



KING COUNTY FIRE RESOURCE PLAN

Section 1 - Purpose

The purpose of the King County Fire Resources Plan is to provide a process to rapidly notify, assemble and deploy firefighters and firefighting equipment to any local jurisdiction within the County for emergency incidents that exceed local resources. In support of the South Puget Sound Fire Resource Plan and the Washington State Fire Service Resource Mobilization Plan, this plan also provides a means for coordination of King County Fire resources across county and regional boundaries.

The plan was designed and is coordinated through the King County Fire Chief Associations Operations Committee. There are currently 42 fire departments and paramedic providers participating in this effort which constitutes all of the fire agencies within King County.

Mutual aid assistance is not a new concept in the Fire Service and is an essential element of local fire protection. Mutual aid agreements provide for rapid assistance from neighboring fire jurisdictions to meet the immediate need requirements of an emergency situation demanding resources beyond those available from the local jurisdiction. Rapid intervention by mutual aid resources can secure control over an emergency incident which may otherwise continue to escalate.

It is important to remember that the King County Fire Resource Plan is specific to responses within King County. While the plan is compatible with both the South Puget Sound Regional Fire Defense Plan and the Washington State Fire Mobilization Plan, there are a number of differences. All agencies should be familiar with the three Plans, and how responses are based upon them.