



City of Tumwater Fire Department

FINANCE – COST SAVINGS, COST RECOVERY AND REVENUE GENERATION

SECTION 8

GOAL: To explore avenues of revenue generation that support Department programs, stabilize service provisions and enhance customer service. To recover costs associated with services provided of a regulatory nature and for specific commodities used in emergency medical services, hazardous materials emergency response, State Mobilizations and Regionalization of Fire Services in the area.

Fire Prevention

Fees and Permits

Included are fire inspections, permit fees, plans/development reviews, and sprinkler system inspections conducted by the City Building Official and staff. At this time, most public education, and emergency services are provided at no cost as part of the department's basic customer service package.

Activities:

- Billing and payment of fire inspection permit fees are managed by the fire department with payments forwarded to the City' General Fund.
- A user/permit fee schedule was updated on December 2, 2014 and is in place for the following Fire Code/Fire Prevention Services which is overseen by Community Development:

Fire Safety

- Fire Safety – Inspection Fee & Permitting
- Underground Storage Tank Removal
- Fire Sprinkler Permit
- Fire Sprinkler Plan Check
- Firework Stand Permitting and Inspection

Fire Alarm Installations

- Fire Alarm Installation Permit
- Pull Stations and other Alarm Devices
- Annunciator Panel
- Fire Alarm Control Panel
- Fire Hydrant (fireflow) Test



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2016 -2017 ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

- Implement tracking program that provides for improved billing and payment of fire inspection permit, automatic fire alarms and fire flow fees
- Work with Finance Department for collection agency implementation in regard to Fire Inspections
- Conduct feasibility study for regionalization of fire services
- Along with Lacey and Olympia Fire Departments, conduct feasibility study for a Mobile Integrated Health Care plan that may be implemented by the end of 2018
- Review of special events and the feasibility of cost recovery for permits, personnel, etc.
- Review and monitor ambulance transport services in community for the possibility of implementing fire based transport system where the fire department would transport Basic Life Support (BLS) patients rather than a private ambulance service
- Research the use of an automated inspection system, similar to the program used by Olympia Fire Department
- Continue to research and explore the feasibility of attaining revenue from all state owned buildings within the city

FOLLOW UP RESPONSIBILITY: Fire Chief

TRAINING

SECTION 9

GOAL: To identify areas of need and develop training programs to assist our members to become more proficient in emergency medical delivery, emergency incident management, safety, personnel management and supervisory leadership with an emphasis on Quality Assurance.

Training is a critical function for any modern fire service agency. As the work becomes more complex and diversified, the knowledge required, professional standards, and government regulations lead to increases in overall training needs of the department. Documentation and records management are essential elements of that process. Maintenance of existing key programs is vital along with 100% compliance with all mandated training requirements.

Items identified requiring training program development or refresher training include:

- Driver training
- Live fire training exercise
- Violence in the workplace training
- Personnel management and IFSAC officer development accredited instruction
- Diversity/sexual harassment/hostile work environment
- OSHA training: asbestos awareness, electrical safety, hearing protection, eye safety