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Recommen **DESCRIPTION OF CONSULTANTS** PRIORITY STATUS NOTES dation # RECOMMENDATIONS Periodically (annually or more frequently) review minimum 48 Complete Reflects current practice staffing levels and options for filling vacancies. This was a data reporting issue. Added "confirmed" fires to Determine the cause of the dramatic decrease in the percent of 84 Complete full alarm assignment deployments. run cards. Reduced "full" responses Is done annually. Response times reviewed Develop and adopt response time intervals, benchmark, and periodically by Public Safety Committee and CMO 87 Complete review at a minimum annually. (Dashboard Report) and in Fire Department Annual Report. Adopted NFPA 60 second time of call to dispatch NORCOM - Establish communication center performance 88 Complete standard. Recorded annually in Fire Department measurement benchmarks that meet national standards. Annual Report. Aggregate like item equipment purchases with a total value of 20 Complete \$5,000 or more and include in the City's annual budget. Develop an internal CIP for the maintenance and replacement of Sinking fund list is comprehensive and updated on 50 Complete KF&BD capital equipment. regular basis Replace apparatus using a combination of age, mileage (for gas powered units), engine hours (for diesel apparatus) and 52 Complete Reflects current practice condition. 2 Create a budget category for administrative services Complete Establish a medical baseline for new firefighters at the time of 22 Complete hire/appointment. Crews receive annual HazMat Ops training. Develop a consistent program for training hazardous materials 62 HIGH Complete Technicians received annual 40 hour advanced technicians technician level training. Completed 2014 EMTG Academy in April of 2014. As of Develop a joint recruit academy with other members of the 64 HIGH Complete EMTG. 2016, EMTG hosting two recruit academies per year.

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	In the absence of a combined EMTG training manual, KF&BD should develop its own training manual, preferably in concert with the other members of the EMTG.	MED	Complete	Training manuals have been and are currently being developed by EMTG consortium. The EMTG Training Manual is part of the "Best Practices" (BP) program. Sections completed since Strategic Plan include Extrication BP, Safety BP, Command BP, EMS BP. Also established joint recruit academy "Task Manual" so all departments are training new recruits the same. Additional sections are being added as a result of the EMTG Strategic Plan.
67	Refine and expand goals and purpose statements of training objectives	MED	Complete	Part of EMTG Training Manual. <b>EMTG has also created</b> <b>training Vision and Mission statements to address</b> <b>these areas. These statements may be modified as a</b> <b>result of the EMTG Strategic Plan study but they</b> <b>currently are complete.</b>
69	Conduct at a minimum two night drills per shift per year that involve all fire suppression personnel.	LOW	Complete	Will be incorporated into EMTG training schedule. Was incorporated into 2013 quarterly training. It has become part of annual training in Kirkland and most of EMTG agencies. Likewise, crews also conduct night drills on their own, apart from EMTG. It is not possible to include all fire personnel in the same drill but all personnel will be scheduled to complete the training. Night drills have also been added to the three year calendar of classes.
72	Include company level training activities by subject in the RMS.	HIGH	Complete	Entering in training division RMS. Additional resources are being committed to this goal. Namely an enhanced EMTG hosted Learning Management System that will streamline content development and delivery, records management and scheduling. EMTG goal is to launch Q1 2019.
34	Develop and adopt a plan for the maintenance, repair, and flow testing of all fire hydrants in the City of Kirkland.		Complete	Completed by Water Districts

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13	Prioritize media messaging. Use "Currently Kirkland" and other media outlets as a tool to leverage the reach and impact of fire department public information and education messages.	MED	Done on Limited Basis Completed	Done occasionally as needed or requested With help of City Communication Mgr, Department is using Currently Kirkland and social media for consistent messaging.
16	Develop interactive content for the fire department website: citizen training videos and downloadable documents (fire escape plans, preparedness, and self-help checklists).	HIGH	In Process- Completed	Working with IT on webpage redesign. Website training set. Web redesign launched. Fire web team updating pages
12	Develop a succession plan to ensure employees are recruited and developed to fill each key role within the organization.	LOW	In Process Completed	Employees moved via Civil Service rules to fill long term vacancies. Started Leadership training on coaching best practices for all BCs and Captains. Managing for Success class for all officers. Blue Card Annual Command post training being implemented. Incident Safety Officer class for all Captains completed.
82	Develop a long term plan to become a CFAI accredited fire agency	HIGH	<del>Not yet Started</del> In Progress	High Priority. Need to find staff time to complete. Accreditation plan developed. Secured funding. Attending Training. Process underway.
85	Adopt two tiered response time objectives for fire, EMS, hazardous materials, technical rescue, and specialized rescue incidents.	HIGH	Not yet Started In Progress Completed	Currently have tiered response for Fire and EMS. To be included in Standard of Coverage Study <b>Response time</b> <b>objectives recommended. Tiers for HM, TR and SR</b> <b>rejected.</b>
68	Establish a minimum number of annual training hours an individual or company is required to complete.	DISAGREE MED	N/A MODIFIED Completed	Training is competency based not hours based. Have required minimum competencies established.
1	Amend Job descriptions to accurately reflect roles and expectations for administration and support staff.	HIGH	In Process Completed	Restructuring the organizational chart will effectively- complete this recommendation. Job expectation and Org chart updated and discussed with staff.
89	Adopt turnout time standards based on incident type and time of day.	HIGH	Not yet Started In Progress Completed	Currently have turnout time standards based on incident type. Conducted Standard of Coverage Study re: time of day <b>Elected to stay with current day/night standard.</b>

