

SERVING THE CITY OF RENTON, KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 25 & KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 40



Fire & Emergency Services Department

ANNUAL REPORT 2008



City of
Renton
Fire & Emergency Services



Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department

Our Vision

Renton... A city uniquely prepared and effectively protected.

Our Mission

To maintain a safe and livable city through:

- The reduction of risks to our community.
- The efficient and effective response to escalating emergencies.
- A culture of safety and support for our members.

Our Values

- There is no higher calling than that of service and protection to our community.
- Nothing is of more value than human life and the safety of our members.
- Trust is the foundation on which success is built.
- Prevention, where possible, is preferred.
- The reputation of the organization is paramount.
- We can only do what we are trained, capable, equipped and prepared to do.
- Competence is the ultimate measure of performance.
- There is richness in the diversity of the community we serve and the organization of which we are a part.
- To reach our full potential as an organization, our working environment must be open, accepting and courteous for all members.

**City of Renton Fire
&
Emergency Services**

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211 Mill Ave S

Station 12
1209 Kirkland Ave NE

Station 13
18002 108th Ave SE

Station 14
1900 Lind Ave SE

Station 16
12923 156th Ave SE

Station 17
14810 SE Petrovitsky Rd

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Office of the Fire Chief/Emergency Services Administrator

Dear Mayor, Council Members, Commissioners and Residents:

I am pleased to present the annual activity report of the Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department. 2008 was another year of unprecedented change, unique challenges and unparalleled successes. We had four strategic goals that guided our decisions:

- Initiate and evaluate service in the context of the “Renton Results” citywide budget process.
- Integrate the new vision, mission and values into the daily operation of the Department.
- React effectively to separations in 2008.
- Initiate and evaluate operational service delivery under the new delivery model.



I. David Daniels

For the general public, the most visible service that we provide is the delivery of emergency medical, fire rescue and hazardous material response. It is common to refer to these as “basic services” in communities across the country, but not necessarily common that “basic service” is quantified in any meaningful way. In 2008, the Renton City Council adopted Council Resolution 3976 which, for the first time, establishes a response time goal for the city. This goal is the connection between the resources invested in Fire & Emergency Services response to escalating emergencies and the budget process.

The vision, mission and values that led to the official change of our name in 2008, led to a number of other activities aimed at creating a common sense of purpose within the organization, including leadership transition workshops, inclusion of the principles in all hiring and promotional processes and our wildly successful FireBall at the end of the year.

2008 was a record year for separations, and thus a record year for promotions. Twenty-six members of the Department were promoted to higher levels of leadership, which represents more than half of the organization’s supervisory and lead worker positions. Additionally, we conducted the first firefighter recruit training academy in the Department’s history. We concluded the year with the 2008 FireBall that celebrated 105 years of service to our community.



2008 FireBall

By far the most significant activity in 2008 was the annexation of the Benson Hill communities into the City of Renton and the fire protection contract signed with Fire District 40. The combination of the base budget, the annexation and the contract created a number of new aspects to our service delivery system including the centralization of our special operations assets, the creation of a second battalion and the addition of an aid car in the city limits.

It was an outstanding year and this report highlights many of the activities that made the year great.

2008 Work Plan

Strategic Goals

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Tactical Objectives

Safety and Support Services:

- ∇ Evaluate appropriate Dept. uniform modifications including new Dept. logo and patch. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Plan for a Dept. celebration of the name change and history of the RFD. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Publish a Dept. year book. **(In process)**
- ∇ Plan a “Firefighters’ Ball” in conjunction with the Renton Fire Dept. Alumni Association. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Initiate NFPA 1500 compliance project through battalion level safety officers. **(In process)**
- ∇ Convert “work planning” process into a more inclusive “strategic planning” process. **(On-going)**
- ∇ Complete SOP revision project. **(On-going)**
- ∇ Conduct “leadership transition” training for supervisors. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Initiate a “Company Officer Development series”. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Implement an entry level firefighter process. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Conduct “Chief Officer Candidate Academy”. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Conduct promotional processes for Battalion Chief, Captain and Lieutenant. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Initiate actuarial study of member paid time off. **(On hold)**
- ∇ Complete labor negotiations. **(Completed)**

Community Risk Reduction:

- ∇ Coordinate with Community Services on special events processes. **(In process)**
- ∇ 2006 Fire Code adoption. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Develop Hazmat/Technical Risk reduction processes. **(In process)**
- ∇ Implement and evaluate administrative preparedness policy. **(In process)**
- ∇ Lead city development of “COAD” concept. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Evaluate the regional fire investigation process. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Complete IAFC terrorism checklist project. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Additional structure to inspection processes. **(In process)**
- ∇ City-wide in conjunction with regional disaster exercise. **(Completed)**

Response Operations:

