



RFA GOVERNANCE BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

10:00 A.M. – Monday, November 8, 2021

Fire Station #13, 18002 108th Ave SE, Renton, WA 98055

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- Call Meeting to Order
- Flag Salute
- Roll Call
- Agenda Modifications

- Announcements, Proclamations, and Presentations

- Public Comment

Members of the audience may comment on items relating to any matter related to RFA business under the Public Comment period. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person pursuant to the rules established under Section 8 of the Bylaws.

- Consent Agenda

- Approval of [Minutes from October 11, 2021](#) Regular Meeting
- Approval of [Minutes from October 25, 2021](#) Special Meeting
- Approval of [Vouchers](#): AP Check Register 9/16/2021 – 10/15/2021
Payroll Check List 9/1/2021 – 9/30/2021

- Signing of Vouchers

- Board Committee Reports

- Budget and Finance Committee
- Operations and Capital Committee

- [Chief's Report](#)

- Division Reports

- Administration (CAO Samantha Babich)
 - [Quarterly Financial Report](#)
- Office of the Fire Marshal (Fire Marshal Anjela Barton)
 - [OFM Quarterly Report](#)
- Support Services (Deputy Chief Seaver)
 - Brush Rig Update

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- Station 11 and 16 Update
 - Response Operations (Deputy Chief Will Aho)
 - Significant Incidents
 - 10/12 Residential Fire, mutual aid from Eastside Fire
 - 10/19 Residential Fire, mutual aid from Bellevue Fire
 - 10/22 Shooting at Metropolitan Banquet Hall
 - 10/29 Shooting at Safeway on NE 4th
 - 10/30 2-alarm Apt. Fire at Honey Creek Apts., mutual aid from Bellevue, Eastside, Tukwila, and Puget Sound Fire
 - Training
 - Dive Team, Parallel Search
 - Hazmat Team, Natural Gas Emergencies at Safeway Bread Plant in Bellevue
 - Technical Rescue Team, Team based rope rescues on buildings, Window Washer rescue
 - Quarterly EMS Training, rotated all crews through Station 14
 - Individual crew lead training for E311, E312, E313, and E316
 - Extrication training for E311 and L311 on A-shift
 - IFSAC Fire Officer 1 Certification (40 hours of training), Ellis
 - IFSAC Fire Instructor 1 Certification (40 hours of training), Yun and Luevano
 - Rescue Drive Certification (26 hours of training), Wasem
 - Swiftwater Tech Certification (32 hours of training), Wasem and Felt
 - Hazmat Technician Certification (40 hours of training), Sarreal and Durkan
 - Hazmat IQ (8 hours of training), Sarreal and Durkan
 - Public Outreach
 - Open Houses Station 11, 12, 13, and 15
 - Renton Stadium Aid Car standby
 - Drive-thru Truck or Treat at Renton Community Center and New Life Church
 - Amazon Fulfillment Center Walk-thru for E314 and L311
 - Operations
 - Lt Assessment Center, 4 have passed all components of the promotional process and the list certified on 11/1
- Correspondence
 - [Thank You Letter – FF O’Brien](#)
 - [Open House Responses](#)
- Unfinished Business

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- New Business
 - [Resolution 2021-06: Property Tax Levy 2022](#)
 - [Resolution 2021-07: Certifying Property Tax Levy & Adopting Operating Budget 2022](#)
 - [Resolution 2021-08: Benefit Charge 2022](#)
- Good of the Order
- Executive Session
- Future Meetings:
 - Monday, November 22, 2021, 9:00 a.m., Budget/Finance Committee Meeting, Video Conference
 - Monday, November 22, 2021, 10:30 a.m., Operations/Capital Committee Meeting, Video Conference
 - Monday, December 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Governance Board Regular Meeting, Fire Station #13 (18002 108th Ave SE, Renton) / Video Conference
- Adjournment



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MINUTES

RFA Governance Board Regular Meeting

10:00 A.M. – Monday, October 11, 2021

Fire Station #13 – 18002 108th Ave SE, Renton

CALL TO ORDER

Governance Board Chair Pérez called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Governance Board Members Present:

Ruth Pérez, Chair (City of Renton)
Marcus Morrell, Vice Chair (Fire District 25)
Ryan McIrvin (City of Renton)
Myron Meikle (Fire District 25)
Randy Corman (City of Renton)
Linda Sartnurak (Non-Voting Advisory Position, Fire District 40)

Governance Board Members Not Present:

Kerry Abercrombie (Fire District 25)

Administrative Staff Present:

Fire Chief Steve Heitman, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith, Deputy Chief Mark Seaver, Deputy Chief William Aho, Lieutenant Laycock, Facilities Manager Scott Murphy, Fleet Manager Brice Callaway, IT Technician Wyatt Humphreys, Sr. Finance Specialist Jennifer Zhou, Administrative Supervisor Christine Noddings, Administrative Specialist Evyn Villa, and RFA Attorney Brian Snure.

Board Member Abercrombie arrived at the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Public Present

Mayor Armando Pavone (City of Renton)

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no agenda modifications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- Fire Chief Heitman shared with the Governing Board the Proclamation of October 11, 2021 as Don Persson Day in recognition of Don Persson's past contributions to the Renton Fire Authority. Mayor Pavone, Board Member Meikle, and Board Member Corman shared words of appreciation for Don's service to the City of Renton and the RFA.
- CAO Samantha Babich provided a high-level overview of the 2022 Budget which included Operating Fund Revenues & Expenditures by Division.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSITION NO. 1 – REAUTHORIZATION OF FIRE BENEFIT CHARGE

Board Chair Pérez opened the Public Hearing at 10:24 a.m. The minutes of the Public Hearing are contained in a separate Report of the Public Hearing.

The board returned to the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Morrell and **SECONDED** by Board Member Corman to approve the consent agenda for October 11, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

SIGNING OF VOUCHERS

The members of the Governance Board signed the Voucher Approvals for October 11, 2021.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Board Committee reports.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Heitman's report included the following:

- Members of the Quarter: Please join me in congratulating Chris Gerke as Officer of the 2nd Quarter and Richard Wolleat as Civilian of the 2nd Quarter! Chris and Richard consistently exemplify our core values, and we appreciate their dedication to our department and community.
- Senior Lunch Distribution: On September 22nd, our Public Educator (Sara Ferguson), Ladder 311 crew (Marc Donnell, Brandon Weeks, and Kasey Parker) and I participated in the Renton Senior Center's daily lunch distribution. Seniors visit the center and pick up their lunch in a drive-thru format, in which we served 30 senior citizens and provided fire safety information as well as the Proposition 1 flyers.
- Executive Leadership Academy: The Seattle Fire Department Executive Leadership Academy for fire service executive training will launch on October 15th, and DC Will Aho, CAO Samantha Babich and BC Erik Hammes have been accepted into the program.
- Committee Updates/Community Involvement: I was nominated to be the new Garage Consortium Governing Board Chair at the end of last month. In addition, Eric Holdeman, a well-known expert and thought leader in the field of emergency management, called and requested I become a panelist for a maritime rapid damage assessment.
- Commissioner Coffee Meetings: I met with each of the King County Fire District 40 Commissioners over coffee to connect and address feedback for areas of opportunity and areas of success. It was a great way to kick off our avenue of open communication between the KCFD 40 Board of Commissioners and RFA staff, and I will be attending the upcoming Washington Fire Commissioners Association conference this month to see how we can further develop our partnership.
- Community Group Proposition 1 Presentations: Our Administration team has reached out to Homeowners Associations (HOA) and other Renton community groups to schedule time for RFA leadership to present information about Proposition 1 to their members leading up to the November 2nd election. Groups we've completed presentations for include the Windwood HOA, Soroptimist of Renton group, and Ambassador Committee of the Chamber of Commerce (CoC). Other community groups on the calendar between now and November 2nd include

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Aspenwoods HOA, North Renton Neighborhood HOA, Victoria Hills HOA, Renton PTA Council, additional groups through the Chamber of Commerce, and more.

- Governance Board Notifications: Per our procurement process and policy, I am notifying the Board of the following purchase(s):
 - 20 Replacement SCBA Bottles – \$29,727.00
 - Station 15 Flood Repairs - \$20,229.75

DIVISION REPORTS

EMS/Health Safety

- Deputy Chief DeSmith provided a billing update on the new Treat & Refer Program as well as an update on HB1310 to be delivered in 2022.

Office of the Fire Marshal

- Deputy Chief Aho delivered the report on behalf of Fire Marshal Barton. Fires have reduced indicating we are outside of fire season. New construction projects include the new transit center on Rainier/Grady and a new elementary school in the Highlands neighborhood. Public Educator Sara Ferguson is now visiting schools as part of the 2021 Fire Safety Program. A grant was received for \$18,000 to purchase a portable Hazard House and Hazard Kitchen.

Response Operations

- Significant Incidents: 9/4 Residential Fire on NE 4th Ct, 10/3 Shooting at Plum Tree Condos.
- Training: Annual Live Fire, Rope Tech/Boat Operator/Open Water Diver Training, JATC prep, Night dive w/ VRFA at Angle Lake, and extraction training.
- Public Outreach: Aid car coverage for Renton Stadium football, support for Ironman event at Lake Wilderness, Senior Renton Center Lunch Distribution, HOA meetings.
- Operations: 1st recruit academy evals, annual hose testing, Lt written exam, Sunset Oaks walk-thru off NE 10th St

Support Services

- Deputy Chief Seaver updated the Board on a recent flood event at Station 15 due to a sensor malfunction in the adjacent water tower.
- Meetings with King County are ongoing for land repurposing at Station 16.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Station 11 Remodel Bid Acceptance

The Fire Station #11 Dorm and Bathroom & Sprinkler System Remodel was awarded to the Christensen Construction bid of \$743,000. The project cost total comes out to \$867,704. The total project budget is \$881,000.

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A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Corman and **SECONDED** by Board Member Meikle to award the Fire Station #11 Dorm and Bathroom Remodel & Sprinkler System Completion to Christensen Construction and authorize Fire Chief Heitman to sign the contract. **MOTION CARRIED (6-0)**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There was no good of the order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday, October 25, 2021, 9:00 a.m., Budget/Finance Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, October 25, 2021, 10:30 a.m., Operations/Capital Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, November 8, 2021, 4:00 p.m., Governance Board Regular Meeting, Fire Station #13 (18002 108th Ave SE, Renton) / Video Conference

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Ruth Pérez, Board Chair

Evyn Villa, Board Secretary



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REPORT OF PUBLIC HEARING TO SET FORTH THE RENTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY'S PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE THE BENEFIT CHARGE

The Renton Regional Fire Authority (RRFA) established October 11, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to set forth its proposal to continue the utilization of a benefit charge to support the delivery of emergency services, as required by RCW 52.26.230(1).

Notice of the public hearing to be held on October 11, 2021 was posted at the RFA's Headquarters Station 13 and on the Renton RFA website.

October 11, 2021

I. OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Board Chair Ruth Pérez opened the public hearing portion of the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Persons in attendance were Board Members Ruth Pérez, Marcus Morrell, Ryan McIrvine, Myron Meikle, Randy Corman, Linda Sartnurak, and Kerry Abercrombie; Fire Chief Steve Heitman, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith, Deputy Chief Mark Seaver, Deputy Chief William Aho, Lieutenant Rick Laycock, Facilities Manager Scott Murphy, Fleet Manager Brice Callaway, IT Technician Wyatt Humphreys, Sr. Finance Specialist Jennifer Zhou, Administrative Supervisor Christine Noddings, Administrative Specialist Evyn Villa, and RFA Attorney Brian Snure.

Board Chair Pérez made the following opening statements:

This hearing is being held for the purpose of meeting the requirements of RCW 52.26.230(1). That section requires a hearing no fewer than ten days nor six months before the election, setting forth the RFA's proposed benefit charge and explaining how the benefit charge will support the RFA's legal authorized activities.

I will now ask the RFA's legal counsel, Mr. Brian Snure, to provide a brief procedural overview for the RFA's proposal, known as the Renton Regional Fire Authority Proposition 1.

Following legal counsel, I will ask that the Chief provide a historical overview of the RFA's use of the benefit charge and its role in funding emergency services provided by the RFA.

After hearing from the legal counsel and the Chief, members of the public will have an opportunity to provide input to the Board and make statements to the record.

Mr. Snure will now provide an overview of the legal process.

II. LEGAL COUNSEL STATEMENT

Legal Counsel Brian Snure provided the following information:

The legal procedures for the benefit charge are straight forward. When the RFA was formed, the initial benefit charge was approved by voters that required a super majority vote. The present proposal is to ask the voters to approve a 10-year benefit charge. For it to pass – a simple majority voter approval is required. Once passed, the RFA Governance Board has the authority to establish a benefit charge to supplement the RFA's revenue each year.

That process does not change with the 10-year benefit charge. Every year before November 15th, there will be a benefit charge hearing to identify the amount of the benefit charge and allow for public comment. The benefit charge will be listed on tax statements for all property owners within the RFA jurisdiction. Property owners will then be given an opportunity in February of each year to protest or question their benefit charge. Once that is completed and charges are paid, the process repeats itself.

III. FIRE CHIEF PRESENTATION

Chief Heitman read the following statement:

The benefit charge is an extremely important component of the RFA's funding source. The RFA has always respected having the authority to impose the benefit charge and has never taken that authorization for granted.

The benefit charge provides funding for approximately 40% of the RFA's operating budget. It allows the RFA to maintain staffing, training, service levels, and fund facility improvements, apparatus and equipment replacement that may otherwise require bond or more frequent levy lid lift measures.

