

**KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN
EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 4
FIRE SERVICES**

PRIMARY AGENCY: King County Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES)
King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO)

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Department of Executive Services (DES)

I. INTRODUCTION

Fire services for the purpose of this document are considered fire suppression and control, emergency medical care, and immediate life safety services as delivered by fire service agencies.

Fire service in King County is provided by various agencies including fire protection districts, municipal fire departments, privately owned fire resources, and state and federal agencies. Under the direction of the Sheriff's Office, King County International Airport Police and Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit (KCIA Police/ARFF Unit) has fire resources that respond to aircraft incidents at King County International Airport.

A. Purpose

The purpose of this ESF is to identify direct service and coordination responsibilities of King County government agencies for fire resources during a disaster.

B. Scope

This ESF applies only to King County government agencies and is meant to be compatible with the King County Fire Resource Plan, the South Puget Sound Regional Fire Defense Plan, the Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan.

II. POLICIES

King County agencies that provide fire service or support fire service will coordinate with other federal, state and local organizations to support essential fire service operations. Policies and procedures utilized during disasters will support the protection of life, property and the environment. During disasters, normal policies and procedures may be modified based on circumstances.

III. SITUATION

A. Emergency/Disaster Conditions and Hazards

King County will periodically experience emergency situations, which may overwhelm current fire service capabilities. Equipment and personnel may be damaged or unavailable at times when they are most needed. The King County Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Analysis describes situations that affect our area and may impact resource availability.

B. Planning Assumptions

The King County Sheriff's Office is responsible for aircraft rescue and fire fighting (ARFF) on King County International Airport.

When the magnitude of an aircraft incident exceeds the available Airport ARFF resources, additional resource support from other organizations is required.

The Department of Development and Environmental Services, Fire Marshal's Office will provide a link between King County government and fire service resources.

The Department of Development and Environmental Services, Fire Marshal's Office is not a 24-hour operation.

The King County Fire Chiefs' Association will provide personnel to the King County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in order to coordinate fire services within King County and with other jurisdictions. Should they be unable to do so, the King County Fire Marshal's Office will assume that role.

The King County Fire Resource Plan, the South Puget Sound Regional Fire Defense Plan, and the Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan are utilized within King County.

IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

Because King County relies on other organizations to provide fire services within the County, it is critical that coordination between fire service providers and other response organizations be a focal point. To enhance coordination, fire zone coordinators or their designee, as identified in the King County Fire Resource Plan, may request activation of the King County Emergency Operations Center. Appropriate County agencies will respond to the EOC to provide coordination of County resources with the fire service.

B. Organization

Fire service providers within King County maintain their own command structure with the majority of agencies using the Incident Command or Incident Management System model.

C. Procedures

When the King County Emergency Operations Center is activated, a King County Fire Chiefs' Association Fire Zone Coordinator will be requested to coordinate fire service resources. A representative from the King County Fire Marshal's Office may be requested to assist with coordination of fire resources between County government and local fire service providers.

If an aircraft incident occurs at King County International Airport, which requires coordination of multiple agencies and additional resources, the King County Sheriff's Office may request activation of the EOC. The Sheriff's Office representative will coordinate fire service needs with a Fire Zone Coordinator or a representative from the Fire Marshal's Office.

D. Mitigation Activities

King County supports fire service providers in their efforts to provide public education in the area of fire prevention and safety. King County DDES supports and enforces appropriate fire codes for County government and unincorporated areas.

E. Preparedness Activities

King County encourages fire service providers to develop and maintain emergency management plans, procedures and supplies as they relate to emergencies and disasters.

F. Response

Fire service providers will operate in accordance to plans and procedures during times of emergencies and disasters. They are encouraged to coordinate activities with other departments and agencies to support the general mission of King County during the event.

G. Recovery

Fire service providers are encouraged to participate in recovery efforts as they relate to reconstitution of fire services and overall recovery efforts.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Primary Agencies - Fire Marshal’s Office and Sheriff’s Office

Because most fire services within King County are provided by agencies other than King County government, the primary role for the Fire Marshal’s Office is coordination of County resources with fire service providers in the event that the King County Fire Chief’s Association can not send a representative to the King County EOC.

The Airport Unit of the Sheriff’s Office provides fire and rescue services for aircraft related incidents on King County International Airport. In addition to providing the initial fire suppression and rescue, the Unit assumes the incident command role in multi-agency responses.

B. Secondary Agencies

The King County Office of Emergency Management will maintain an ongoing cooperative relationship with local fire service providers and will assist them in disaster planning, preparedness and recovery activities.

All County agencies will support fire response efforts during times of major emergencies or disaster.

VI. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

All fire resources are detailed in references below. Local and state mutual aid agreements and mobilization plans detail how resources are provided

VII. REFERENCES

- King County Fire Resource Plan
- South Puget Sound Regional Fire Defense Plan
- Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan
- King County Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Analysis

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