- ∇ Lead Zone 3 Incident Management Teams development. **(On-going)**
- ∇ Implement and evaluate station emergency preparedness strategies. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Initiate the national unified goal for traffic incident management. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Complete Shift Commander procedures/guidelines. **(In process)**
- ∇ Operational Efficiency Study on the transition from three to four person engine companies. **(Completed)**
- ∇ Complete prototype fire station document. **(Completed)**



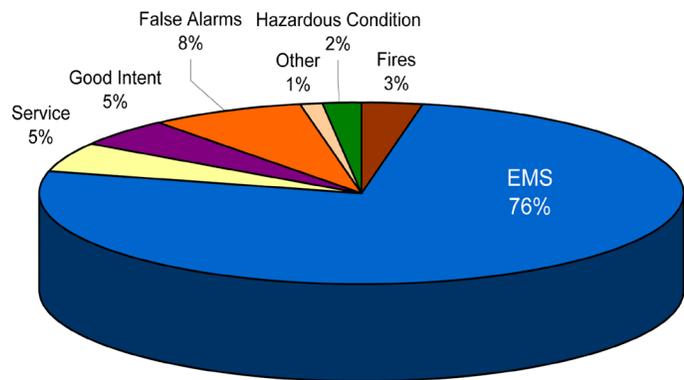
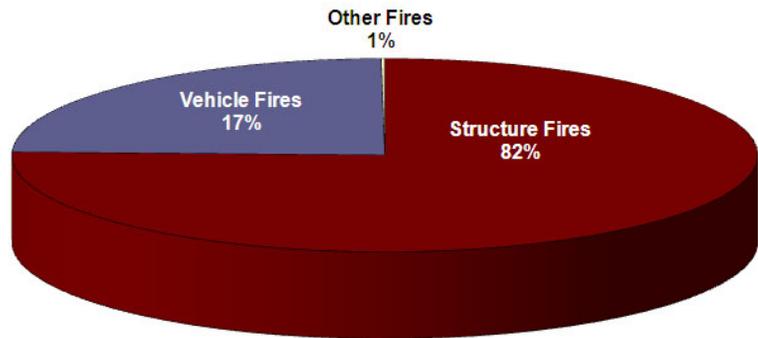
Executive Staff (left to right) I. David Daniels, Fire Chief, Joan Montegary, Asst. to the Chief, William Flora, Deputy Chief, Deborah Needham, Emergency Management Director, Robert Van Horne, Deputy Chief, Mark Peterson, Deputy Chief

Response Operations

Calls for Service by Unit

Engine 13	2,546
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Total Unit Responses 16,486

Total Incidents Dispatched 12,402

Total Property Loss = \$947,350

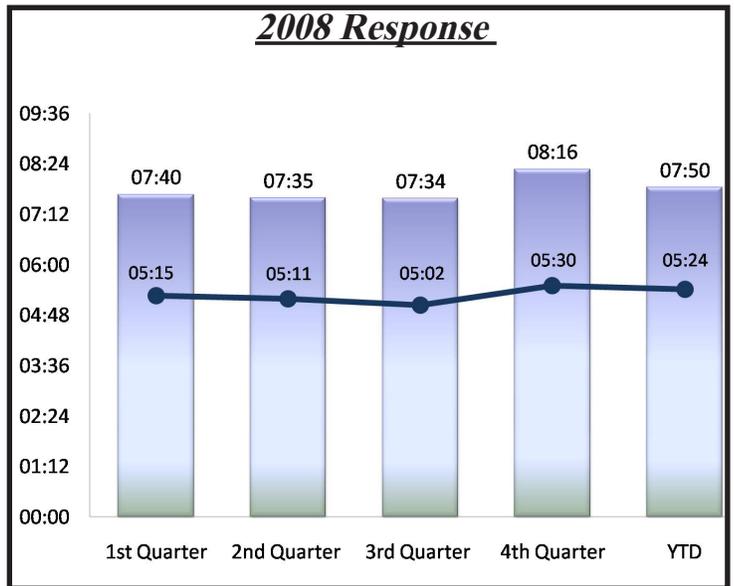


Aspirational Goal

In October 2008, Council passed Resolution 3976 establishing that:

“The Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department aspires, in a non-disaster situation and under current funding, staffing and equipment, to respond to 90% of the emergency service calls in the current service area within 7-1/2 minutes.”