The failure of the benefit charge would force the RFA to run the benefit charge measure again in 2022, causing increased election costs. Or the RFA can choose to abandon the benefit charge method of revenue collection and run a levy lid lift to restore the levy rate back to the statutory maximum of \$1.50 per thousand of assessed value.

If unsuccessful in 2022, by law, the RFA's property tax rate would increase by approximately \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation over the approximate current rate of \$0.81 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The amount raised by the statutory property tax increase would not replace the amount of funding generated by the fire benefit charge (over 40% of our current budget) and the RFA may be required to reduce service levels.

The RFA has been a good steward of the funds collected through the benefit charge and hopes to have earned the public's trust to continue with this method of funding emergency services.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment section of the hearing was opened at 10:28 a.m.

There was no public comment. Board Chair Pérez closed the public comment period at 10:29 a.m.

V. BOARD DISCUSSION

No additional discussion occurred.

VI. CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Board Chair Pérez closed the public hearing at 10:30 a.m.

Dated this 11th day of October 2021.

ATTEST



Evyn Villa, Board Secretary
Renton Regional Fire Authority



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MINUTES

RFA Governance Board Special Meeting

11:30 A.M. – Monday, October 25, 2021

Fire Station #13 – 18002 108th Ave SE, Renton / Virtual Conference

CALL TO ORDER

Governance Board Chair Pérez called the special meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Governance Board Members Present:

Kerry Abercrombie (Fire District 25)
Ruth Pérez, Chair (City of Renton)
Marcus Morrell, Vice Chair (Fire District 25)
Ryan McIrvin (City of Renton)
Myron Meikle (Fire District 25)
Randy Corman (City of Renton)
Linda Sartnurak (Non-Voting Advisory Position, Fire District 40)

Administrative Staff Present:

Fire Chief Steve Heitman, Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich, Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith, Fire Marshal Anjela Barton, Deputy Chief Mark Seaver, Deputy Chief William Aho, Lieutenants Laycock, Hyslop, and Krystofiak, Facilities Manager Scott Murphy, Sr. Finance Analyst Jenn Zhou, IT Technician Wyatt Humphreys, Administrative Supervisor Christine Noddings, Administrative Specialist Evyn Villa, and RFA Attorney Brian Snure.

Public Present:

William O'Donnell

PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE SOURCES, 2022 PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET, PROPERTY TAX, AND BENEFIT CHARGE

The public hearing was opened at 11:34 a.m. by Board Chair Pérez.

- Board Chair Pérez explained the purpose of the public hearing per RCW 84.55.120 and 52.26.230 meeting requirements.
- Chief Heitman presented on the RFA's Commitment to Service through collaboration with other departments, continued support for the Mobile Integrated Health (CARES) program, and the pursuit of equity in recruitment and hiring.
- CAO Babich provided an overview of the 2022 Expense Budget and Estimated Property taxes.
 - The preliminary 2022 budget is \$45,870,687 – which accounts for COVID financial impact, funding capital reserve accounts, maintaining staff levels, and two new staff positions.
 - The proposed property tax revenue is \$18,309,064 and a 2022 tax levy rate of 0.737.
- Lt. Richard Laycock provided an overview of the 2022 Fire Benefit Charge (FBC).
 - The preliminary FBC is 38.2%; cannot exceed 60% of Operating budget.

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- FBC exemptions include church/religious buildings, vacant land, buildings less than 400 sq. ft.
- The FBC is apportioned by a formula that incorporates factors such as size and type of structure, fire flow and resources needed, risk premiums, and risk discounts.
- FBC Building Categories are apportioned as Residential (51%), Apartment (20.9%), Commercial (27.8%), and Mobile Home (0.3%).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed at 11:52 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Monday, November 8, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Governance Board Regular Meeting, Fire Station #13 (18002 108th Ave SE, Renton)/ Video Conference
- Monday, November 22, 2021, 9:00 a.m., Budget/Finance Committee Meeting, Video Conference
- Monday, November 22, 2021, 10:30 a.m., Operations/Capital Committee Meeting, Video Conference

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Ruth Pérez, Board Chair

Evyn Villa, Board Secretary

VOUCHER APPROVAL FOR NOVEMBER 8TH, 2021 MEETING

AUDITING OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described herein, that any advance payment is due and payable pursuant to a contract or is available as an option for full or partial fulfillment of a contractual obligation, and that the claim is a just, due and unpaid obligation against the Renton Regional Fire Authority, and that I am authorized to authenticate and certify said claim.

Auditing Officer: _____

Steven C. Heitman, Fire Chief

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The vouchers below have been reviewed and certified by individual departments and the RFA's Auditing Officer as required by RCW's 42.24.080 & 090, and a list of vouchers has been provided for review by the Finance Committee.

The undersigned members of the Finance Committee of the Renton Regional Fire Authority do hereby approve for payment accounts payable vouchers totaling \$1,509,287.73, payroll vouchers and direct deposits totaling \$1,315,563.00.

A/P VOUCHERS	Payment Date	Numbers	Amount
Checks	09/16/2021 - 10/15/2021	13555-13645	\$564,132.09
EFTs	09/16/2021 - 10/15/2021		\$286,707.71
Bank Drafts	09/16/2021 - 10/15/2021		\$658,447.93
AR Refund Checks	09/16/2021 - 10/15/2021		
TOTAL A/P			\$1,509,287.73
PAYROLL VOUCHERS		No. of Vouchers	Amount
Direct Deposits	9/24/2021	175	\$656,127.18
Payroll Checks	9/24/2021	1	\$0.00
Direct Deposits	10/8/2021	173	\$659,435.82
Payroll Checks	10/8/2021	0	\$0.00
TOTAL PAYROLL		349	\$1,315,563.00
TOTAL CLAIMS			\$2,824,850.73

Renton Regional Fire Authority Governance Board:

Ruth Pérez, Board Chair

Marcus Morrell, Board Vice Chair

Myron Meikle, Board Member

Kerry Abercrombie, Board Member

Randy Corman, Board Member

Ryan McIrvine, Board Member



RENTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: November 8, 2021

TO: Kerry Abercrombie (Fire District 25)
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FROM: Steve Heitman, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: **Renton Regional Fire Authority Chief's Report**

1. Congratulations are in Order

I'd like to also congratulate the following members for completing their JATC Step 1A in October!

- FF Clare O'Brien
- FF Michaela Wallace
- FF Mickey Bergsma
- FF Alexis McGinnis
- FF Jessica Clearman
- FF Jason Munden
- FF Joseph Mack
- FF Emilie Poffenroth
- FF Ryan Northrup

2. Retirements and Promotions

Engineer Christian Moore retired on October 19th after 28 years, and Lieutenant Tom Sowards retired on November 2nd after 30 years.

Please join me in congratulating the following members on their promotions:

- FF Robert Elliott and FF Ben Thomas – promoted to Engineer effective October 16th
- FF Todd Fisher – promoted to Engineer effective November 16th
- FF Kelly Rose – promoted to Lieutenant effective November 16th

3. HOA Presentation Wrap-Up

Between Deputy Chief Will Aho and I, Renton RFA presented information about the fire benefit charge and Proposition 1 to a total of 15 community and HOA groups, including the Renton PTA Council whose members later took a vote and unanimously agreed to give us their endorsement of 20 parent/teacher associations. IAFF Local 864 posted a thank you to our community members on their [Facebook page](#).

4. Proposition 1 Update

We are elated at the overwhelming support the Renton community gave for Proposition 1. It is hard to articulate how grateful we are, but the energy in the stations is simply electric. Our organization is purpose-built to serve the Renton community, and the votes of confidence in what we have delivered to-date, and the potential in our future, feels amazing. I want to give a big thank you to the community for making it possible for us to do what we do. We're excited to continue providing exemplary fire and life safety services to the Renton community today, and long into the future.

Our own members put forth time and energy to ensure the information for Proposition 1 reached our citizens. A [list of these efforts](#) is attached to this Chief's report. If you have not done so already, please take the time to read this information. The amount of teamwork and effort that went into this proposition is quite impressive and I personally want to say thank you and congratulations to our entire team.

5. Station Open Houses

We had a high turnout at each of the station open houses in October. We welcomed members of the community, cub scout packs, several future firefighters, and had the opportunity to answer questions from our voters while giving a glimpse into the day-in-the-life of our firefighters. The response from the Renton community was overwhelming with positive feedback. We appreciate all who attended.

6. Firefighter Interviews

We interviewed 15 candidates on November 3rd and 4th from the eligibility list that was certified in June 2021. We have made six conditional job offers for the January 2022 academy.

7. Fire Training Consortium Board

This month, I was elected as the incoming Chair for the Fire Training Consortium. I look forward to helping advance the mission of the consortium in preparing our newest firefighters to reach their full potential.

8. Honoring Our Veterans Golf Tournament 2021

On Monday, November 1st, members of RRFA participated in a Veterans Golf Tournament that the Renton Chamber of Commerce hosted at Maplewood Golf Course in which they sponsored four of our firefighters. Following the tournament, I attended an awards ceremony to network, where they gave out raffle prizes and recognized our Veterans. It was a great event and an amazing opportunity to further develop community relations.

9. Governance Board Notifications

Per our procurement process and policy, I am notifying the Board of the following purchase(s).

Station 15 Water Damage Remediation – \$20,108.17



PROPOSITION 1 EFFORTS IN REVIEW

MATERIALS CREATED

- Internal Do's and Don'ts guide (postcard)
- External "Key Facts" guide (postcard)
- A 9" x 12" mailer, distributed to roughly 40,000 households in every applicable zip code, educating them about Proposition 1, including versions of the information in Spanish and Vietnamese
- Digital article series in our e-newsletter providing information on what the Proposition was, what the potential results are if it does not pass, and what the results will be if it does
- Front-page article in our print newsletter providing education details about the Proposition
- Video from the fire chief explaining key facts about Proposition 1
- A new web page, complete with forms to request in-person or digital presentations and to get questions answered directly by our FBC in-house expert
- Numerous social media posts providing education, encouraging voters to vote, and sharing these materials
- A presentation powerpoint for use at community group and HOA group meetings (in-person and virtually)
- The production elements required to develop a professional Facebook live stream event to answer public questions
- Signage prompting community members to ask us about Proposition 1 at our six open house events in October
- Drafted various scripts or talking points for our team's public outreach efforts
- 'Thank You' video for our community, sharing our gratitude for their show of immense support

Proposition 1 Key Talking Points

- Proposition 1 in the Nov. 2 General Election allows voters to decide on the reauthorization of the current fire benefit charge (FBC).
- This is not a new or additional fee; it is a continuation of the current fee.
- The FBC is one of two primary funding mechanisms used to support fire and life safety services throughout the Renton community, the other is property tax.
- Unlike property tax, the FBC does not increase when property values rise. It remains consistent based on a predetermined formula that considers the size, risk, and hazards associated with all structures on a property.
- Larger, higher-risk properties pay more because they require more resources to protect. Smaller, lower-risk properties pay less because they require less resources.
- Example:** Typically, a single family home will pay less under the FBC than a small restaurant because the restaurant has greater hazards/risk, requiring greater resources to protect. It-even if the property values are similar.
- Properties with improved fire protection, like monitored fire alarms and fire sprinklers may be eligible for discounts.
- Low income or disabled persons who qualify for property tax discounts under RCW 84.36.381 - 389 will receive the same percentage discount on their fire benefit charge.
- Visit www.rentonrfa.org/benefit-charge or call 425-276-9500 for more info.

RENTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

PROPOSITION 1 | VOTE NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Maintain fire and life safety services in the Renton community by reauthorizing the fire benefit charge for 10 more years.

- The fire benefit charge (FBC) currently funds over 40% of the budget—paying for firefighters, engines and aid units, fire stations, equipment, etc.
- Voters initially approved the FBC in 2016. State law requires voter approval to reauthorize the FBC no later than 6 years after it was first approved.
- The FBC distributes costs based on the size, risks and hazards posed by different structures. Generally, residential properties pay less, and multi-family and large commercial/industrial structures pay more.
- Renewal of the FBC does not add a new tax or fee. It reauthorizes the existing, voter-approved fee, continuing funding to maintain emergency response times and service levels.
- Reauthorization of the FBC also maintains the cap on Renton RFA's maximum fire levy—keeping it **one-third lower** than what it could be otherwise (a \$0.50 per \$1,000 reduction in allowable property tax).

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.rentonrfa.org or 425-276-9500

PROPOSITION 1

Continuing the Fire Benefit Charge

VOTE NOV. 2

The Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) is necessary to maintain the current fire and life safety services, response capabilities, and programs provided by Renton Regional Fire Authority.

- Renton RFA serves over 135,000 Renton community members and businesses.
- The fire benefit charge makes up over 40% of our operating budget.
- The fire benefit charge is critical to funding our firefighters, equipment, fire engines, aid units, and fire stations.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF RENTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY | VOLUME 9 | ISSUE 2 | FALL 2021

PROPOSITION 1

Continuing the Fire Benefit Charge | Vote November 2

It's fortunate to live in a community where we can call the Renton RFA for help. The Renton RFA has placed Proposition 1 on the November 2nd election ballot. Safety, taking voters to decide on the continuation of the Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) for an additional 10 years.

FBC funds over 40% of our fire and life safety services and response capabilities.

Providing our community with reliable fire and life safety services is our highest priority. The FBC currently makes up over 40% of our annual revenue and is necessary to maintain the current level of service and response capabilities that the Renton community has come accustomed to.

