

**Bremerton Fire Department  
Annual Report  
2025**



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### Mission Statement

Our Mission is to protect, educate, and be leaders in our community, while providing progressive life safety services

### Vision Statement

We will be a pillar of the community by being a highly trained, adaptable, customer-focused fire organization.

### Values Statement

While serving the community with integrity, respect, and compassion, we will be guided by teamwork and pride in our department's history and traditions. We remain dedicated to those we serve, and loyal to those we serve with.

Integrity – First and Always

Respect – All

Compassion – For those we serve

Teamwork – In everything we do

Tradition – Honoring our history

Service – Through loyalty to each other and our community





## A message from the Fire Chief Pat McGanney

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As we reflect on the year 2025, I wish to acknowledge the amazing work and dedication shown by each and every member of the BFD. We responded to a total of 10,819 emergency incidents, an incredible volume that speaks to both the growth of our community and the commitment of our dedicated staff.

This year, our focus remained steadfast on fire and life safety, ensuring the well-being of our residents and visitors. We worked tirelessly to enhance our public education efforts, helping to prevent emergencies before they occur by equipping our community with the knowledge and tools to stay safe.

None of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of our employees, especially our firefighters and paramedics, who continue to go above and beyond in the face of ever-increasing demands. Their dedication to responding swiftly and effectively, often under challenging conditions, is a testament to their professionalism and deep commitment to the safety of our community. Whether battling a blaze, providing life-saving medical care, or responding to other emergencies, our teams show up with unparalleled determination and expertise, day in and day out.

In addition to our emergency response efforts, we continued to innovate and improve the services we provide. We are committed to being fiscally responsible, ensuring that every tax dollar entrusted to us is used efficiently and effectively to enhance our operations and readiness.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the members of our department for their unwavering dedication, as well as to the residents and businesses of Bremerton for their ongoing support. Together, we will continue to build a safer, stronger community.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pat McGanney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Pat McGanney, Fire Chief



## Awards:

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FF Seth Jackson  
Chiefs Award



Lt. Rick Crabtree  
Officer of the Year



Josh Hasbrook  
Firefighter of the Year

## New Employees:

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Paramedic/Firefighter Jacob Stark

Paramedic/Firefighter Alex Turner

Firefighter Domenic Muscolo

Firefighter Andrea Law

Firefighter Justin Baldoria

Paramedic/Firefighter Austin Hendricks

Firefighter James Whitsett



# DIVISION REPORTS

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## Fire Marshal / Fire Prevention Office

Under the leadership of Fire Marshal Ben Pocus, the Fire Prevention Office plays a critical role in protecting the community through fire prevention, public education, fire investigations, and comprehensive building inspections and plan reviews. The office ensures that new and existing structures throughout the City of Bremerton meet applicable fire and life safety codes, safeguarding residents, visitors, and first responders.

In 2025, the Fire Prevention Office maintained a strong focus on construction plan reviews and corresponding inspections in response to significant development activity across the city. Each member of the Fire Marshal's Office contributed to the review and approval of plans, working collaboratively to ensure projects were designed and constructed with fire and life safety as a top priority.

Despite the demands created by this workload, the Fire Prevention Office completed nearly 600 building permit reviews, including 90 major projects, conducted over 800 construction inspections, and performed more than 250 life safety inspections. In addition, the Fire Marshal's Office conducted 28 fire investigations, including one fatal fire investigation, providing thorough and professional determinations while coordinating with partner agencies.

Public education remained an important emphasis throughout the year. Fire Prevention personnel visited numerous schools and community groups, delivering fire safety education to the youth of Bremerton and reinforcing safe behaviors that reduce risk and enhance community resilience.

A significant focus in 2025 was the construction of four new educational facilities: Armin Jahr, View Ridge, West Sound Tech, and Olympic College. These large-scale projects, with complex fire protection systems and heightened life safety requirements, required extensive coordination, detailed plan review, and ongoing inspections. The Fire Prevention Office's oversight of these projects helps ensure that students in Bremerton are protected from elementary school through their college years.



