



# Seattle Fire Department

2014 Proposed Budget Overview



# BASIC MISSION

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## ▶ **Primary Mission:**

The mission of the Seattle Fire Department is to save lives and protect property through emergency medical service, fire and rescue response, and fire prevention.

We respond immediately with professional, effective, and compassionate service when any member of our community needs help.

## ▶ **Importance of Mission:**

Our services matter because the Seattle Fire Department ensures people are safer in their homes, in their businesses and in their communities.

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# KEY OUTCOMES AND REMAINING CHALLENGES

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## **We measure outcomes on national performance standards:**

- ▶ Prioritizing emergency response capabilities has allowed SFD to consistently achieve outcomes that are just below the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) target of 90%.
- ▶ Currently, SFD responds within four minutes for an emergency medical incident 85% of the time.
- ▶ For fire emergencies, SFD is on scene with a minimum of 15 members, a full-alarm assignment of personnel, within eight minutes 83% of the time.

## **Other areas where we collect data for measurement include:**

- ▶ Cardiac arrest survival rate
- ▶ Confining fires to room or building of origin
- ▶ Number of fire fatalities
- ▶ Fire property loss
- ▶ Timely construction, fire and life safety system plan review

## **In what areas are you furthest from your desired outcomes?**

- ▶ A gap exists in meeting the growing demand for basic emergency medical services in specific areas of the City.
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# ALIGNING MISSION AND BUDGET

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**How do your budget changes address the barriers you face in fulfilling your outcomes, and/or mission?**

- ▶ The proposed program changes in the Fire Marshal's Office will enhance internal controls and improve customer service while maintaining fire prevention efforts.

**More generally, how do your proposed budget changes align with your Department's mission?**

- ▶ The proposed budgetary changes improve business practices and reduce risk in the Fire Marshal's Office, allowing SFD to continue to focus on high quality fire prevention services.
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