PUBLIC SAFETY

GOAL
Provide for public safety through a community-based approach that focuses on prevention of problems in a timely manner.

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<th>MEASURE</th>
<th>2012</th>
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<th>2016</th>
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<td>The City provides trained staff and funding</td>
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<td>Total Police Services Funding</td>
<td>$24,139,113</td>
<td>$23,997,564</td>
<td>$25,608,694</td>
<td>$25,154,156</td>
<td>$25,215,927</td>
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<td>Total Fire and Emergency Management Services Funding</td>
<td>$18,137,506</td>
<td>$19,628,244</td>
<td>$19,997,924</td>
<td>$20,365,020</td>
<td>$21,338,549</td>
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<td>Sworn Police FTE’s (authorized) per 1,000 population</td>
<td>1.23</td>
<td>1.20</td>
<td>1.18</td>
<td>1.20</td>
<td>1.17</td>
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<td>Paid Fire and EMS staffing per 1,000 population</td>
<td>1.11</td>
<td>1.10</td>
<td>1.10</td>
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<td>1.06 (90 assigned to shift; 84,430 pop)</td>
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<td>EMS response times under 5 minutes</td>
<td>52%</td>
<td>69%</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>49%</td>
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<td>90%</td>
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<td>Fire response times under 5.5 minutes</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>62%</td>
<td>48%</td>
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<td>35%</td>
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<td>Building fires contained to area of origin</td>
<td>57%</td>
<td>56%</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>55%</td>
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<td>Residents have at least two working smoke detectors in their residence</td>
<td>96%</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>97%</td>
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<td>95%</td>
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<td>Residents are prepared for a three day emergency</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>Residents feel safe walking in their neighborhoods after dark</td>
<td>79%</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>82%</td>
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<td>Residents feel safe walking in their neighborhoods during the day</td>
<td>98%</td>
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* Community survey occurs in even years

So that...
Emergency services provide timely responses

So that...
Residents are prepared for an emergency and feel safe

So that...
All those who live, work and play in Kirkland are safe.

HOW DO WE MEASURE PUBLIC SAFETY?

Staffing and funding help the City to provide timely responses to emergencies. Response times and containing fires to the area of origin are proxy measures for good performance. The likelihood of a successful outcome is higher the faster emergency services can reach the site of the emergency. Factors that affect response times include the distances between a station and the incident, geographical barriers and traffic.

Having adequate Police staffing allows for the department to have timely responses to emergencies and non-emergencies alike. Adequate police staffing provides not only a measure of security and safety for the public, but also for the officers themselves.

Measures from the Community Survey provide standard indicators of how residents feel about public safety and how well they are prepared for emergencies. Since annexation, residents of the “existing” Kirkland have commented that there has been no drop in public safety services, while residents in the annexation areas have been impressed with the police presence and response times.
**How Are We Doing?**

During this past year, the Police Department has seen a lot of changes. Along with promotions, there has been movement throughout the department. One movement that occurred was the retirement of many of our veteran officers. These retirements, some anticipated, some not, sparked everyone at the Police Department to pitch in and fill in where necessary. Although staffing has been temporarily down, the department has maintained the same level of services to the residents, businesses and visitors of Kirkland as they have come to expect and speak of so highly.

According to the 2016 Community Survey (survey done every two years), 95% of residents have at least two working smoke detectors in their place of residence, a slight decrease since 2014, and 65% of residents state that they are prepared for a three day emergency, which is an increase of 3% since 2014. The survey also revealed that 97% of residents feel safe walking in their neighborhoods during the day and 82% feel safe walking in their neighborhoods at night. These levels have not changed from those that were reported in 2014.

**What Are We Doing?**

The Police Department continued its commitment to the community through community-based policing utilizing high visibility strategies to reduce crime and maintain a high level of confidence in public safety. The department has continued to show support to residents and communities by attending as many community meetings and events as possible and always being available to answer questions and work through problems jointly. The department prides itself on using data analysis so that officers and detectives can have a better idea of where and when crimes may be occurring, where collisions are occurring and what is causing them. By focusing our attention on the data, we are able to address the issues strategically placing our resources. Patrol shifts were changed in 2015 to address the needs of enforcement by time of day and day of the week. This was a significant change in philosophy and was unselfishly navigated by officers, command staff and the City.

The Kirkland Fire Department is a highly trained and well equipped organization, with the protection of resident’s lives, property and the environment as its focus. The Fire Department provides fire prevention inspections of commercial properties, fire related plan checks, fire investigation activities, emergency medical response and transport, fire suppression, hazardous material release responses, technical and specialized rescue and emergency management and preparedness to the over 84,000 residents of Kirkland.

The Work Program for the Fire Department for 2016 focused on recommendations from the Fire Strategic Plan including:

- Planning for the New Station 24 continued with construction scheduled to occur in 2018 and 2019.
- The City continued to explore options for relocating Station 27 from its current location to an area east of Interstate 405 and near Evergreen Health Medical Center.
- Planning for renovations to Station 25 on Finn Hill continued with updates to interior spaces, HVAC systems, and seismic and structural components.
- Options for permanent storage of the department’s two Water Rescue Craft were explored.
- The department continues efforts to support accreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence.
- The department’s Office of Emergency Management focused on providing training and support to Kirkland’s many Emergency Management volunteers.
- Fire Prevention personnel continued to evaluate software options that support field inspections.

Kirkland Fire Department

Whether a minor injury or a complex, life-threatening event, Kirkland Fire Department responds around the clock with trained, equipped and operationally ready personnel. Five fire stations, strategically positioned throughout our community, respond to the wide variety of emergencies that occur in our community. 9-1-1 calls for emergency medical services (EMS) account for the largest percentage of our emergency responses.

One or two KFD response vehicles staffed by Firefighter/EMTs handle most EMS incidents. Our EMT personnel manage the treatment and transport of patients with Basic Life Support (BLS) needs. Patients with more severe injuries or illnesses, or those requiring Advanced Life Support (ALS), may require the support of paramedics from a neighboring agency, including those from Redmond, Shoreline, or Bellevue. With 2,500 hours of initial training and the support of King County Emergency Medical Services, the paramedics in King County’s Medic One program are among the world’s best. This BLS – ALS partnership between Kirkland Fire and our paramedic colleagues contributes to King County’s successful and highly regarded EMS system.

Kirkland Fire also maintains “all-hazards” response capabilities that match the risks in our community including those encompassing technical rescue, high angle rope rescue; confined space, trench, motor vehicle, and collapse rescue; hazardous materials response; and water rescue. In 2016 we placed two water rescue craft in service to better protect users of our beautiful shore-line.

Regional public safety and local community partnerships enhance our operational effectiveness. Kirkland is highly engaged with King County EMS and is an active partner with the East Metro Training Group (EMTG), a collection of fire departments providing unified training to area firefighters. Collaborations across north and east King County ensure the entire region maintains robust hazardous materials and technical rescue response capabilities.