Capt. Ben Pocus  
Fire Marshal



Lt. Jeff Prichard  
Deputy Fire Marshal



Evan Markovich  
Deputy Fire Marshal

## Training Division

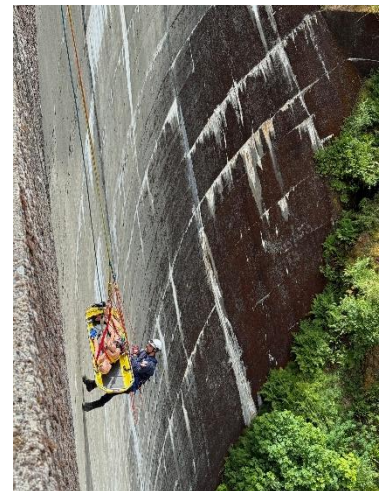
Training is an essential component to providing safe and effective firefighting services. The Kitsap County Fire Training Consortium (KCFTC) began operations in 2021. The KCFTC combines the training forces of all six fire departments in Kitsap County. In 2025 KFCTC provided more than 18,810 hours of training to BFD personnel.

It is necessary for Bremerton to train with surrounding departments as we work together responding to emergencies on a regular basis. Common practices, familiarization with each other's equipment and personnel, as well as seamless interoperability are crucial to the success and safety of firefighters and community members.

Training during 2025 included live fire training, marina firefighting practices, technical & rope rescue drills, Haz-Mat training, and much more.

BFD had seven personnel serve as subject matter experts (SMEs) at KCFTC hosted classes in 2024. Including Paramedic Julie Carney who was the lead instructor (SEI) for the 2025-1 EMT class.

While the BFD is a major participant in the KCFTC, the BFD also retained its own department training office headed by the Training Battalion Chief. Through his efforts, the BFD was able to host a weeklong Pump Academy and Blue Card Command training days, and successfully run 6 on-boarding sessions, and 10 members through various stages of their probationary year.



## Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office

The Bremerton Fire Department (BFD) has a long-standing history of providing emergency medical services to the community, beginning with its first medical response in 1937. Since that time, the department has continually expanded and advanced its level of care to meet the needs of Bremerton's residents.

BFD operates within the highly regarded Kitsap County EMS system, recognized for its excellence, innovation, and strong patient outcomes. This success is built on regional partnerships, science-based medical practices, and a commitment to continuous improvement.

Today, BFD provides 24/7 Advanced Life Support (ALS) services throughout the city. In 2025, the department staffed three 24-hour ALS medic units and added a fourth unit in September to address increasing call volume, extended transport times, and hospital delays. During the year, BFD transported more than 1,300 patients to area emergency departments and trauma centers.

Emergency medical incidents remained the primary reason for 9-1-1 calls in 2025. The most common EMS call types were unknown sick person, falls, and shortness of breath or other breathing-related emergencies.

In support of both patient care and firefighter safety, BFD was awarded a \$47,861 federal grant in 2025 to purchase four FERNO powered stair chairs. These advanced patient movement devices significantly improve safety, comfort, and efficiency when transporting patients on stairways, while also reducing physical strain on department personnel.

Under the leadership of Captain Vince Hlavaty, the EMS Division achieved 100% compliance with all required EMS training for EMTs and Paramedics. This included more than 5,000 hours of prehospital medical education, and 17 EMTs and Paramedics successfully completed state recertification.



Captain Vince Hlavaty  
Medical Services Officer



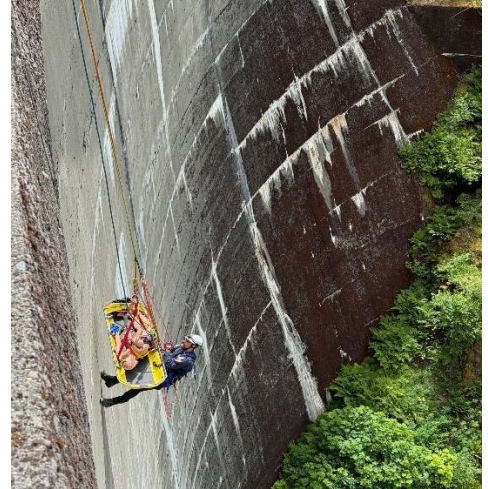
## Technical Rescue

The BFD has been an active part of the Kitsap Special Operations Team (KSORT) since its inception in 2008. KSORT provides the necessary skills and equipment to react quickly in extreme rescue situations. KSORT members are trained in the following five technical rescue disciplines:

- Rope Rescue
- Structural Collapse
- Confined Space Rescue
- Trench Rescue
- Technical Extrication

BFD currently has six (6) department members on the team:

Lt. Michael Bishop	FF Jerry Lane
Lt. Berndt Bittlingmaier	FF Christopher Ritter
FF Elliott Wallace	FF Tyler Hoskins



All members of the KSORT team are trained at the Technical Rescue Technicians level. To achieve this level of certification, our personnel must complete 250 hours of discipline specific training. KSORT is currently made up of 51 members from across all Kitsap County fire agencies as well as members from Navy Region Northwest Fire and Jefferson County.



# FIRE STATION INFORMATION

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Bremerton Fire Department operates out of three stations located around the city:



## **Fire Station 1 – (Al Duke Station) 911 Park Ave.**

Station 1 is the headquarters station for the BFD and includes the administrative offices of the department as well as home to the shift Battalion Chief (BN-1), a ladder company (L1) and ALS Medic unit (M1) and Medic/Aid 4.

Station 1's construction was completed in 2005 and officially began operation on June 23, 2005.



## **Station 2 – (Max Meigs Station) 5005 Kitsap Way**

Station 2 was completed in 1983 and is home to Engine 2, Medic 2, and Brush 1.



### **Station 3 – (Ted Tillett Station) 3031 Olympus Drive**

Station 3's construction was completed in 1981. It is home to E3, M3. Station 3 also has the departments auxiliary building which houses the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) technician room, as well as all hose and tool storage.

## APPARATUS

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Command Apparatus (Battalion 1)  
housed at Station 1

Engines out of Station 2 and Station 3. Each fire engine carries 500 gallons of water, hundreds of feet of hose, ladders, medical kits, AEDs, LUCAS devices and a variety of tools.



Platform Aerial out of Station 1. Ladder 1 has a 104' ladder and carries specialty equipment for technical rescue, EMS, and staffs M20.

Marine 20 is moored at the Bremerton Marina and is staffed by a crew of three. It has both firefighting and rescue capabilities.





BFD staffs four Advanced Life Support (ALS) medic units 24-hours a day.

Brush 1 responds out of Station 2 on Kitsap way and is a Type 5 fire engine specifically set up for fighting wildland fires.



