



City of Tumwater Fire Department

- Special Operations
- Emergency Medical Services
- Grant Committee

Standing Initiatives

Standing cooperative initiatives of the labor management process include:

- Good and welfare of department members
- Recruitment and hiring of firefighters
- Annual departmental/city 911 remembrance lunch
- Annual Christmas Party
- Operating guideline review and updates possibly utilizing the Lexipol program (Lexipol committee continues to evaluate)
- Labor/Management Committee meetings
- Community Services Opportunities
- Quarterly officer meetings with administration

2016 -2021 ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

- Work closely with the Training Officer in support of all personnel
- Conduct monthly Labor/Management committee meetings
- Joint support of Food bank, Coats for Kids and other Union supported functions

FOLLOW UP RESPONSIBILITY: Fire Chief, Union President

FIRE PREVENTION AND INSPECTION

SECTION 5

GOAL: To prevent loss of life, injury and property loss due to fire through the creation, implementation, and management of comprehensive and effective building codes, education programs and fire inspections.

Primary fire prevention functions focus on fire and building code development and management, public education, fire inspection, code enforcement, and fire/hazardous material release investigations. The integration of activities in these areas will produce the most effective use of available resources and ultimately, result in achievement of the department's goal – preventing fires, saving lives, minimizing property loss, educating the public, protecting property and the environment. We are at the forefront of completing inspections in every business, apartment complex, and commercial structure since the re – establishment of the fire inspection program in 2013.



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Additional fire prevention functions include: plan development/review, issuing permits, fee collection, juvenile firesetter intervention, and pre – fire plan program, FireRMS, and Public Information Functions.

Fire Department Inspection Philosophy and Types of Inspections Performed

We will continue to conduct regular fire inspections for compliance with the International Fire Code (IFC), with emphasis on positive customer service contacts. The department's major focus will be prevention, education, engineering, and customer service. Fire Inspections ensure that life safety is not compromised within occupancies or structures and reduces exposure to fire and property loss.

The Fire Inspector performs a significant number of regular fire inspections in the City. The Fire Inspector may work with and train department personnel on what basic hazards they should look for when on calls and how to report such information quickly to the Fire Inspector.

The values of a comprehensive fire inspection program are to:

- Prevent fires and loss of life and property in structures
- Enhance firefighter safety by improving the working environment in which they may be called to fight fire
- Familiarize firefighters with buildings/occupancies to which they may be called to conduct emergency operations
- Develop pre – fire plans
- Educate business owners of the benefits of fire safety
- Gain compliance with the International Fire Code
- Ensure that existing automatic fire detection and extinguishing systems are operational and in compliance
- Continue to develop and maintain the goodwill and support of the citizens by continuous and positive relationships between the Fire Department and the community
- Help owners and/or occupants to understand and eliminate unsafe conditions
- Prevent illegal storage, disposal or release of hazardous materials
- Minimize exposure of property to fire loss
- Identify vacant, abandoned and dangerous buildings that may pose a risk to firefighters and the community

Note: Public schools, assisted living and more advanced care facilities are inspected as well by the State Fire Marshal's Office.



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Incident Investigations

The Fire Chief in conjunction with other department members who are trained in cause and origin, routinely investigate fires and other incidents. Types of incidents investigated are:

- All structure fires
- Arson fires
- Fires or industrial accidents involving a serious injury or fatality
- Frequent/pattern – type grass, brush or dumpster fires
- Illegal storage, disposal or release of hazardous materials
- Structural collapse
- Electrocutions

*Note: Workplace accidents are normally investigated by Washington State Dept. of L&I

Tumwater Fire Department Permit Review Services – Permit Process

The following permit/review services will be provided by the City of Tumwater.

- Fireworks/explosives
- Special events
- Tents and canopies
- Extension of premises (i.e. for special events, bars and restaurants)
- Other permits as identified and required

International Fire Code

The City Council adopts the International Fire Code with amendments once it is adopted by the State of Washington.

Plan Development Review and Permit Process

The following require fire prevention plan development/review and/or permitting under the umbrella of the City of Tumwater Engineering and Planning Division.

- Underground/aboveground tank installations or removal with emphasis on removal
- Knox Boxes – Storage of building key and emergency information
- Emergency access control for gated communities
- Site plans/fire apparatus access
- Automatic fire sprinkler and alarm systems
- Commercial kitchen hood extinguishing systems



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- Hazardous materials inventory and storage
- Fuel storage systems
- Fire pump/special fire protection systems
- Dust collection systems
- Compressed gasses/LNG residential refueling stations
- State required licensing, i.e., group homes, adult care homes, liquor license
- All new construction in public schools
- Gate access
- Pre – fire plan requirement for new buildings

2016 -2021 ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

- Continue code enforcement/inspection training for all Emergency Services personnel
- Consider an Engine company inspection program for the future
- Track and document occupancies that do have hazardous materials, storage, processes on site and consider a co-inspection program with the Thurston County Health Department at such occupancies
- Work toward enhancing and establishing a regional team approach for fire investigations particularly for larger incidents
- Continue working with City of Tumwater Community Development Department to ensure proper access and fire safety input of existing buildings and proposed developments including city events at the golf course and other special events within the city.
- Perform fire drills in all appropriate City Facilities
- Continue to seek new revenue streams, grants, etc.

FOLLOW UP RESPONSIBILITY: Fire Chief, Fire Inspector, Building Official

PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

SECTION 6

GOAL: To educate and engage our citizens on the role they can play in making the community safer by preventing fires, minimizing health risks through first aid and CPR training.

Public safety education is a responsibility of all members of the Tumwater Fire Department. Educating citizens concerning services provided by the department and how to summon such services can play a critical role in determining whether there is a successful outcome to an emergency situation. Public safety education is clearly an important consideration in developing proper safety behaviors.