The FBC provides critical funding for resources such as:

- Firefighter staffing
- Fire engines, aid units, and specialty vehicles
- Fire stations

It also funds community programs such as:

- Public Education, Fire Investigation, and FDCARES, which help vulnerable members of the community seek assistance for their health and safety while meeting the 9-1-1 mission of emergency calls.

THE FBC IS NOT A NEW FEE

The FBC is not a new tax or fee. It has been in place since 2010, when it was first approved by voters. State law requires that voters approve the FBC six years after its initial approval, which is why it is on the ballot this November. A simple majority vote is needed for reauthorization.

THE FBC IS STABLE AND RELIABLE

The FBC is one of Renton RFA's two primary funding sources. The other is property tax (the levy). Unlike property tax, which can fluctuate based on changes in the economy, the FBC is a consistent and reliable source of funding.

Using a standardized formula, FBC costs are divided by property owners. Based on the fire protection resources they would need to protect their specific property. The formula takes into consideration the size, risk, and hazards of all the structures on the property to determine an amount. Properties that require more fire protection resources pay more under the FBC. Properties requiring fewer fire protection resources pay less.

Commercial, industrial, and multi-family properties typically pay more under the FBC, and residential properties pay less.

Together, these two funding sources—the FBC and the fire levy—provide a stable and sustainable source of revenue for Renton RFA.

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Proposition 1

Continuing the Fire Benefit Charge

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- FIREFIGHTERS**
The FBC funds the salaries and benefits of our firefighters, which is necessary to maintain the current level of service and response capabilities that the Renton community has come accustomed to.
- VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT**
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- FIRE STATIONS**
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FIVE PROPOSITION 1 QUICK FACTS

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Continuing the Fire Benefit Charge

VOTE NOV. 2

The FBC is one of two funding sources for Renton RFA, your local fire department. The other source is property tax. Unlike property tax revenue, which fluctuates, the FBC provides a consistent revenue source that funds our firefighters, safety equipment, fire engines and aid units, and public education programs.

We encourage voters to make their voices heard about the future of fire and life safety for the Renton community by voting in the November 2 election on Proposition 1.

IF APPROVED — Service levels and response capabilities will be maintained and funding will continue for:

- Firefighter staffing and training
- Purchase and maintenance of fire engines, aid units, specialty vehicles, and safety equipment
- Construction, remodeling, and maintenance of new and existing fire stations
- Public programs such as Public Education, Fire Investigation, and FDCARES, which helps vulnerable community members

IF REJECTED — Renton RFA will need to address the over 40% gap in our operating budget by considering some of the following options:

- Reducing service levels, such as lowering staffing or running fewer response units per fire station
- Increasing property taxes
- Reducing or eliminating some of our public programs

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PROPOSITION 1

Continuing the Fire Benefit Charge

Presented By:
Steven Heitman, Fire Chief
Renton Regional Fire Authority

Fall 2021



PROPOSITION 1 - EFFORTS IN REVIEW

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Our administrative team (Christine, Evyn, and Rhonda) reached out to **116 different community groups and HOA groups** throughout Renton to arrange presentations in-person or virtually for the fire chief.
- From those efforts, they secured presentations with **15** different community groups or HOA groups, 13 of which were presented by Chief Heitman and two of which were delivered by Chief Aho.
- We issued eight social media posts on Facebook, which garnered **4,092 views** on our page (that does not include view counts on community group pages where we do not have analytics).
- We issued eight social media posts on Twitter, which garnered **9,637 impressions** on our page (does not include retweet engagement).
- We held one Facebook Live Stream event to answer public questions about Proposition 1 that received 147 views.
- Chief Heitman gave several additional presentations to groups connected to the Renton Chamber of Commerce, thanks in part to Chamber President Diane Dobson, who was instrumental in helping us share educational information about Proposition 1.
- We issued one, formal press release on Proposition 1 and worked with the Renton Reporter and the Renton Patch to provide follow up information. Chief Heitman conducted interviews with both the Patch and the Reporter.

PROPOSITION 1 IN THE NEWS

Renton Patch

- Renton's Ballot Proposition1: Here's What to Know for November: <https://t.co/hN9bKYOTSH>
- Here's What to Know About Renton's Ballot Proposition 1: <https://t.co/QgHljAgyNU>
- Renton Fire Thanks Voters for 'Overwhelming Support': <https://t.co/FGPT3p9fCT>

Renton Reporter

- Renton RFA Supports Continuation of the Fire Benefit Charge: <https://bit.ly/2ZPX15R>

Fox 13

- Candidates Who Put Public Safety Front and Center are Doing Well This Election Cycle: <https://www.q13fox.com/video/997637>

PUBLIC RELATIONS COSTS/SAVINGS

We retained the services of Kris Faucett and Karen Reed, who provided PR consulting when Renton RFA originally formed in 2016.

Our original contract agreement for this ballot measure outlined a 3-month budget for services of \$30,000.

With the amount of in-house support provided by our team, the final total for services over the 3-month period came to: \$13,552.50, a \$16,477.50 or 55% savings over the original budget for service agreement.



2021 Q3 Financial Report

Renton Regional Fire Authority

For Period ending on September 30th, 2021

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1. Operating Fund Performance

Category	Actual	Budget	Variance (Favorable)	YTD % vs Budget
Revenue	(26,510,262)	(43,442,966)	16,932,704	61.0%
10-Property Tax	(9,945,852)	(18,045,212)	8,099,360	55.1%
11-Fire Benefit Charge	(9,538,833)	(17,144,928)	7,606,095	55.6%
13-EMS Levy	(2,086,440)	(2,104,820)	18,381	99.1%
20-FD 40 Contract	(2,710,565)	(5,421,129)	2,710,565	50.0%
30-Permits & Fees	(300,845)	(276,350)	(24,495)	108.9%
40-Investment Income	(140,084)	(300,000)	159,916	46.7%
50-EMS Services	(248,976)		(248,976)	0.0%
60-Other Revenues	(1,538,668)	(150,527)	(1,388,141)	1022.2%
Expense	44,408,466	43,442,966	965,500	102.2%
10-Salaries and Wages	18,741,648	23,985,554	(5,243,906)	78.1%*
20-Payroll Tax and Benefits	5,517,033	7,833,640	(2,316,607)	70.4%**
30-Supplies	875,206	1,477,914	(602,708)	59.2%
40-Services	2,599,947	4,027,232	(1,427,285)	64.6%
81-Transfers Out	16,674,632	6,118,626	10,556,006	272.5%
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	17,898,204	-		
Beginning Fund Balance:	27,217,003	27,217,003		
Increase / (Decrease)	(17,898,204)	-		
Ending Fund Balance:	9,318,799	27,217,003		

* Salaries and Wages: Contracted overtime \$675K is reimbursable. The actual spending is 75% of full year budget instead of 78.1%.

** Payroll Tax and Benefits: the payroll tax and benefits over Contracted overtime is \$46K. which is reimbursable. The actual spending is 69.8% instead of 70.4%.

Highlights

Revenues:

- ✓ Revenue is over 61% versus full year budget.
- ✓ First half of Property Tax/FBC collections was in April. The collection rate as of September 30th for Property tax is 55.1%, slightly higher than 54.9% in 2020. FBC's collection rate is 55.6%, which is slightly higher than 55.3% in 2020.
- ✓ EMS Services: Fee for transportation is \$249K.
- ✓ Other Revenue: Mitigation Reimbursement is \$180K. Contracted OT reimbursement is \$678K (Including benefits), Grants is \$182K.

Expenditures:

- ✓ One time Transfer out in September:
 - Transfer out \$3,365,662 to Liability Fund for Compensated Leave Absence based on liability as of December 31st, 2020.
 - Transfer out \$8,720,000 to Operating Reserve Fund to meet requirement of operating reserve at 33% of

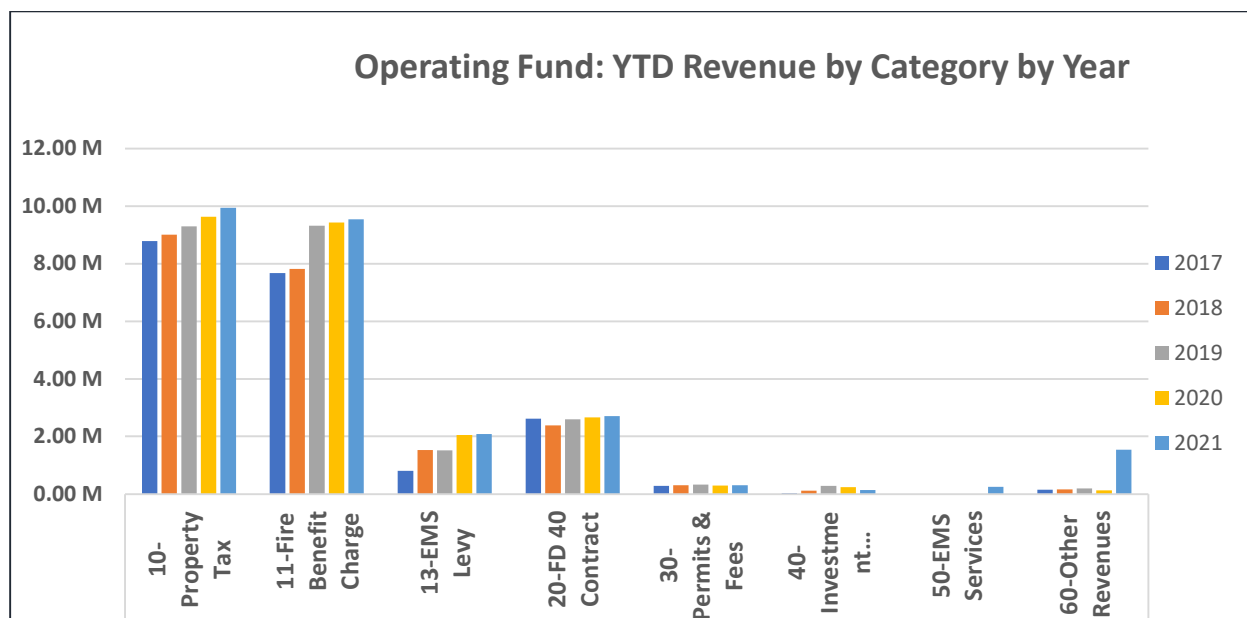
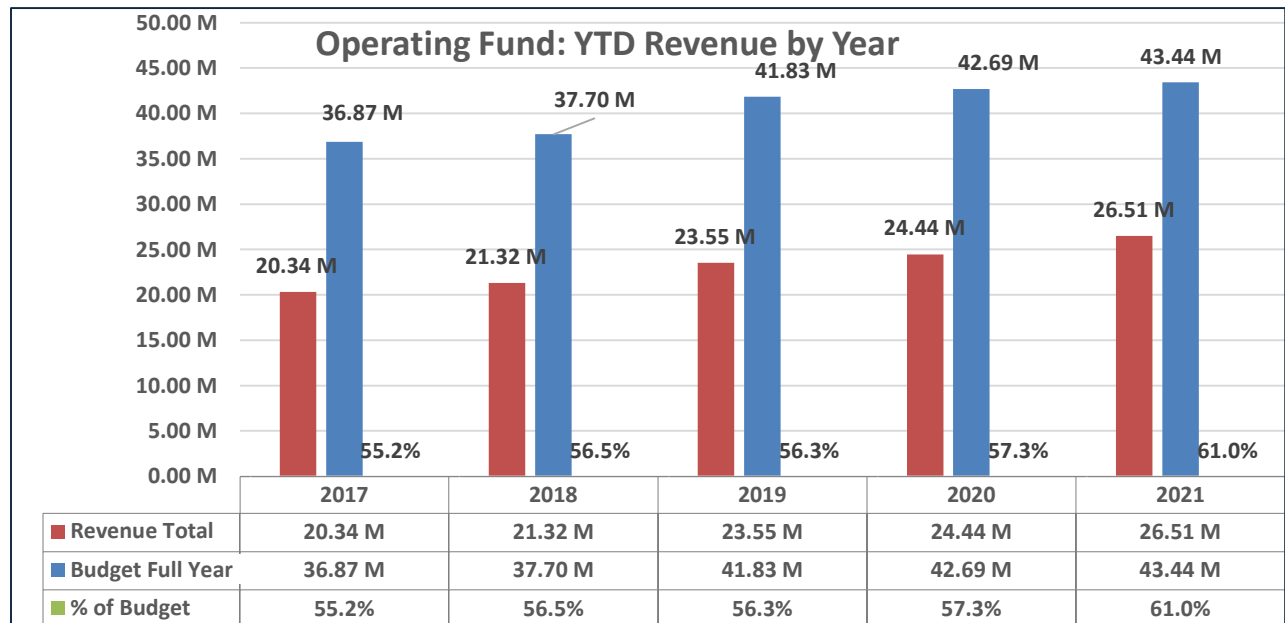
operating budget per RRFA's policy.

Fund Balance:

- ✓ Fund balance has been decreased by \$17.9M YTD.
 - One time transfer out total \$12.1M to Operating reserve and Liability fund.
 - \$5.8M decrease due to operations. Second Half of Property tax and FBC are expected in October.