## RESERVE APPARATUS

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3 reserve Seagrave engines

1 reserve Command Unit



2 reserve Medic units

1 reserve Seagrave 100' Ladder



# INCIDENT DATA & EMERGENCY RESPONSE STATISTICS

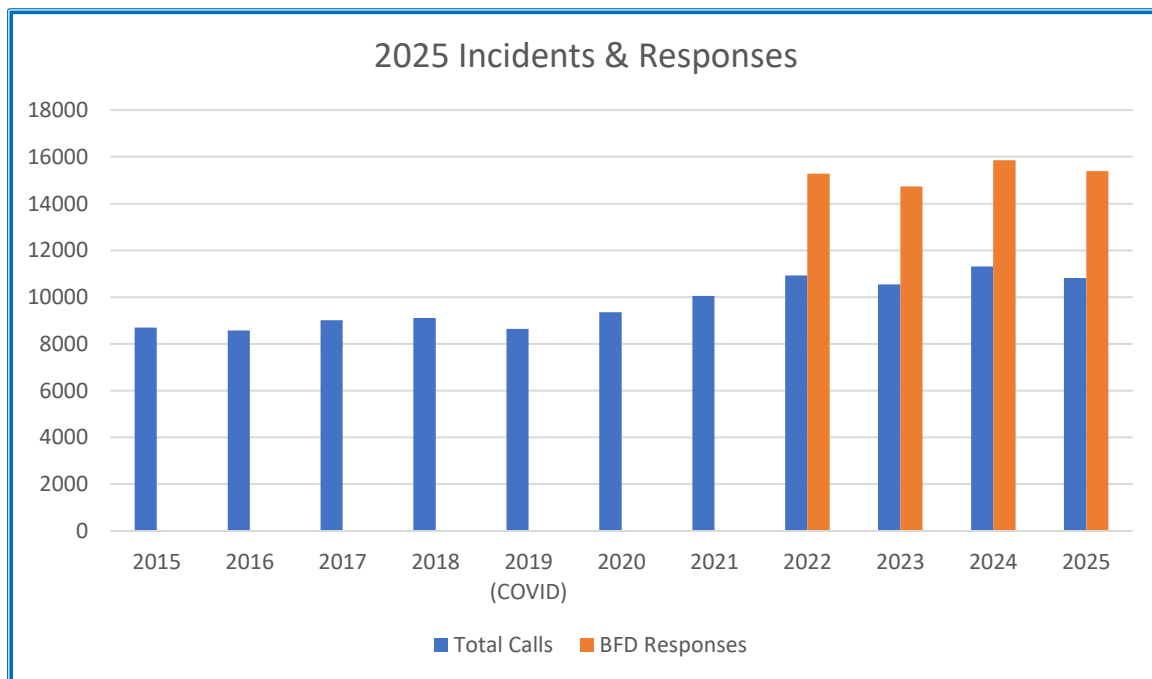