Priority Response Results	
Response Measure	Time
Turnout Time <i>The initial time when units first received notification of emergency to the point they respond</i>	2 minutes, 09 seconds 90% of all code red responses
Arrival of First Alarm Assignment (3 engines, 1 ladder, 1 aid unit, 1 command unit)	12 minutes, 19 seconds 90% of the time
Arrival of First Engine at a Fire Incident	7 minutes, 35 seconds 90% of the time
Arrival of Emergency Medical Technician at an Emergency Medical Incident	7 minutes 46 seconds 90% of the time
Total Response Time for Both Fire Engine and Medical Technician	7 minutes 50 seconds 90% of the time



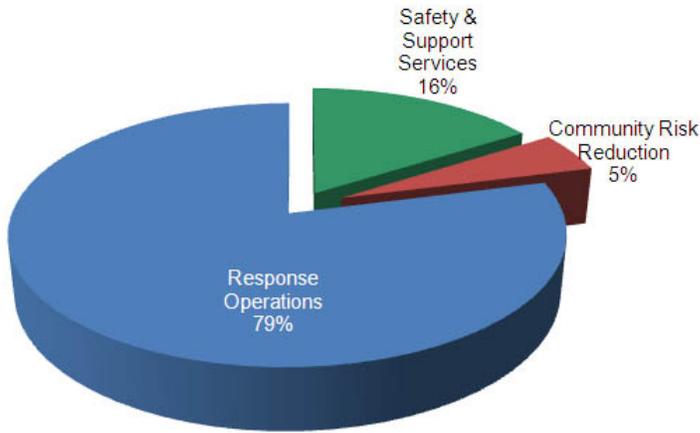
2008 Response Time Report Factors

The following are the top four factors that impact response times in excess of the aspirational goal:

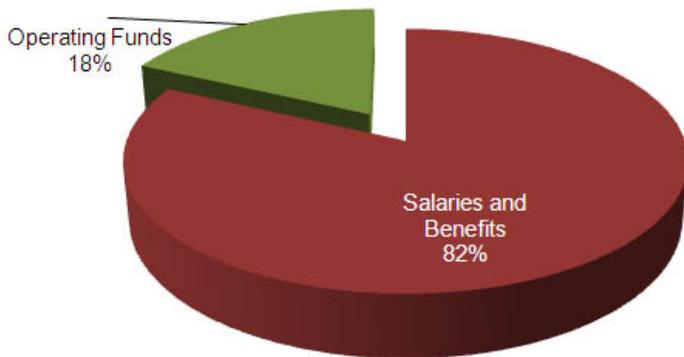
1. Distance to Call in First Due Area
2. Weather
3. Responding Out of First Due Area
4. Out of Position
(Another Incident, Training, Assigned Detail)

Safety and Support Services

2008 Budget by Section



2008 Budget by Expenditure



Total Budget - \$21,754,873

RF&ESD Personnel

- Uniformed: 146
- Civilian: 20
- Intern: 1
- Chaplain: 1
- Volunteers: 34

Average Age of Personnel:

- 44 years

Number by Age Group:

- 20 - 29: 13
- 30 - 39: 33
- 40 - 49: 68
- 50+: 40

Average Years of Service: 14

Number of Years of Service:

- 0-5: 38
- 6-10: 24
- 11-15: 12
- 16-20: 35
- 21-25: 31
- 26-30: 13
- 30-35: 2
- 35+: 0



Emergency Management

Emergency Management Mission Statement

Partnering with our community to cultivate and sustain a culture of preparedness and self-reliance; working inclusively to coordinate effective disaster response; empowering our community to be uniquely resilient through adversity.