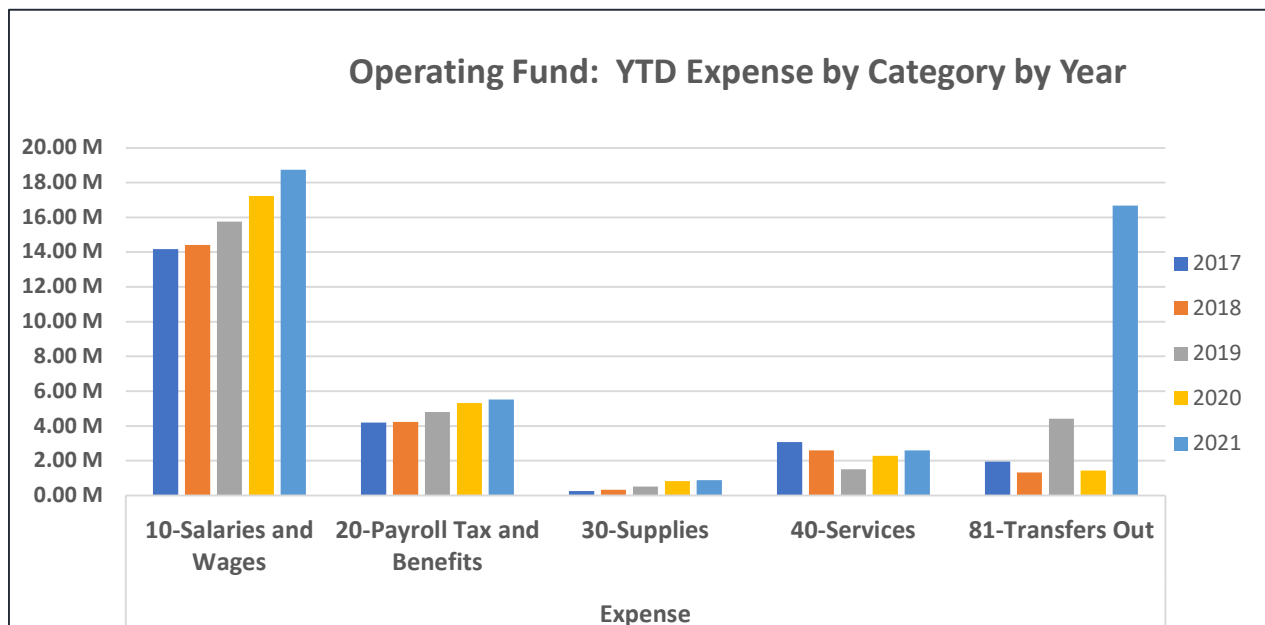
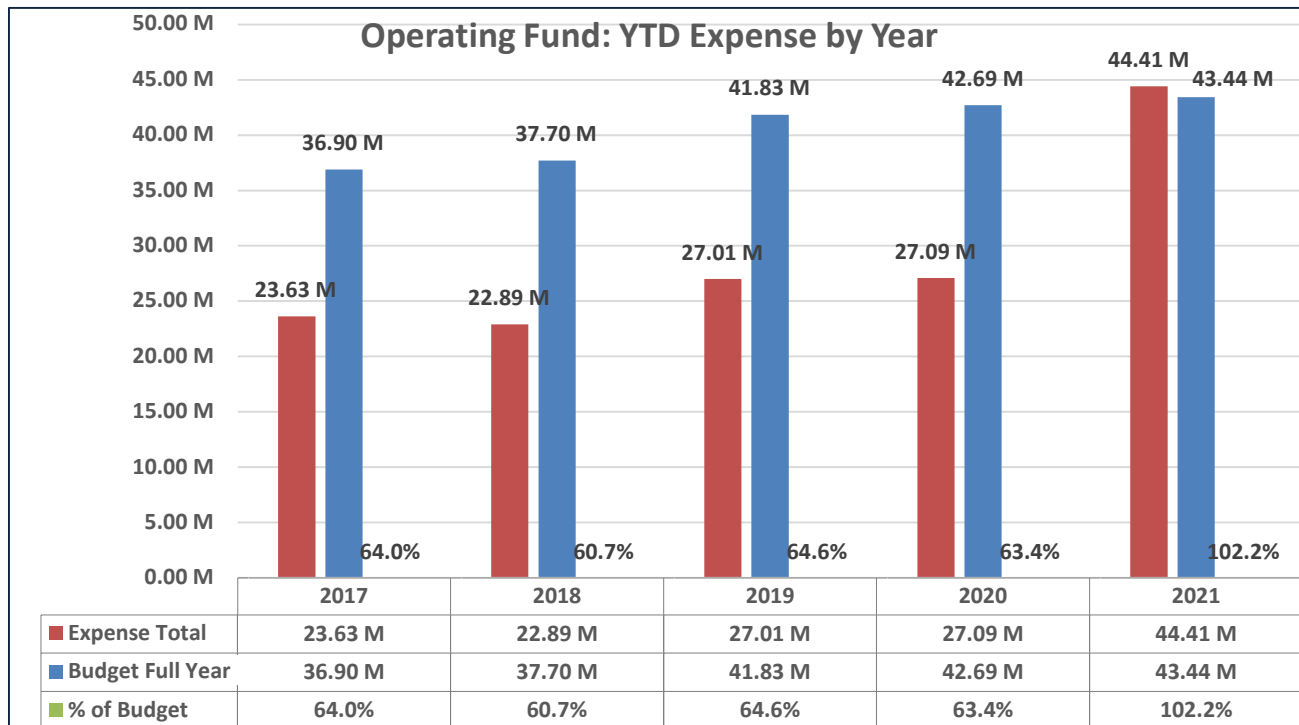
Year over Year Revenue by High Level Category

	High Level Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenue	10-Property Tax	8,789,395	9,012,706	9,301,696	9,628,335	9,945,852
	11-Fire Benefit Charge	7,676,882	7,823,422	9,316,256	9,431,137	9,538,833
	13-EMS Levy	799,523	1,527,064	1,521,902	2,054,696	2,086,440
	20-FD 40 Contract	2,612,379	2,378,544	2,595,385	2,663,316	2,710,565
	30-Permits & Fees	287,952	302,267	331,304	297,395	300,845
	40-Investment Income	27,272	114,582	284,908	238,090	140,084
	50-EMS Services					248,976
	60-Other Revenues	144,313	160,691	197,313	131,338	1,538,668
	Revenue Total	20,337,716	21,319,276	23,548,762	24,444,308	26,510,262



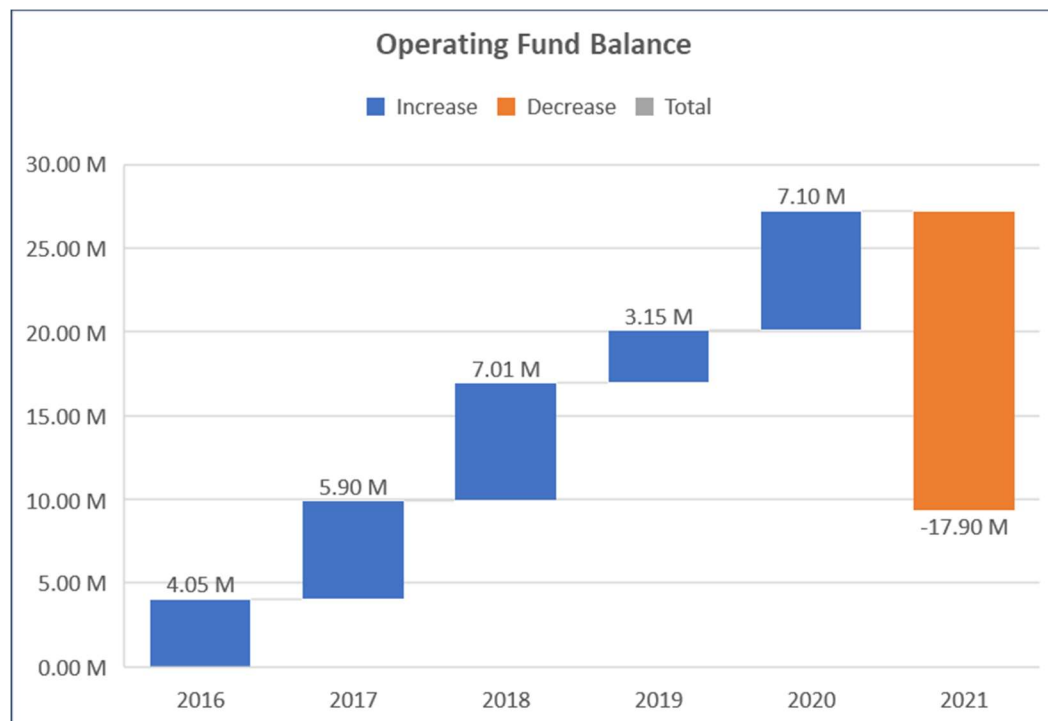
Year over Year Expense by High Level Category

	High Level Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Expense	10-Salaries and Wages	14,164,669	14,411,193	15,757,099	17,231,214	18,741,648
	20-Payroll Tax and Benefits	4,188,189	4,233,706	4,810,209	5,315,217	5,517,033
	30-Supplies	254,055	324,469	520,131	833,842	875,206
	40-Services	3,074,207	2,597,957	1,502,347	2,277,504	2,599,947
	81-Transfers Out	1,950,000	1,326,000	4,421,268	1,429,180	16,674,632
Expense Total		23,631,120	22,893,325	27,011,054	27,086,958	44,408,466
Grand Total		23,631,120	22,893,325	27,011,054	27,086,958	44,408,466



Fund Balance

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenue	(36,611,308)	(37,952,298)	(41,732,252)	(43,072,479)	(26,510,262)
10-Property Tax	(15,983,668)	(16,573,797)	(16,901,220)	(17,446,980)	(9,945,852)
11-Fire Benefit Charge	(13,955,838)	(14,357,859)	(17,108,508)	(17,152,390)	(9,538,833)
13-EMS Levy	(1,075,269)	(1,538,064)	(1,521,902)	(2,074,254)	(2,086,440)
20-FD 40 Contract	(4,946,723)	(4,757,087)	(5,190,769)	(5,326,632)	(2,710,565)
30-Permits & Fees	(378,607)	(345,446)	(379,996)	(357,525)	(300,845)
40-Investment Income	(45,445)	(179,449)	(386,006)	(289,507)	(140,084)
50-EMS Services					(248,976)
60-Other Revenues	(225,758)	(200,596)	(243,851)	(425,191)	(1,538,668)
Expense	30,708,089	30,943,718	38,585,172	35,970,916	44,408,466
10-Salaries and Wages	18,456,320	18,891,660	20,917,569	22,962,444	18,741,648
20-Payroll Tax and Benefits	5,234,099	5,567,872	6,330,152	6,993,509	5,517,033
30-Supplies	391,508	557,359	776,024	1,315,002	875,206
40-Services	4,026,162	4,158,827	4,666,383	3,270,780	2,599,947
81-Transfers Out	2,600,000	1,768,000	5,895,045	1,429,180	16,674,632
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	(5,903,219)	(7,008,581)	(3,147,080)	(7,101,562.64)	17,898,204
Beginning Fund Balance:	4,053,261	9,956,480	16,965,060	20,112,140	27,213,703
Increase / (Decrease)	5,903,219	7,008,581	3,147,080	7,101,563	(17,898,204)
Ending Fund Balance:	9,956,480	16,965,060	20,112,140	27,213,703	9,315,499



2. Fleet Fund Performance

Current Year – 2021 YTD

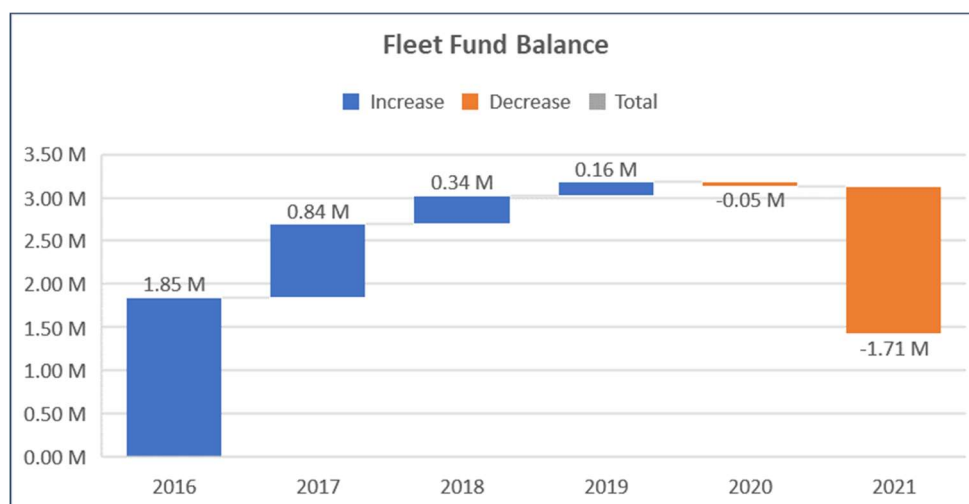
Category	Actual	Budget	Variance (Favorable)	YTD % vs Budget
Revenue	(11,074)	(20,000)	8,926	55.4%
40-Investment Income	(11,074)	(20,000)	8,926	55.4%
Expense	1,718,039	2,344,724	(626,685)	73.3%
60-Capital Outlay	1,718,039	2,344,724	(626,685)	73.3%
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	1,706,965	2,324,724	(617,759)	73.4%
Beginning Fund Balance:	3,131,028	3,131,028		
Increase / (Decrease)	(1,706,965)	(2,324,724)		
Ending Fund Balance:	1,424,062	806,304		

Highlights

- ✓ Purchased two engines. The purchase for two Aid Units has been postponed to 2022