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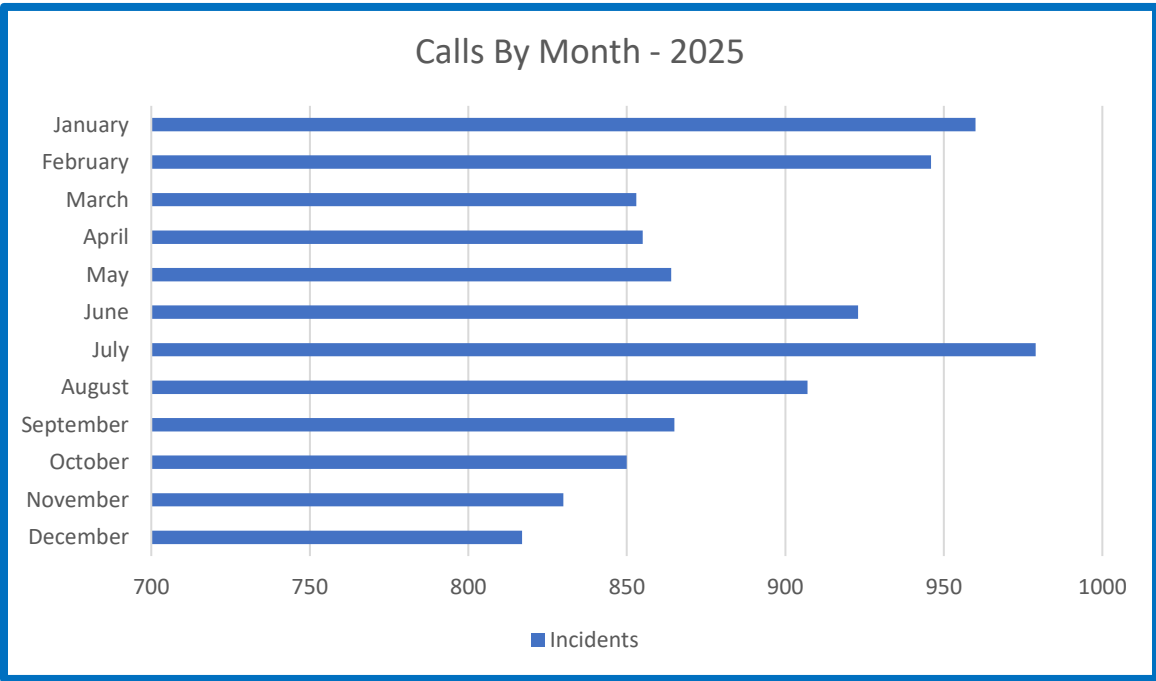
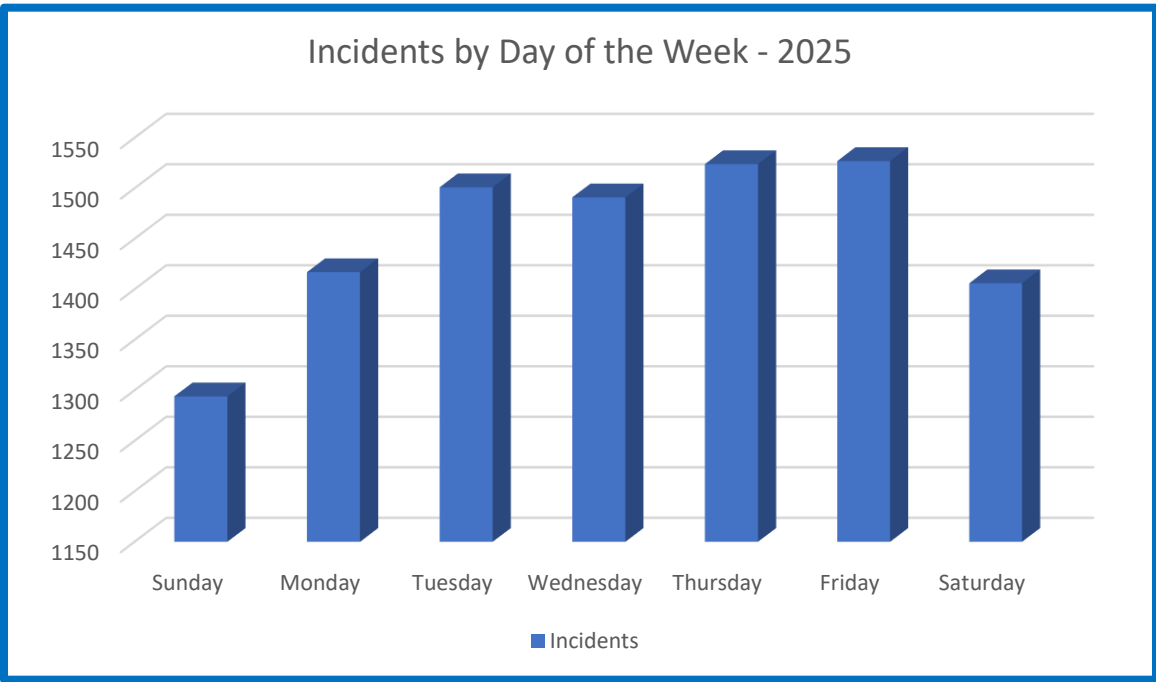
The BFD is trained and equipped to meet the needs of the community. Daily response activities are managed by the on-duty Battalion Chief who maintains operational command at any significant emergency.

