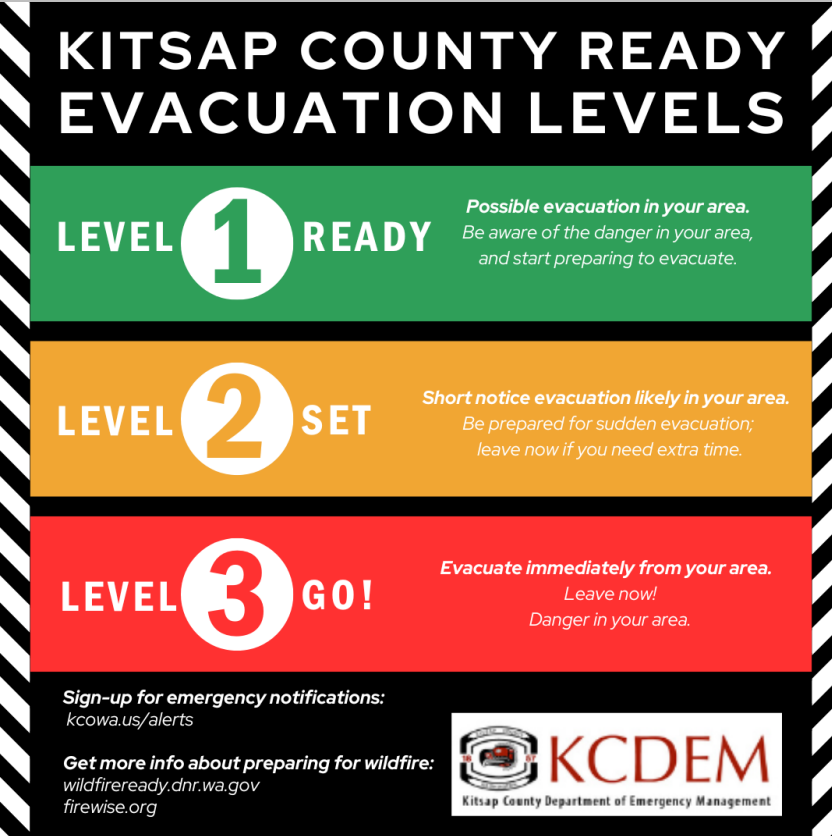
# WILDFIRE PREVENTION

- Prepare
    - Request a home wildfire hazard assessment
    - Maintain good access to the house/property
    - Create a defensible space
      - Trees/vegetation cleared away from structures
      - Ground fuels are cleared three feet from structures
        - Bark, ground cover, small bushes/plantings
  - Plan
    - Part of your emergency preparedness planning!
- Also, if something is on fire, call 911 as soon as possible!



# HOT ISSUES

- Sign-up for Community Connect
  - Household information
  - Burn permits
- Kitsap County evacuation levels
- Summer Safety Scavenger Hunt
  - Partnership with Kitsap Regional Library
  - Participants who complete the hunt are invited to a celebration at NKF&R on September 7 😊



**KITSAP COUNTY READY EVACUATION LEVELS**


**LEVEL 1 READY** *Possible evacuation in your area. Be aware of the danger in your area, and start preparing to evacuate.*

**LEVEL 2 SET** *Short notice evacuation likely in your area. Be prepared for sudden evacuation; leave now if you need extra time.*

**LEVEL 3 GO!** *Evacuate immediately from your area. Leave now! Danger in your area.*

Sign-up for emergency notifications:  
[kcowa.us/alerts](http://kcowa.us/alerts)

Get more info about preparing for wildfire:  
[wildfireready.dnr.wa.gov](http://wildfireready.dnr.wa.gov)  
[firewise.org](http://firewise.org)

 **KCDEM**  
Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management

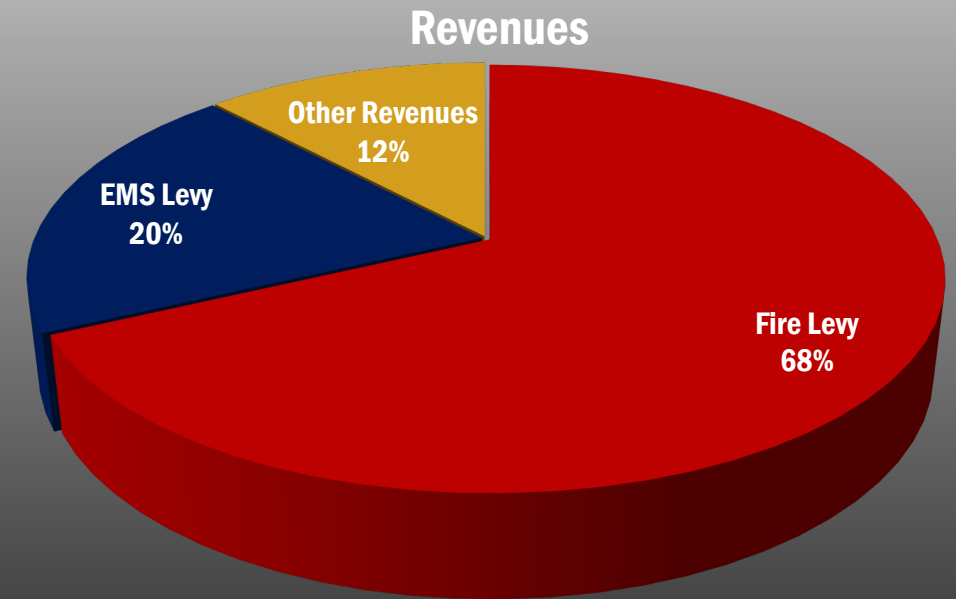
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# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY

## EMS Levy Reauthorization

- Not a new tax
- Restores the levy from the current rate of about \$0.37/\$1,000 AV to the previously-approved rate of \$0.50/\$1,000 AV
- Costs about \$75 more in 2025 for a home valued at \$600,000
- Provides about 20% of the district's total funding
- Expires at the end of 2025 if not reauthorized

For more info, pick-up the handout or go to our website at [www.nkfr.org](http://www.nkfr.org)



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# Questions?

- Thank you and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.
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