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Renton RFA Firefighters Deploy to Maui Wildfire

RENTON, WA, 08/11/23 — Devastating wildfires are affecting the Hawaiian island of Maui. Renton Regional Fire Authority (Renton RFA) firefighters have deployed out of Boeing Field today to help execute search and rescue operations in the area as part of a federal task force designed to aid during a disaster.

Renton RFA Battalion Chief Jim Ochs, Battalion Chief Ryan Simonds, and Engineer Jeremy Tucker are part of the Washington Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Team. Washington Task Force 1 (WA-TF1) is one of 28 federal task forces of its kind across the United States, designed to respond to national disasters.

The search and rescue team will provide additional mutual aid resources to the people of Maui, working in alternating 12-hour shifts. Renton RFA will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as they become available.

About Renton Regional Fire Authority

Renton Regional Fire Authority serves the communities of Renton, Fire District 25, and Fire District 40. With a coverage area of 37 square miles, Renton RFA provides fire and life safety services to over 138,000 community members. The Renton RFA team abides by the guiding principles of professionalism, integrity, leadership, loyalty, accountability, and respect, and continually works to build an organization that reflects the unique diversity of the Renton community. Learn more at www.RentonRFA.com or call 425-276-9500.

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