Life Safety, property conservation, and environmental conservation are the incident priorities at all emergency events. BFD crews address these priorities through speed and efficiency in their actions. Quickly and safely bringing the appropriate resources to bear on a particular emergency is critical to mission success.

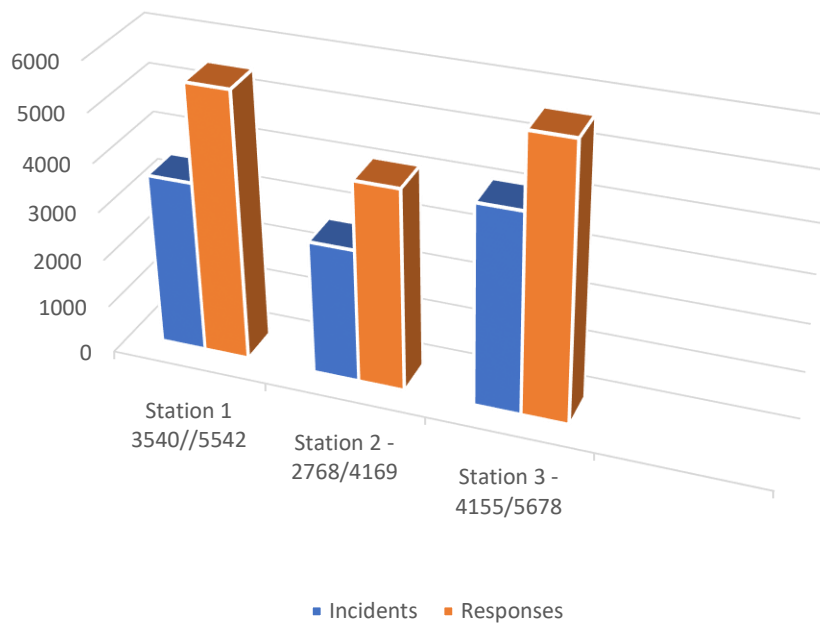
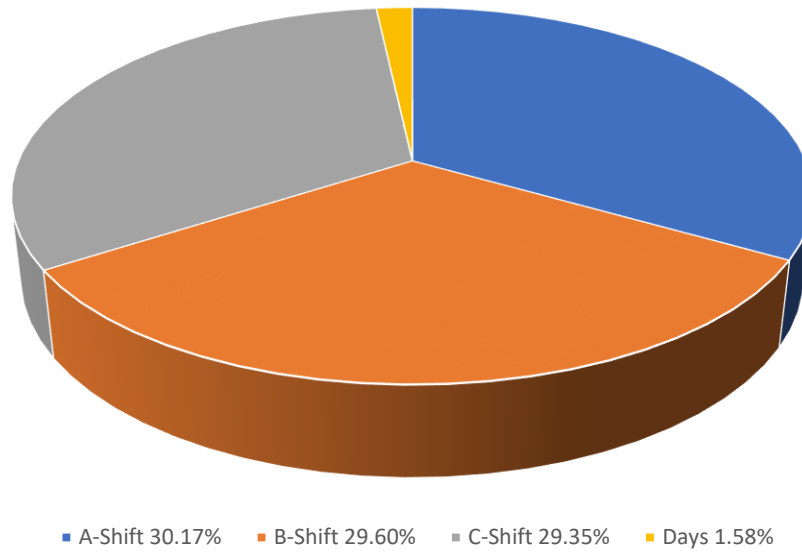
The data upon which the department relies on this report comes from the Department’s records management system (ESO), its electronic patient care reports (ePCR) and the computer aided dispatch system (CAD) operated by Kitsap 911 and the Dark Horse Data Analytics system, which BFD is a subscribed member.

The Bremerton Fire Department responded to 10,819 emergency incidents in 2025. This was a 4.40% decrease from 2024, and a 24.29% increase in emergency responses over the last decade. Those 10,819 requests for assistance resulted in 15,390 BFD responses. The difference in incidents and responses is the result that many emergency incidents require multi-unit responses.