Historical Performance & Fund Balance

Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenue	(2,172,227)	(673,826)	(2,321,649)	(583,871)	(11,074)
40-Investment Income	(22,227)	(44,905)	(85,445)	(48,285)	(11,074)
60-Transfer In	(2,150,000)	(600,000)	(2,200,000)	(250,000)	
60-Other Revenues		(28,921)	(36,204)	(285,586)	
Expense	1,327,596	337,905	2,164,351	637,322	1,718,039
30-Supplies			(0)	220	
40-Services				109	
60-Capital Outlay	1,327,596	337,905	2,164,351	636,993	1,718,039
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	(844,631)	(335,921)	(157,298)	53,451	1,706,965
Beginning Fund Balance:	1,846,629	2,691,260	3,027,181	3,184,479	3,131,028
Increase / (Decrease)	844,631	335,921	157,298	(53,451)	(1,706,965)
Ending Fund Balance:	2,691,260	3,027,181	3,184,479	3,131,028	1,424,062



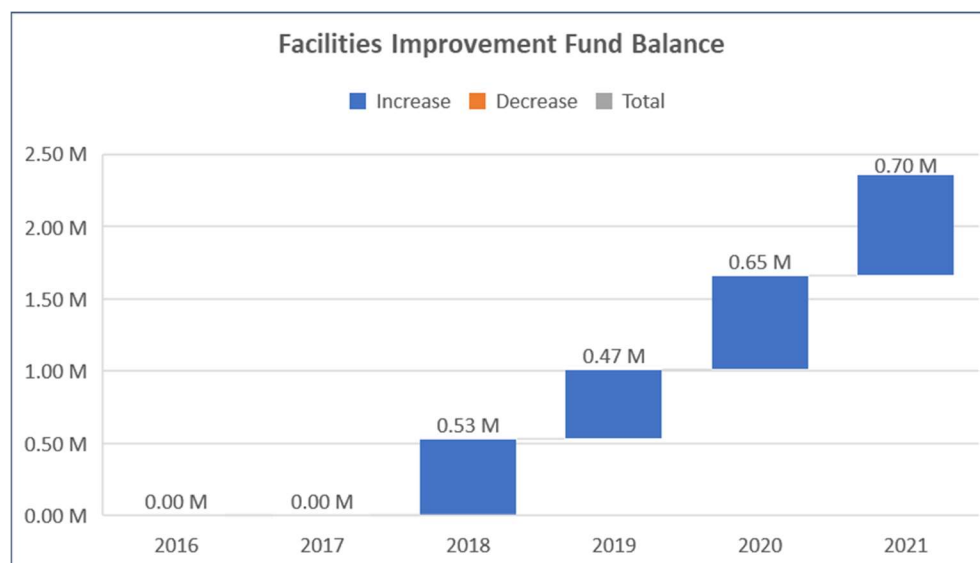
3. Facilities Improvement Fund Performance

Current Year – 2021 YTD

Category	Actual	Budget	Variance (Favorable)	YTD % vs Budget
Revenue	(1,135,782)	(1,520,000)	384,218	74.7%
40-Investment Income	(10,782)	(20,000)	9,218	53.9%
60-Transfer In	(1,125,000)	(1,500,000)	375,000	75.0%
Expense	438,410	1,223,464	(785,054)	35.8%
40-Services	27,485		27,485	0.0%
60-Capital Outlay	410,925	1,223,464	(812,539)	33.6%
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	(697,372)	(296,536)		
Beginning Fund Balance:	1,661,656	1,661,656		
Increase / (Decrease)	697,372	296,536		
Ending Fund Balance:	2,359,028	1,958,192		

Historical Performance & Fund Balance

Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenue	-	(578,056)	(1,012,065)	(1,184,861)	(1,135,782)
40-Investment Income		(6,056)	(20,734)	(18,982)	(10,782)
60-Transfer In	-	(572,000)	(969,711)	(500,000)	(1,125,000)
60-Other Revenues			(21,620)	(665,879)	
Expense		43,992	537,735	531,598	438,410
30-Supplies			52,513	16,633	
40-Services					27,485
60-Capital Outlay		43,992	485,223	514,965	410,925
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	-	(534,064)	(474,330)	(653,263)	(697,372)
Beginning Fund Balance:	-	-	534,064	1,008,393	1,661,656
Increase / (Decrease)	-	534,064	474,330	653,263	697,372
Ending Fund Balance:	-	534,064	1,008,393	1,661,656	2,359,028



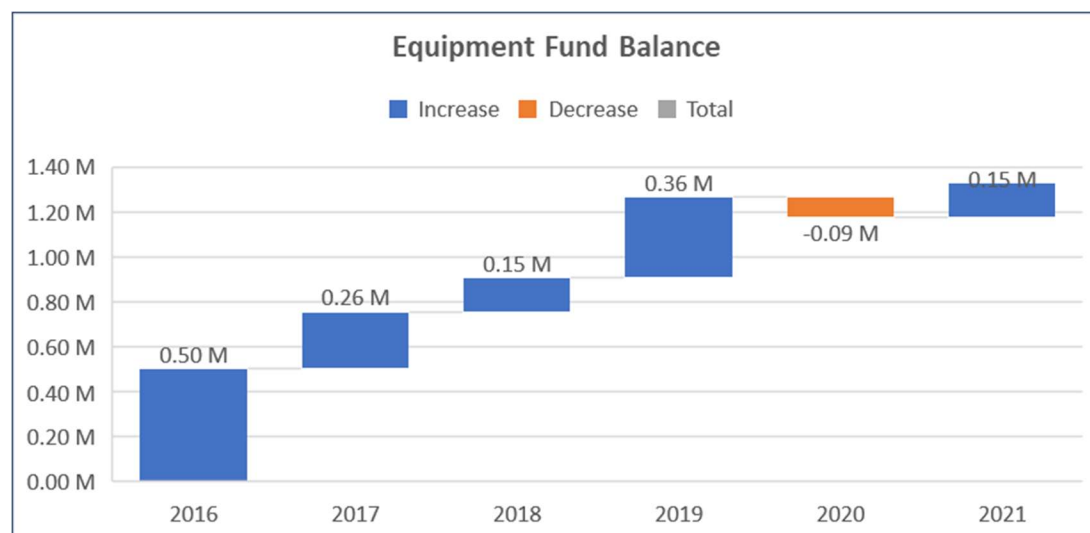
4. Equipment Fund Performance

Current Year – 2021 YTD

Category	Actual	Budget	Variance (Favorable)	YTD % vs Budget
Revenue	(232,463)	(306,000)	73,537	76.0%
40-Investment Income	(7,463)	(6,000)	(1,463)	124.4%
60-Transfer In	(225,000)	(300,000)	75,000	75.0%
Expense	79,549	1,099,830	(1,020,281)	7.2%
60-Capital Outlay	79,549	1,099,830	(1,020,281)	7.2%
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	(152,915)	793,830		
Beginning Fund Balance:	1,174,648	1,174,648		
Increase / (Decrease)	152,915	(793,830)		
Ending Fund Balance:	1,327,562	380,818		

Historical Performance & Fund Balance

Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenue	(256,246)	(319,176)	(401,830)	(113,192)	(232,463)
40-Investment Income	(6,246)	(13,176)	(24,096)	(19,899)	(7,463)
60-Transfer In	(250,000)	(306,000)	(377,734)	(93,293)	(225,000)
Expense		170,512	41,822	203,463	79,549
60-Capital Outlay		170,512	41,822	203,463	79,549
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	(256,246)	(148,664)	(360,008)	90,270	(152,915)
Beginning Fund Balance:	500,000	756,246	904,910	1,264,918	1,174,648
Increase / (Decrease)	256,246	148,664	360,008	(90,270)	152,915
Ending Fund Balance:	756,246	904,910	1,264,918	1,174,648	1,327,562



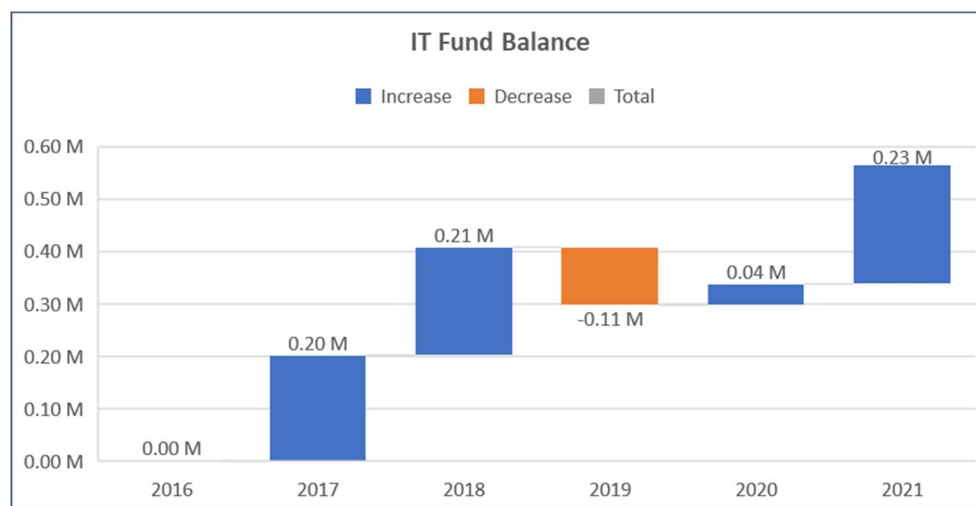
5. IT Fund Performance

Current Year – 2021 YTD

Category	Actual	Budget	Variance (Favorable)	YTD % vs Budget
Revenue	(227,497)	(304,000)	76,503	74.8%
40-Investment Income	(2,497)	(4,000)	1,503	62.4%
60-Transfer In	(225,000)	(300,000)	75,000	75.0%
Expense	440		440	0.0%
60-Capital Outlay	440			
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	(227,056)	(304,000)	76,944	74.7%
Beginning Fund Balance:	338,042	338,042		
Increase / (Decrease)	227,056	304,000		
Ending Fund Balance:	565,098	642,042		

Historical Performance & Fund Balance

Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenue	(201,667)	(205,367)	(608,999)	(155,066)	(227,497)
40-Investment Income	(1,667)	(5,367)	(8,999)	(5,066)	(2,497)
60-Transfer In	(200,000)	(200,000)	(600,000)	(150,000)	(225,000)
Expense			718,227	114,830	440
30-Supplies			111,251	(170)	
40-Services			500		
60-Capital Outlay			606,476	115,000	440
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	(201,667)	(205,367)	109,227	(40,236)	(227,056)
Beginning Fund Balance:	-	201,667	407,034	297,807	338,043
Increase / (Decrease)	201,667	205,367	(109,227)	40,236	227,056
Ending Fund Balance:	201,667	407,034	297,807	338,043	565,099



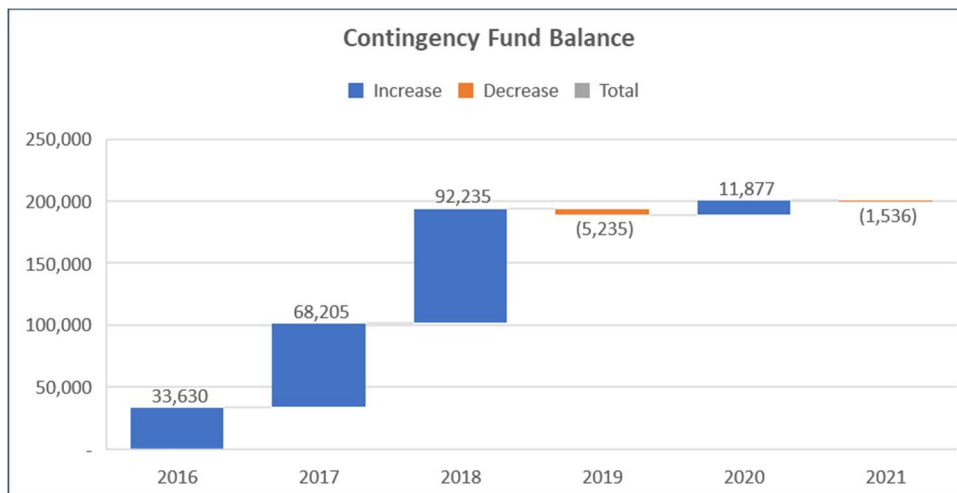
6. Contingency Fund Performance

Current Year – 2021 YTD

Category	Actual	Budget	Variance (Favorable)	YTD % vs Budget
Revenue	(12,460)	(17,000)	4,541	73.3%
40-Investment Income	(1,210)	(2,000)	791	60.5%
60-Transfer In	(11,250)	(15,000)	3,750	75.0%
Expense	13,995		13,995	0.0%
40-Services	13,995		13,995	0.0%
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	1,536	(17,000)	18,536	-9.0%
Beginning Fund Balance:	200,713	200,713		
Increase / (Decrease)	(1,536)	17,000		
Ending Fund Balance:	199,178	217,713		

Historical Performance & Fund Balance

Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenue	(68,205)	(92,235)	(4,365)	(24,021)	(12,460)
40-Investment Income		(2,235)	(4,365)	(3,047)	(1,210)
60-Transfer In	(68,205)	(90,000)		(6,250)	(11,250)
60-Other Revenues				(14,724)	
Expense			9,600	12,144	13,995
30-Supplies				2,283	
40-Services			9,600	9,861	13,995
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	(68,205)	(92,235)	5,235	(11,877)	1,536
Beginning Fund Balance:	33,630	101,835	194,070	188,836	200,713
Increase / (Decrease)	68,205	92,235	(5,235)	11,877	(1,536)
Ending Fund Balance:	101,835	194,070	188,836	200,713	199,177



7. Operating Reserve Fund Performance

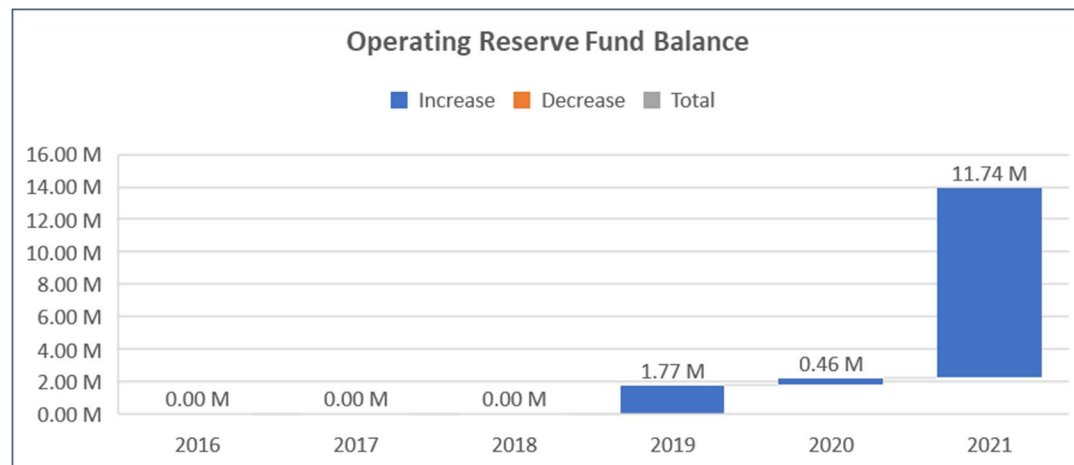
One time transfer in \$8.7M in September 2021. Expected ending balance as of December 31st to meet 33% operating budget.