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80	Expand the current partnership with the King County Sheriff's Marine Unit and the Seattle Fire Department to provide a joint, coordinated response to marine firefighting and rescue incidents.	HIGH	Not yet Started In- Process MODIFIED Completed	To be included in Standard of Coverage Study. Pursue CIP- & grant funding for possible off shore rescue equipment and additional partnerships with other agencies. King County Marine unable to provide 24/7 response. Seattle Fire responds as requested. Deployed two Water Rescue Craft in April of 2016 with certified pilots and certified rescue swimmers for rescue incidents. Marine Firefighting capability through Seattle Fire.
83	Define and report (Response Time Objectives Report) geographic areas where response time objectives are not being met. Include information on predictable consequences and steps to achieve compliance.	HIGH	Not yet Started In Progress Completed	To be included in Standard of Coverage Study <b>Report</b> completed. Areas identified. Moving to build new Fire Station 24 in North Juanita and relocate Station 27 east of I405
4	Request WSRB to conduct an evaluation of the fire and suppression capabilities of KF&BD	HIGH	Not yet- Started Completed	Dept recommends this be highest priority and foundation for all other recommendations in Strategic Plan. <b>Completed January 2014.</b> Additional evaluation completed in 2018.
26	Identify a location and develop a dedicated EOC; apply for a matching grant from the Washington EMD Emergency Operations Center Grant Program (requires 25% local match).	MED	Not yet Started Completed	Dedicated EOC secured at City Hall. Completed during 2018 City Hall remodel. Now operational.
51	Perform an energy audit on all fire stations and follow recommended energy efficiency measures.	MED	Not yet Started Completed	Potential long term costs savings could offset one time costs Audit completed end of 2013. Upgrades completed in Feb 2014
79	Modify the EMS response protocol of sending three responders to medical incidents. Redeploy with dedicated staffing of two- person aid units, or single person quick response unit for low priority EMS incidents.	HIGH	Not yet Started In- Process Completed	Agree with dedicated staffing of aid units. Redeployment of one person responses should be reviewed in Standard of Coverage Study. <b>Two person aid units deployed with</b> <b>four person station staffing at Station 25.</b>
56	Track failure rate of units to respond to incidents in their first due area by fire station and apparatus.	HIGH	Not yet Started Completed	To be included in Standard of Coverage Study. Included in SOC and data pulled and updated annually.

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78	Participate in the King County Medic One Community Medical Technician (CMT) pilot.	MED	Not yet- Started- Attempted- Unsuccessful MODIFIED Completed	Request will be made when program funding becomes- available. Kirkland did not participate in pilot. KCEMS may reinitiate process but with modified- recommendation. If so, Kirkland will evaluate program and participation at that time. Partnering with Redmond Fire for CMT services on 2nd one year pilot program.
65	Maintain the practice EMTG recruit training or use the practice of sending recruits to either Bates or North Bend, augmented with agency specific training.	DISAGREE HIGH	Completed	Agree w/#64. Currently hosting two EMTG recruit academies per year.
38	Adopt a local residential sprinkler ordinance for new residential construction.	HIGH	In Process Attempted In Progress	Staff is initiating process to make recommendation based on stakeholder input. Sprinkler Ordinance recommended to City Council June 2016. Not adopted.
24	Provide a fire service-related occupational and health program.	HIGH	In Process Attempted In Progress	Recommend IAFC/IAFF Wellness Fitness Initiative. In current CBA 20.3. <b>Requires collective bargaining. Last</b> two negotiations processes limited to wages.
6	Add a Medical Service Administrator (MSA) at the rank of division chief to manage the medical division.	HIGH	Not yet Started Modified Completed	Funding and regional partnerships will be pursued. Added an Emergency Medical Services Officer at rank of Captain.
77	Provide Advanced Life Support services within the City of Kirkland via the King County Medic One program.	MED	In Process Attempted In Progress	Updated KCEMS language to allow Kirkland participation in next levy cycle. KCEMS conducted third party "Standard of Coverage" study for ALS in King County. Kirkland contributed and expressed desire to participate in ALS service. Study was not favorable to Kirkland position. No change made.
75	Jointly construct and staff a new fire station with Northshore FD.	HIGH	<del>- In Process</del> Attempted Unsuccessful	To be evaluated in Station Siting and Standard of Coverage Studies. Held discussions with both Northshore FD and Kirkland IAFF Local but objections from labor halted talks. No further progress made.

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