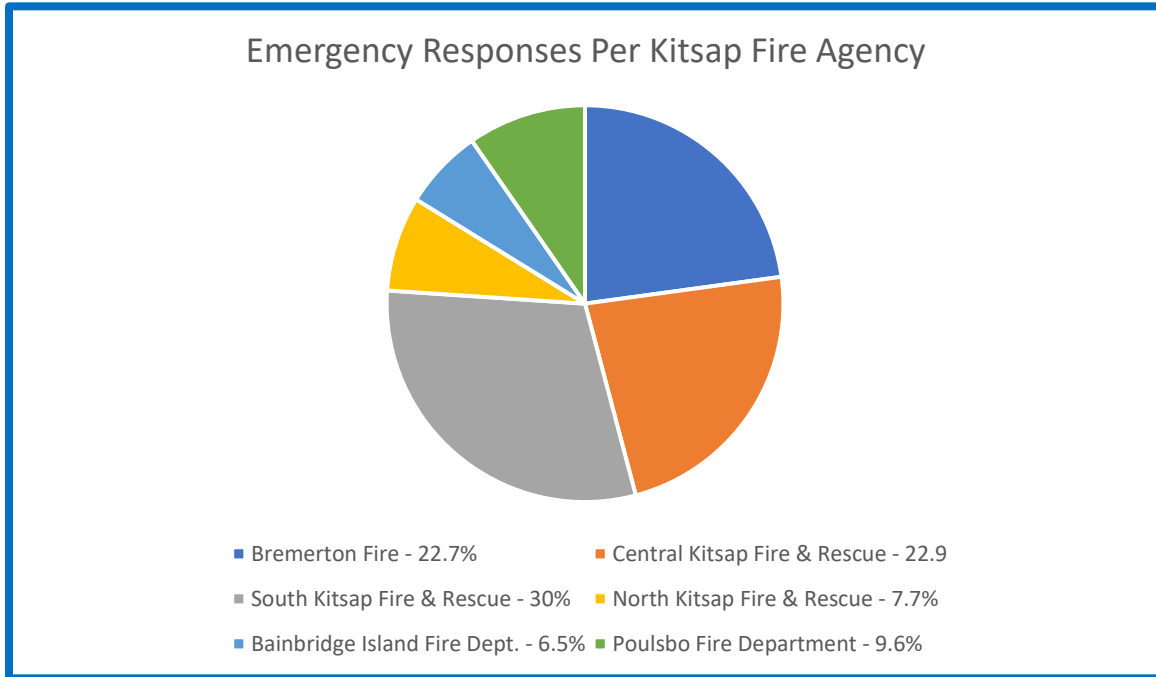


### Emergency Responses by Shift



# BREMERTON FIRE COMPARED TO OTHER KITSAP FIRE AGENCIES STATISTICS

Based on Dark Horse data, the six fire departments in Kitsap County responded to 47,900 incidents in 2025. South Kitsap Fire & Rescue lead the county in responses with 14,062.



## Staffing and Response:

Department	Emergency Responses in 2025	Minimum Staffing	Incidents per on-duty person
Bremerton Fire	10819	14	772
South Kitsap Fire	14062	23	611
Central Kitsap Fire	10768	23	468
NKFR/Bainbridge Fire & Poulsbo Fire (combined)	12251	33	371

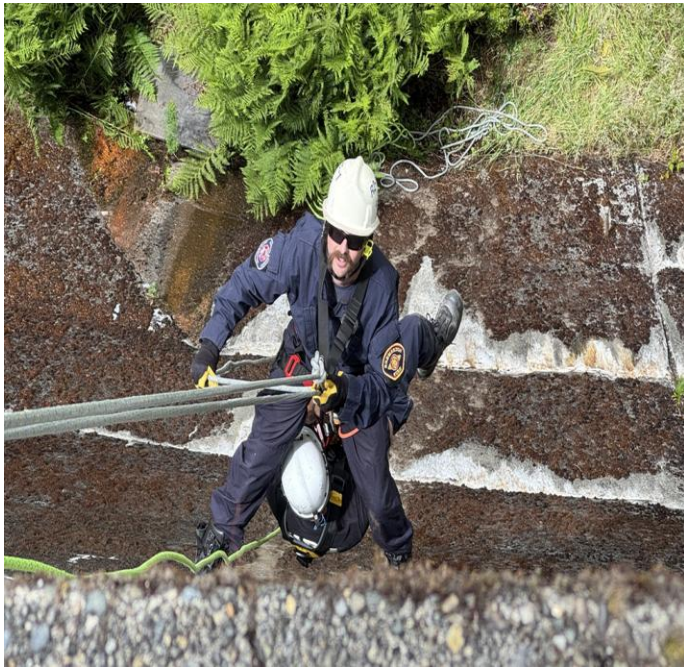
# BREMERTON FIRE SAVE DATA

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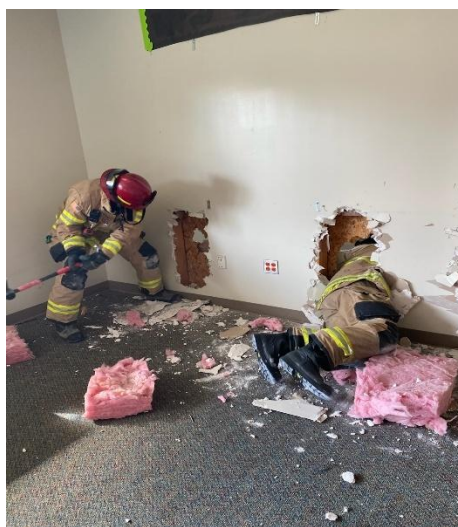
The Bremerton Fire Department responded to 32 significant fires this year within the city boundaries. Based on the data acquired from 31 of those incidents, BFDs average fire loss per significant incident was \$56,296.55. In 2025 BFD had FIRE SAVE amount of \$39,957,629. This constituted an average of a 93% structural save rate per fire responded to in 2025.

## PHOTOS FROM 2024

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FF Ritter performs a rope rescue drill over the 130' tall Casad dam.



Firefighters conduct a wall breach drill at Armin Jahr Elementary School.