Current Year – 2021 YTD

Category	Actual	Budget	Variance (Favorable)	YTD % vs Budget
Revenue	(11,744,937)	(3,922,650)	(7,822,287)	299.4%
40-Investment Income	(22,217)	(40,000)	17,783	55.5%
60-Transfer In	(11,722,720)	(3,882,650)	(7,840,070)	301.9%
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	(11,744,937)	(3,922,650)	(7,822,287)	299.4%
Beginning Fund Balance:	2,228,569	2,228,569		
Increase / (Decrease)	11,744,937	3,922,650		
Ending Fund Balance:	13,973,506	6,151,219		

Historical Performance & Fund Balance

Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenue	-	-	(1,766,056)	(462,513)	(11,744,937)
40-Investment Income			(18,456)	(32,876)	(22,217)
60-Transfer In	-	-	(1,747,600)	(429,637)	(11,722,720)
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	-	-	(1,766,056)	(462,513)	(11,744,937)
Beginning Fund Balance:	-	-	-	1,766,056	2,228,569
Increase / (Decrease)	-	-	1,766,056	462,513	11,744,937
Ending Fund Balance:	-	-	1,766,056	2,228,569	13,973,506



8. Liability Fund Performance

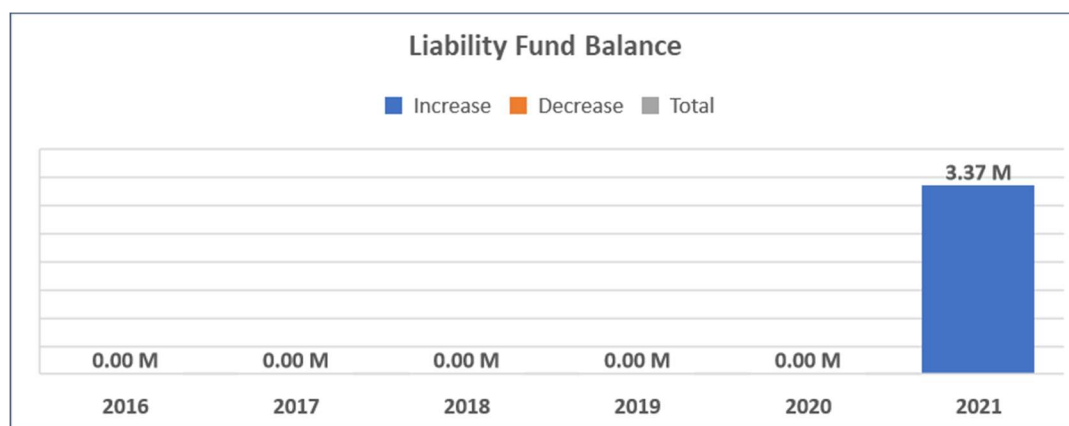
This is newly created fund in September. The purpose of this fund is for compensated absence liability. The amount transferred in (\$3.37M) is the liability as December 31st of 2020.

Current Year – 2021 YTD

Category	Actual	Budget	Variance (Favorable)	YTD % vs Budget
Revenue	(3,366,676)	-	(3,366,676)	100.0%
40-Investment Income	(1,014)	-	(1,014)	100.0%
60-Transfer In	(3,365,662)	-	(3,365,662)	100.0%
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	(3,366,676)		(3,366,676)	100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance:	-	-		
Increase / (Decrease)	3,365,662	-		
Ending Fund Balance:	3,365,662	-		

Historical Performance & Fund Balance

Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenue	-	-	-	-	(3,366,676)
40-Investment Income					(1,014)
60-Transfer In	-	-	-	-	(3,365,662)
Revenue in Excess of Expenditure	-	-	-	-	(3,366,676)
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Beginning Fund Balance:	-	-	-	-	-
Increase / (Decrease)	-	-	-	-	3,366,676
Ending Fund Balance:	-	-	-	-	3,366,676



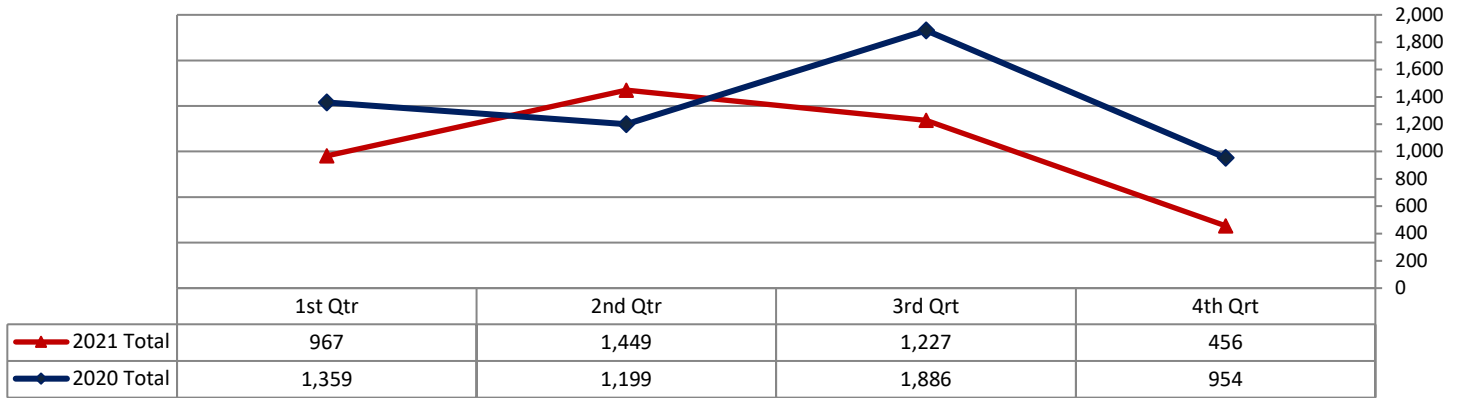
Office of the Fire Marshal 2021 Quarterly Report

November

Inspections

Staff have completed 4,099 inspections (business, multi-family, IFC permit, special, complaint & re-inspections) in 2021.

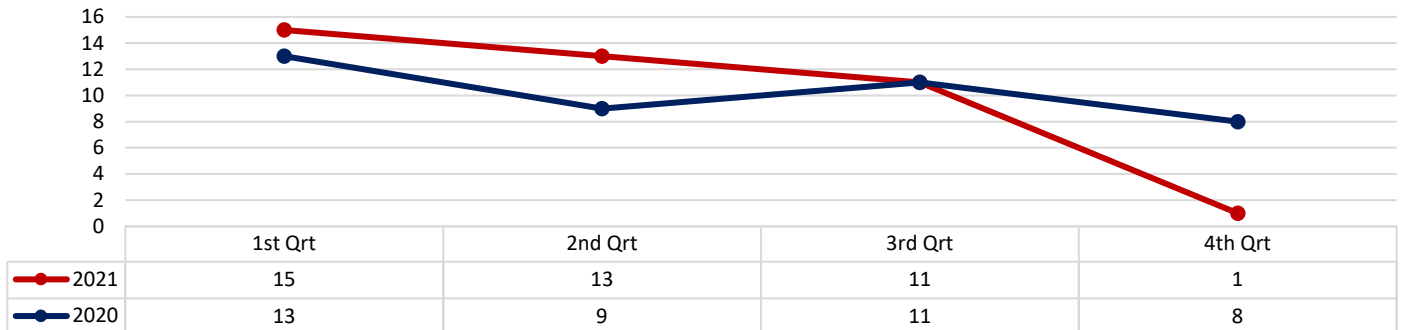
Inspections Completed by Quarter - Comparative to 2020



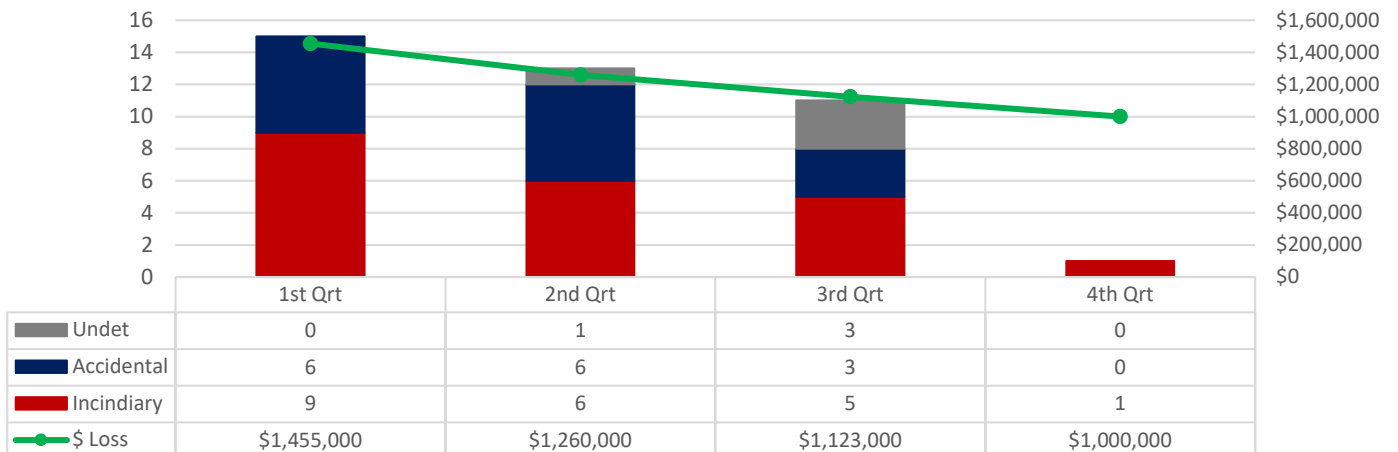
Fire Investigations

Staff have investigated 40 fires in 2021. Dollar loss estimated at \$4.8 million.

Fire Investigations by Quarter - Comparative to 2020



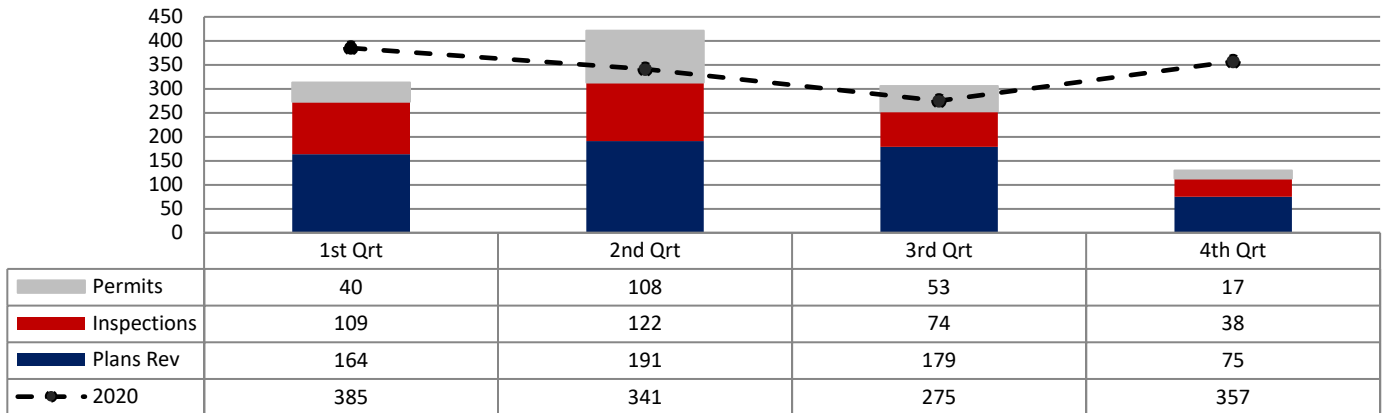
Fires by Type & Dollar Loss



Plans Review, Construction Inspections & Permits

Staff completed 609 plans reviews, 343 construction inspections, and issued 156 fire systems and/or fire construction permits.