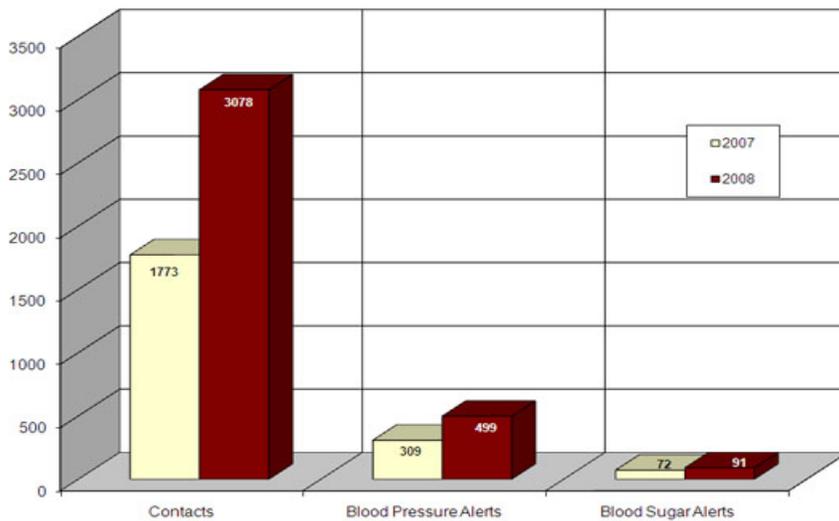
Accomplishments

- Completed a successful revision of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, coordinating the efforts of 30 partners from other departments and agencies.
- Formed and supported the Greater Renton COAD and the South King County COAD, preparing over 80 public and private partners to provide disaster assistance and recovery work in the Renton community.
- Led citywide participation in the major regional exercise, Sound Shake '08.
- Forged a partnership with the American Red Cross and Renton Technical College to produce the Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy, with free ongoing emergency preparedness education opportunities for the public.
- Significantly expanded the emergency worker volunteer program, merging two amateur radio groups, graduating 71 new CERTs, co-hosting 4 regional CERT refresher trainings, training 17 new CERT instructors, and logging over 3,100 volunteer hours over the course of the year.
- Initiated outreach to vulnerable populations, including seniors and non-English-speaking residents, with a major preparedness event at the Senior Center providing 150 seniors with preparedness education and emergency kits.



Community Risk Reduction

2008 Renton Heart Month Results



Inspections

- New Construction 732
- Hazardous Materials 204
- Community Risk Reduction 2,772

TOTAL INSPECTIONS 3,708

- Plans Reviews 776
- Permits Issued 407

CPR Classes

- CPR Classes 51
- Students Taught 1,253

Accomplishments

- Successful Heart Month activities provided 3,078 citizens with free screenings.
- Collaborated in countywide SAFE STEPS campaign, providing fall prevention education to 750 older adults.
- Participated in multiple community events providing fire and injury prevention education/activities to over 2,700 children. Events included Renton River Days, IKEA Kid's Health Fair, Valley Medical Center Safety Camp, Kids' Day at Boeing Museum of Flight, Scout Night and National Night Out.
- Provided fire extinguisher training to businesses and citizens.
- Provided services to at-risk youth through the FireStoppers Program - Youth Firesetting Intervention.
- Fire Prevention Week – working with Hazen DECA students reached over 360 fourth grade students via a fire prevention/safety class.
- Working with the Housing Repair Program, provided/installed over 400 smoke alarms to low income households in the City.
- Facilitated over 50 fire station tours/firefighter visits for local schools, preschools, scout troops and neighborhood picnics.



Member Updates

Members of the Year



Officer of the Year
Battalion Chief/Safety Officer
Roy Gunsolus



Firefighter of the Year
Charlie Coffin (ret.)



Civilian Member of the Year
Joan Montegary

Top Company of the Year



FF Erik Hammes

FF Mike Boyer
Engine 12

FF Marcus Rismiller

2008 Promotions

Curtis, Tom
De Leuw, Andy
Flora, Williams
Gunsolus, Roy
Hall, Talmon
Harsh, Gary
Hartman, Gregory
Hettick, John
Hickey, Ted
Homan, Robert
Kullberg, William
Lecoq, John
Marshall, Rick

McDonald, Doug
McGee, Brian
Mendenhall, Shawn
Peterson, Mark
Proulx, Mike
Rawson, Stephen
Root Lee, Nethel
Rufener, Karl
Seaver, Mark
Sedlacek, Shannon
Soucy, Craig
Wallgren, Erik
Williams, Kelly

Retirements:

Mike Moeller, Battalion Chief/SO
Charlie Coffin, Firefighter
Johnny Bell, Lieutenant
Greg Bergquist, Battalion Chief/SO
Henry Dykes, Lieutenant
Kris Hanson, Battalion Chief/SO
Ken McInnis, Firefighter
Bob Deines, Captain
John Hanning, Firefighter
Kris Weiland, Lieutenant
Chuck Duffy, Deputy Fire Chief

Hired:

1 Battalion Chief
2 Captains
6 Lieutenants
21 Firefighters
2 Fire Inspectors
1 Administrative Secretary
1 Office Assistant
1 Emergency Management
Coordinator
1 Communications Specialist
11 Firefighter Recruits

Renton Fire & Emergency Services

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Calls for Service

Fires	3%
EMS	76%
Service	5%
Good Intent	5%
False Alarms	8%
Hazardous Condition	1%
Other	2%

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7 minutes, 38 seconds
90% of the time

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Population Served

Renton Population:	77,376
KCFD #25:	7,000
KCFD #40	19,349

Total Population 103,725

Fire Stations:	6
ISO Rating:	3
Land Area:	33 Square Miles

Fire Loss

Structure Fires:	132
\$ Loss:	\$477,750
Vehicle Fires:	73
\$ Loss:	\$154,100
Other Fires:	189
\$ Loss:	1,000

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2008 Retirements

• Mike Moeller	38 years
• Charlie Coffin	36 years
• Johnny Bell	33 years
• Greg Bergquist	33 years
• Henry Dykes	33 years
• Kris Hanson	33 years
• Ken McInnis	33 years
• Bob Deines	30 years
• John Hanning	29 years
• Kris Weiland	28 years
• Chuck Duffy	25 years

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