

2022 CITY OF KIRKLAND

# FIRE Prop 1 Annual Accountability Report Card



The Fire & Emergency Medical Services 2020 (Fire Prop 1) levy meets two critical goals:

To protect public health and safety by improving response times for fire and emergency medical incidents with investments in additional staff

To improve Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) health and safety by constructing new fire stations and renovating existing stations.

Voters approved the levy by more than 71%.

For more information, visit:  
[Fire & EMS 2020 Ballot Measure](#)

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## LEVY OVERVIEW

The 23.5-cent permanent property tax levy raises approximately \$7.3 million a year to fund:

Promised Investments	2021 Investments
Stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE)	PPE - 12-month supply
20 new firefighter/EMT recruits by mid-2023	10 of 20 new firefighter/EMT recruits hired
Relocation and construction of new Fire Station 27 in Totem Lake to serve Finn Hill, Juanita and Kingsgate	<b>Station 27:</b> New site east of 405 cleared, design complete, construction began Spring 2022
Seismic renovation, modernization of Fire Stations 26, 22 and 21, which serve central and south Kirkland	<b>Station 22:</b> Design complete, renovation began Spring 2022 <b>Station 26:</b> Design began 2022, renovation in 2023 <b>Station 21:</b> Design began 2022, renovation in 2024
Secure temporary locations for Stations 22 and 26 during renovations	<b>Secured temporary facilities on</b> NE 68th Ave in Houghton and on NE 85th St in North Rose Hill
Additional operating, maintenance, vehicle and capital expenses to enhanced public safety services	<b>New Community Responder program:</b> \$244,000 toward \$-million program for 11 community responders to serve community members in crisis

## Kirkland Fire Department (KFD) Response Times

Reporting required by state law RCW 35A.92.030

Construction of a new Fire Station 24, relocation of Station 27 and renovations of Fire Stations 21, 22 and 26 will help improve fire and emergency response times throughout Kirkland.

KFD will also evaluate the impacts of COVID-19 on response time standards.

Total Response Time*	Goal	All Calls	Primary Service Area
To EMS Calls Within 5 Minutes	90%	46%	51%
To Fire Calls Within 5 minutes and 30 seconds	90%	48%	53%

Turnout Time*	National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) standard:	Kirkland Fire Department
To EMS Calls	1 Minute	2 Minutes and 16 Seconds
To Fire Calls	1 Minute and 20 Seconds	2 Minutes and 34 Seconds

Travel Time*	All Calls	Primary Service Area
From Station to EMS Calls Within 4 Minutes	63%	71%
From Station to Fire Calls Within 4 Minutes	58%	67%

\*Response, Turnout, and Travel Times in 2021 impacted by PPE requirement during pandemic



2021 CALL VOLUME: 8,294 CALLS FOR SERVICE

- More info about the [Fire & EMS 2020 Ballot Measure](#)
- More info about [Kirkland Fire Department](#)