Plans Review, Construction Inspections & Permits by Quarter - Comparative to 2020



New Construction Highlights....

- Solera Apartment project on the site of the old Renton Highlands shopping center

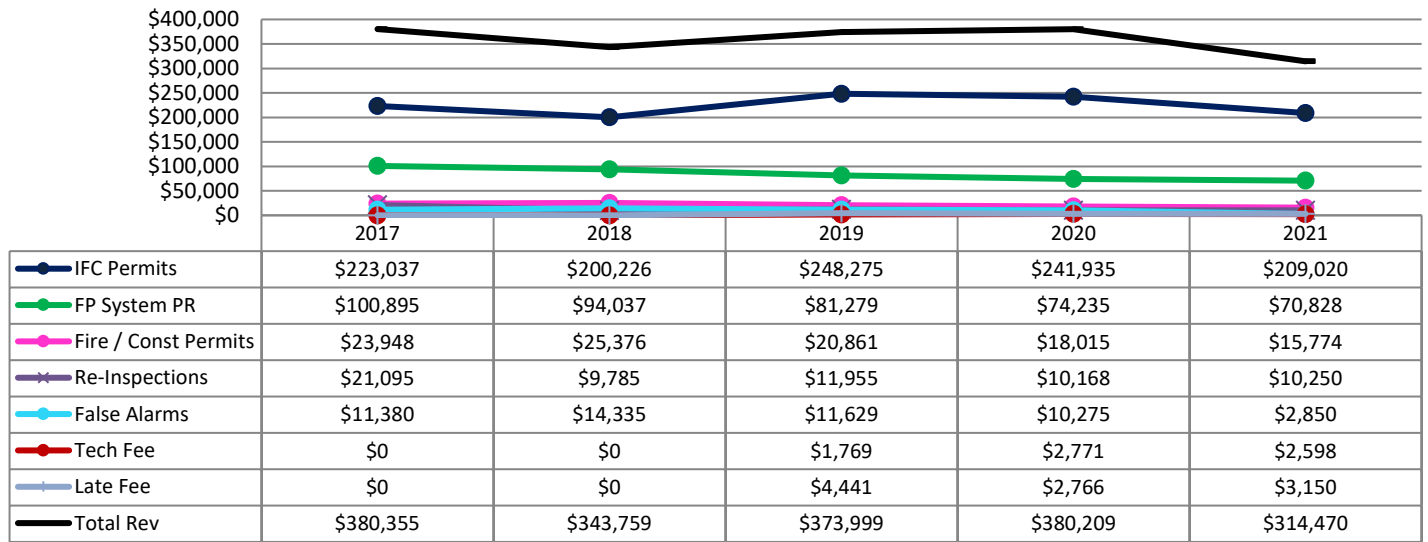
Public Education / Community Outreach Highlights

- Provided a host of online activities in recognition of annual Fire Prevention Month, with a focus on this year's theme "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety". Activities had an emphasis on smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, proper placement, how often to check the alarms and what the different sounds they make mean and how to respond to each.
- Visited 27 classrooms of 10 Renton schools to provide a 30-40 minute program covering fire and injury prevention for kindergartners. This program has allowed our public educator contact with over 600 students. Due to the class size limitations and demand for this program we are extending the program into November. Additionally, each student receives fire and life safety information to take home.
- Coordinated various Halloween events with our crews, including the Truck Drive Through event at the Renton Community Center with over 500 kids driving through in their costumes and the Trunk or Treat event at New Life Church where 80 kids attended – both events allowed our firefighters to participate in handing out candy and sharing safety tips.
- Participated with the Washington Poison Center in a live safety discussion that was streamed on Facebook and YouTube discussing the hazards of carbon monoxide, what to do in an emergency and how to keep your family safe.



Revenue \$314,470 has been collected to date in fees in 2021.

OFM Revenue by Year (2017-Present)



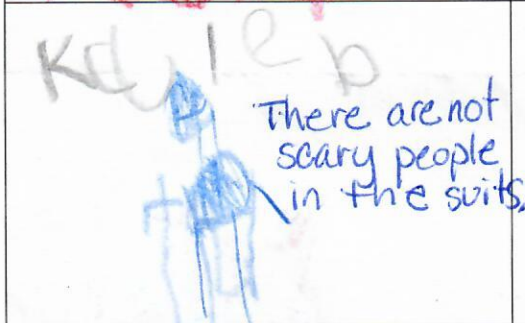
Thank you Firefighter O'Brien!

October 8, 2021



We learned a lot about fire safety from you.

Go outside when the alarm rings



Claire,
Thank you for taking time to come share your knowledge of fire safety with us. The kids loved it!
-Mrs. Scribner

Mrs. Scribner's First Grade Class

AKA Aunt Kathy



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Geoff G. • Benson Hill - Fairwood



We had a blast, thank you!



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Kim B. • Upper Kennydale



Thank you so much!!!



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Pam M. • Lower Kennydale



Great event 🙌🙌🙌 Thank You Renton Fire Fighters!!!

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Renton Regional Fire Authority



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saraheldridge1 This weekend we went to the Renton Regional Fire Authority open house and the boys had a blast!

Thank you, @rentonrfa, for having us!

#theeldridgeboys

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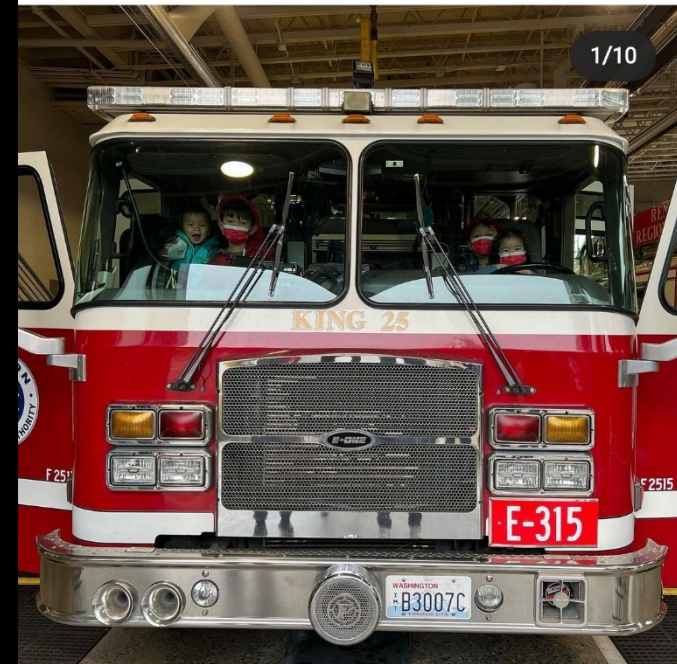
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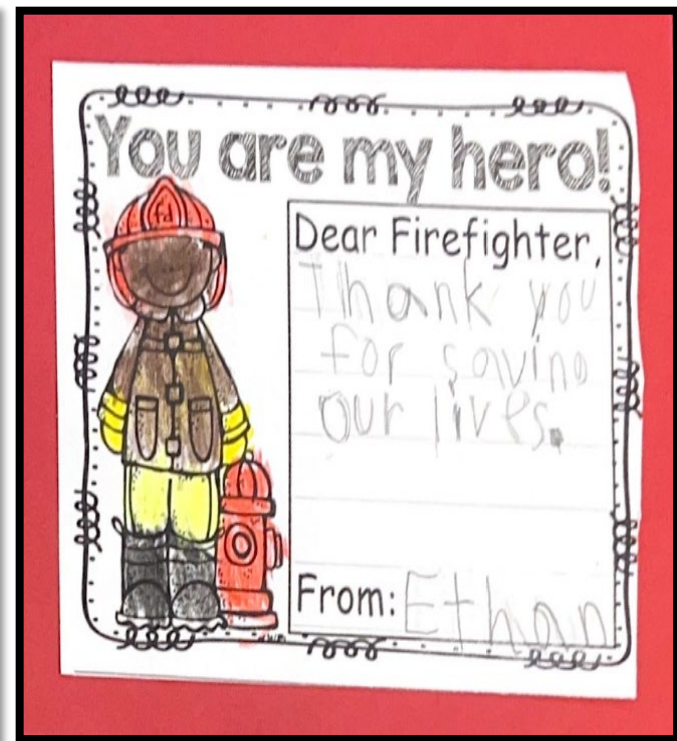
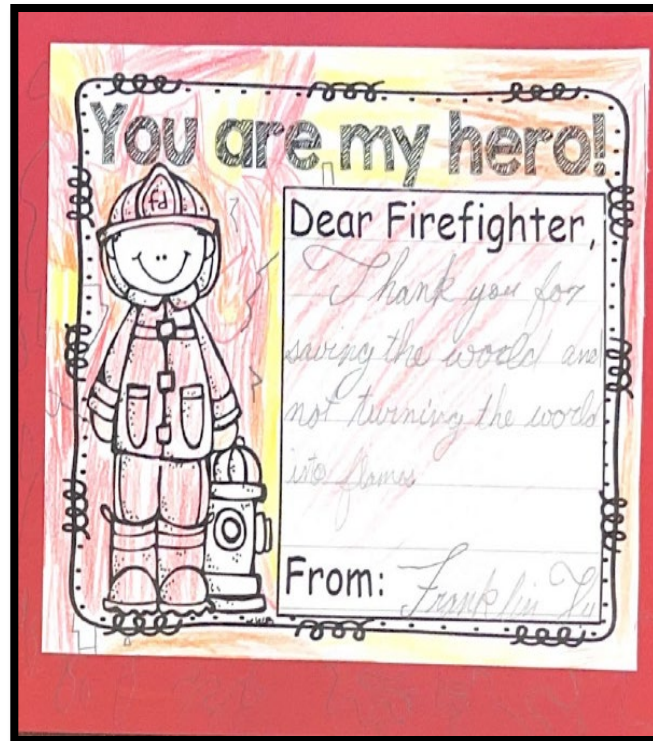
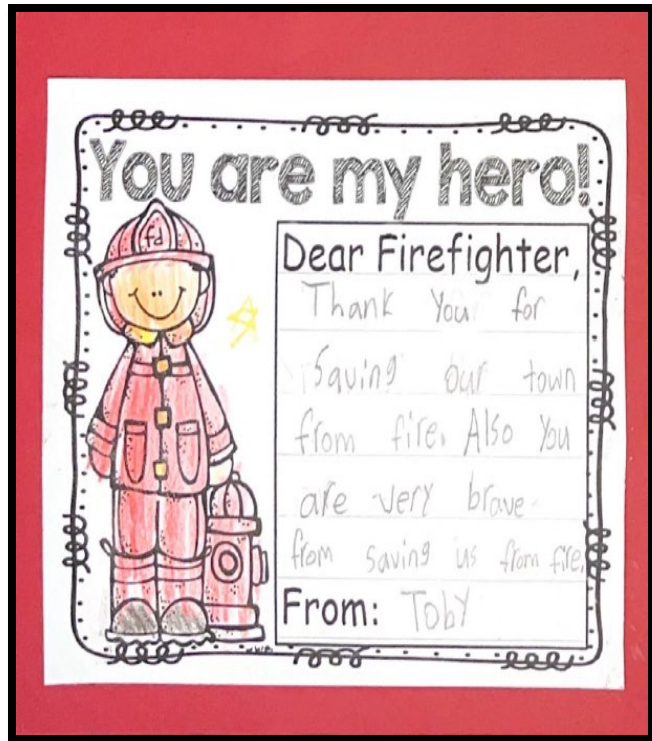
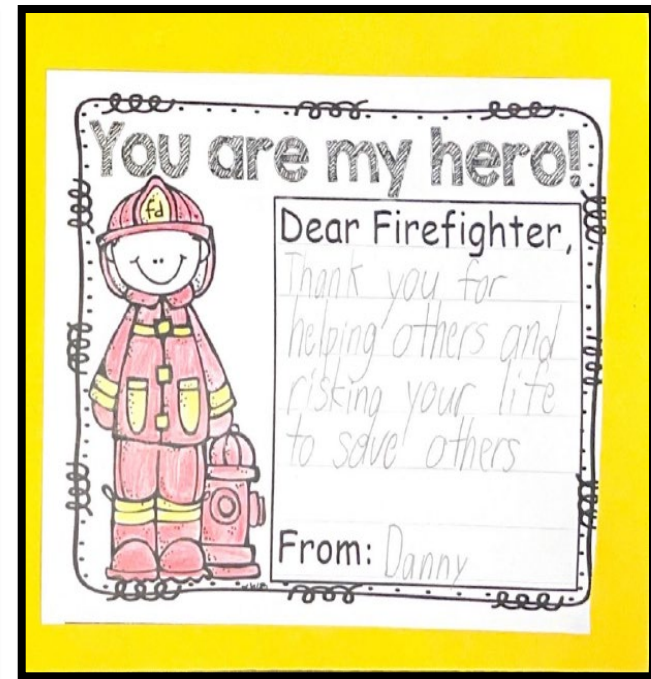
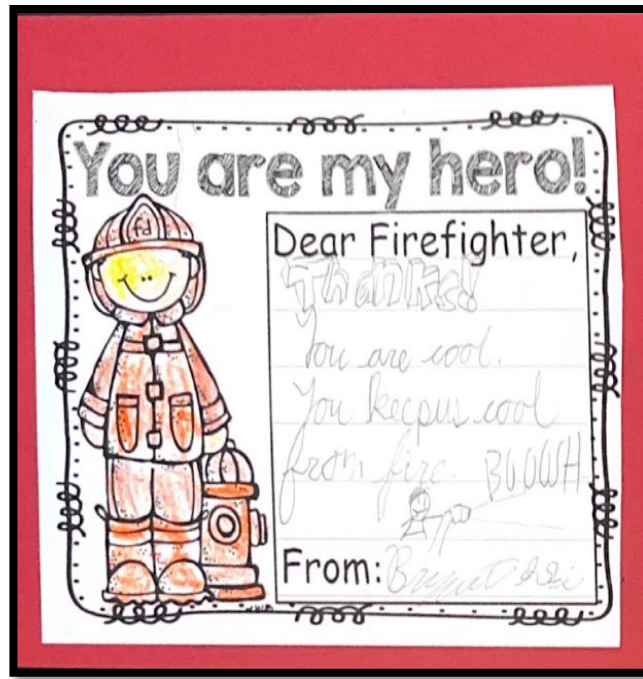
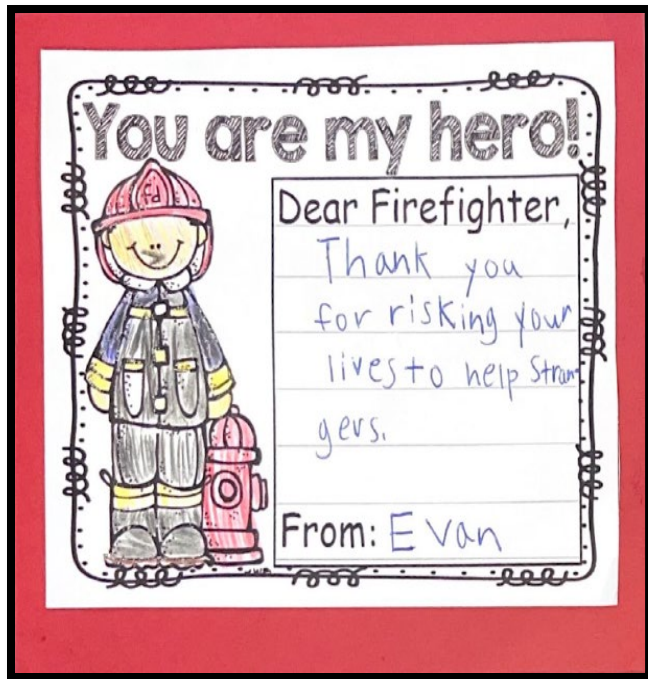
itsahardngoclife The kids had so much fun today .. thank you @rentonrfa for opening your doors to us!! The kids love Station 15. Our little girl said she wants to be a firefighter when she grows up 🤔 #firefighter #openhouse #firestation #saturday #firetruck



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You are my hero!



Dear Firefighter,

Thank you for protecting the
public in an emergency.

From: Brendon

You are my hero!



Dear Firefighter,

Thank you for helping
people out of danger,
also for being
brave and strong
to our world. :D

From: Chikat

You are my hero!



Dear Firefighter,

Thank you for putting your
lives in front of your
own. You are truly a
hero. Thank you
for your service.

From: Harris Pritan

You are my hero!



Dear Firefighter,

Thank you for
saving the world a
bunch of times. Like
the time California
burnt. Thank you for
not letting anyone else
burn.

From: [unclear]

You are my hero!



Dear Firefighter,

Thank you for
protecting
our community
from all problems.

From: xander

You are my hero!



Dear Firefighter,

Thank you for helping
our community. You
save the world every day
and that makes me
happy knowing I will be safe.

From: Nathaniel H



Governing Board Agenda Item

SUBJECT/TITLE: Resolution 2021-06 Property Tax Levy 2022

STAFF CONTACT: Samantha Babich

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

With the adoption of Resolution 2021-06, the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority establishes that an increase in the regular property tax levy is required. This resolution authorizes a levy increase of \$337,974, which is a 1.9% increase from the previous year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditure _____ Revenue _____

Currently in the Budget Yes ☐ No ☐

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Reviewed by Legal Yes ☒ No ☐

EXHIBITS:

Resolution 2021-06 Property Tax Levy 2022

RFA GOVERNANCE BOARD RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I move to adopt Resolution 2021-06, authorizing an increase in the regular property tax levy for 2022 in the amount of \$337,974, which is a 1.9% increase from the previous year.

RENTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06

PROPERTY TAX LEVY 2022

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority has properly given notice of the public hearing held on October 25, 2021 to consider the organization's current expense budget for the 2022 calendar year, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority, after hearing, and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that the Renton Regional Fire Authority requires an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property, and amounts authorized by law as a result of any annexations that have occurred and refunds made, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the organization and in its best interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority that an increase in the regular property tax levy, in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, and amounts authorized by law as a result of any annexations that have occurred, and refunds made is hereby authorized for the 2022 levy in the amount of \$337,974 which is a percentage increase of 1.9% from the previous year.

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority at an open public meeting of such Board on the 8th day of November 2021, the following Board Members being present and voting:

Board Member

Board Member

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Governing Board Agenda Item

SUBJECT/TITLE: Resolution 2021-07: Certifying Property Tax Levy and Adopting Operating Budget 2022

STAFF CONTACT: Samantha Babich

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

With the adoption of Resolution 2021-07, the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority adopts the preliminary 2022 budget of \$45,870,788 and establishes the 2022 tax levy based upon the estimated assessed valuation of property within the boundaries of the Regional Fire Authority based upon information from the King County Assessor's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditure _____ Revenue _____

Currently in the Budget Yes ☐ No ☐

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Renton Regional Fire Authority has drafted a preliminary budget that establishes a benchmark for necessary revenues. The 2022 preliminary budget indicates needed revenues of \$45,870,788 for projected expenses of \$45,870,788 in order to maintain the level of service set by the Board. The budget is subject to change.

The attached resolution adopts the 2022 preliminary budget and certifies the property tax levy in the amount of \$18,409,165.

Reviewed by Legal Yes ☒ No ☐

EXHIBITS:

Resolution 2021-07: Certifying Property Tax Levy and Adopting Operating Budget 2022

RFA GOVERNANCE BOARD RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I move to adopt Resolution 2021-07, adopting preliminary 2022 budget in the amount of \$45,870,788 and establish the 2022 property tax levy in the amount of \$18,409,165 for the Renton Regional Fire Authority AND to direct staff to provide certified copies of this Resolution to the appropriate King County agencies.

RENTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07

CERTIFYING PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022

WHEREAS, The King County Assessor has notified the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority that the assessed valuation of real properties lying within its boundaries for the assessment year of 2021 and tax year 2022 is estimated to be \$24,953,437,204.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority as follows:

1. The preliminary 2022 operating budget, in the amount of \$45,870,788, is hereby adopted.
2. That the Honorable King County Council, be and is hereby requested to make a regular property tax levy for 2021, to be collected in 2022 for the Renton Regional Fire Authority in the amount of \$18,409,165 which includes the RFA's regular levy of \$18,248,707, new construction of \$129,669, the 2021 re-levy of \$30,789 plus increases due to the increase of state assessed value.
3. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.125, the RFA hereby protects the RFA's tax levy from pro rationing under RCW 84.52.010(2) by imposing up to a total of twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of the tax levies authorized under RCW 52.26.140(1)(b) outside of the five dollars and ninety cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation limitation established under RCW 84.52.043(2), if those taxes otherwise would be prorated under RCW 84.52.010.
4. That the Treasurer of King County, Washington be and is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and sequester the monies received from the collection of the tax levy specified in Section 2 above into the Expense Fund of the Renton Regional Fire Authority.
5. That certified copies of this resolution, together with exhibits, be delivered to:

Clerk's Office
Metropolitan King County Council
516 Third Avenue Room W-1200
Seattle, WA 98104
T: 206-477-1020
E: Clerk.council@kingcounty.gov

Linda Wilder – Accounting Division
KC Department of Assessments
500 Fourth Avenue – Room 709
Seattle, WA 98104
F: 206-296-0106
T: 206-263-2330
E: Linda.Wilder@kingcounty.gov

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority at an open public meeting of such Board on the 8th day of November 2021, the following Board Members being present and voting:

Board Member

Board Member

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Governing Board Agenda Item

SUBJECT/TITLE: Resolution 2021-08 Benefit Charge 2022

STAFF CONTACT: Samantha Babich

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

With the adoption of Resolution 2021-08, the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority establishes the 2022 Benefit Charge in the total amount of \$17,607,534 to be apportioned in accordance with the "2022 Schedule of Benefit Charges."

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditure _____ Revenue _____

Currently in the Budget Yes ☐ No ☐

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Reviewed by Legal Yes ☒ No ☐

EXHIBITS:

Resolution 2021-08 Benefit Charge 2022
2022 Schedule for Benefit Charges

RFA GOVERNANCE BOARD RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I move to adopt Resolution 2021-08, establishing the 2022 Benefit Charge in the total amount of \$17,607,534 to be apportioned in accordance with the "2022 Schedule for Benefit Charges."

RENTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

BENEFIT CHARGE 2022

(RCW 52.26)

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2016 the citizens of the City of Renton and King County Fire Protection District No. 25 approved a ballot measure creating the Renton Regional Fire Authority effective July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the ballot measure passed by the citizens on April 26, 2016 also authorized the Renton Regional Fire Authority, as part of its funding method, to fix and impose a benefit charge for a six-year period on personal property and improvements to real property, which are located within the regional fire authority on the date specified, and which have or will receive benefits provided by the regional fire authority, to be paid by the owners of the property under RCW 52.26.180; and

WHEREAS, RCW 52.26.180 and Section 6.B.2 of the Renton Regional Fire Authority Plan require that the funding formula used to apportion the benefit charge be adjusted on an as needed basis to insure that the formula reasonably apportions the charge to the measurable benefits to the properties served by the Renton Regional Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 52.26.230(2) a public hearing was held on October 25, 2021 to review revenue sources, and review and establish the benefit charge to be imposed for calendar year 2022; and

WHEREAS, based on the information presented at the public hearing, the Governing Board has determined that the measurable benefits resulting from the services afforded by the Regional Fire Authority exceed \$17,607,534 as further established in the Report on Process for Setting Annual Benefit Charge memorandum dated October 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that the methodology used and set forth in the report of the public hearing reasonably takes into consideration the facts and circumstances of each property for which a benefit charge is imposed, and further that each individual benefit charge is reasonably proportioned to the measurable benefits to the property resulting from the services afforded by the RFA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority as follows:

1. Amount. The benefit charge to be collected in 2022 is hereby established in the total amount of \$17,607,534.

2. Specification of benefit charge. The apportioned benefit charge to be applied to specific commercial, residential, and personal property within the Renton Regional Fire Authority shall be in accordance with the "2022 Schedule for Benefit Charges" attached to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority that the "Schedule for Fire Benefit Charges – Renton Regional Fire Authority" be reviewed and adjusted as necessary on an annual basis to ensure that it is reasonably proportioned to the measurable benefits to property within the Fire Authority.

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Renton Regional Fire Authority in an open public meeting on the 8th day of November 2021.

Board Member

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2022 Schedule for Benefit Charges

2022 Renton Regional Fire Authority Benefit Charge Formula:

Square root of total square footage X 18 X Category Factor X Fire Flow Factor X Response Factor X Risk Factor X Applicable Discount = FBC

Total square footage of structure(s)																						
	400 - 1,799	1,800 - 2,699	2,700 - 3,599	3,600 - 3,999	4,000 - 4,999	5,000 - 7,999	8,000 - 9,999	10,000 - 14,999	15,000 - 19,999	20,000 - 29,999	30,000 - 49,999	50,000 - 99,999	100,000 - 139,999	140,000 - 199,999	200,000 - 299,999	300,000 - 399,999	400,000 - 499,000	500,000 - 599,999	600,000 - 699,000	700,000 - 999,999	1,000,000 - and >	
Category Factors:																						
Residential	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75													
Mobile Homes	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20																
Apartments	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	3.25	3.25	3.25	6.70	6.70	8.60	11.10	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	
Commercial	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.50	1.50	2.05	2.05	3.05	3.35	3.50	3.75	4.00	4.15	5.15	
Fire Flow Factor:	0.4074 PRELIMINARY																					
Response Factor:																						
Residential	1.05	Variable to Firefighters Needed to Deliver Needed Water**																				
Manufactured Homes	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00															
Apartments	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	
Commercial	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.75	1.75	1.75	2.65	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.30	4.30	4.40	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	
Risk Factor:***																						
Light Hazard/Regional	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Ordinary Hazard/Regional - 1	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	
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Extra Hazard/Regional - 1	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	
Extra Hazard/Regional -2	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	
Discounts:																						
Automatic Fire Sprinklers	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	
Manual Local Alarm	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	
Manual Central Alarm	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	
Automatic Local Alarm	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	0.970	
Automatic Central Alarm	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	0.925	
Agricultural	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	

**Response factor is based upon the number of firefighters needed to deliver the required fireflow. A base residential response force is 16 firefighters on scene. When a residential property needs more than 16 firefighters to deliver the calculated fire flow, that number is auto calculated using the adopted formula and 50 gallons per minute fire flow delivery per firefighter on scene up to 3,599 square feet and 48 gallons per minute for homes greater than 3,599 square feet

FORMULA: $400-3599(\text{SQ. RT X } 18)/50 = \text{FIREFLOW}/16 = \text{RESPONSE FACTOR}$

*** Risk factors apply to commercial property and are defined by the National Fire Protection Association and deal with fire hazards and hazardous materials.

Hazard factors based On NFPA-13



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