

2019 EDITION

RENTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY



ANNUAL REPORT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



It is my honor to serve as the 2020 chair of the Renton Regional Fire Authority Governance Board. Our board is made up of members of our community and consists of four commissioners representing King County Fire District 25 and District 40, and three Renton City Council members. On behalf of your Governance Board, along with our first responders and the incredible support personnel behind the scenes, I am pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report.

We all have a stake in our community's safety. I would like to thank our residents and business community for entrusting us with the opportunity to serve each one of you. I would also like to recognize the City of Renton and King County Fire Districts 25 and 40 for their help and support. It is because of our partnership with businesses, community, and emergency support services that we're able to have a safe and prosperous Renton, enabling us to serve our current needs and the needs of the future. Our area is continuing to grow at a fast pace, and we need to grow with it, not just in fire and life safety, but also in fire prevention, public education, and community outreach.

Simply put, we care about you and the community you live and work in. We, your Governance Board, as well as our diverse Renton RFA frontline and support personnel, are dedicated to our core values of professionalism, integrity, leadership, accountability, and respect. Through adhering to these core values, we intend to provide the highest level of emergency service to each of you. Your safety and well-being are our highest priority.

I would like to extend my thanks to the dedicated members of Renton RFA for their hard work and professionalism in making your regional fire authority such a success. Without them we could not have accomplished our mission.

Thank you for your confidence and continued support!

Respectfully,

Kerry Abercrombie, Board Chair
Renton Regional Fire Authority Governance Board

THE GOVERNANCE BOARD

The Renton Regional Fire Authority Governance Board is responsible for overseeing the organization's financial expenditures, but they do so much more than that.

The Board is comprised of individual volunteers from around the community. There are three board members from King County Fire District 25, three board members from Renton City Council, and one non-voting board member from King

County Fire District 40. Together, these individuals bring their civic and business experience to Renton RFA and help steer our organization toward a path of success.

As one of the most important parts of their contribution, the Board represents the voice of the Renton community. With their guidance, Renton RFA continually advances our vision of a safer, healthier, stronger Renton.



Armondo Pavone
2019 Chair
Renton City Council



Myron Meikle
2019 Vice Chair
KCFD 25



Ed Prince
2019 Board Member
Renton City Council



Don Persson
2019 Board Member
Renton City Council



Kerry Abercrombie
2019 Board Member
KCFD 25



Marcus Morrell
2019 Board Member
KCFD 25



Linda Sartnurak
2019 Board Member
KCFD 40

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



Most of you know what the fire department does. Every day we respond to calls for help from members in our community. We also educate our community in the things that help you live a healthier, safer, and stronger life. What is more important to us at Renton Regional Fire is that our community understands why we do what we do. We do it because we care. We do it because we are you. Thank you for supporting our efforts to continue to deliver the very best service to our residents and businesses.

Renton Regional Fire Authority started 2019 with the opening of its newest station in Kennydale. Having a fire station there means lifesaving improvements to service, not just for those in Kennydale, but for those throughout the entire Renton area. Every second counts in an emergency, and providing a fire station closer to our northern neighborhoods means better outcomes, whether it is a medical emergency, a fire, or a rescue. With the full support of the City of Renton, Fire Station 15 was constructed, equipped, and staffed in less than one year.

As we continued our mission to be independent from the City of Renton, and function fully as a stand-alone organization, we focused on the remaining three pieces of the RFA puzzle—fleet maintenance, facilities maintenance, and information technology. These services, formerly provided by the City of Renton, have proven to be a challenge to take on but are now firmly embedded in the fiber of the RFA.

With a foundational mission to serve the community and a commitment to ensure we build an inclusive workforce that is reflective of those we serve, we have engaged other fire departments and community leaders from around King County to make encouraging strides in those directions. We are creating a recruitment and hiring practice that is built around inclusion and removing barriers that have traditionally prevented many from our community from joining a fire department. In 2019, we also began providing CPR classes in Spanish and American Sign Language. We still have much work to do.

Keeping ourselves attuned to the pulse of the community is vital to the continued success of our organization. In 2019, we continued to expand our Renton RFA Citizen Advisory Panel (CAP). The CAP helps us incorporate the perspective of local businesses and community members into our decision-making process, ensuring the voice of the community is heard throughout everything we do.

As I look back on the progress made throughout the year, I am very grateful to the Renton RFA Governance Board. It is with mixed emotion that I note that 2019 marked the last year of service for our three City of Renton Councilmembers—Don Persson, Armondo Pavone, and Ed Prince. These three have been with the RFA since the planning stages. They have provided amazing leadership, counsel, and wisdom. I am also grateful to lead an organization comprised of such exceptional people. We truly believe that diversity is the key to a successful organization, and each of our members brings a unique strength that ultimately allows us to best serve the Renton community.

Sincerely,

Rick Marshall, Fire Chief
Renton Regional Fire Authority

Chief Marshall celebrated his 35th year with Renton RFA in 2019.

THE EXECUTIVE TEAM



The Renton Regional Fire Authority Executive Team is responsible for the oversight of each division within the organization. They maintain the organization's day-to-day operations and ensure that service to our community and our members is exemplary.

The Executive Team is comprised of individuals who have spent their careers dedicated to the fire service. Together, their combined experience in

fire and life safety is what guides our organization toward its mission each day. This cohesive team works consistently to ensure that their individual team's objectives meet the overall strategic plan of the organization.

The divisions managed by this team include Response Operations, Office of the Fire Marshal, Support Services, and Administration.



Rick Marshall
Fire Chief

Oversees:
Renton RFA as an organization and all members and operations therein.



Roy Gunsolus
Deputy Fire Chief

Oversees:
Response Operations Division



Anjela Barton
Fire Marshal

Oversees:
Office of the Fire Marshal Division



Chuck DeSmith
Deputy Fire Chief

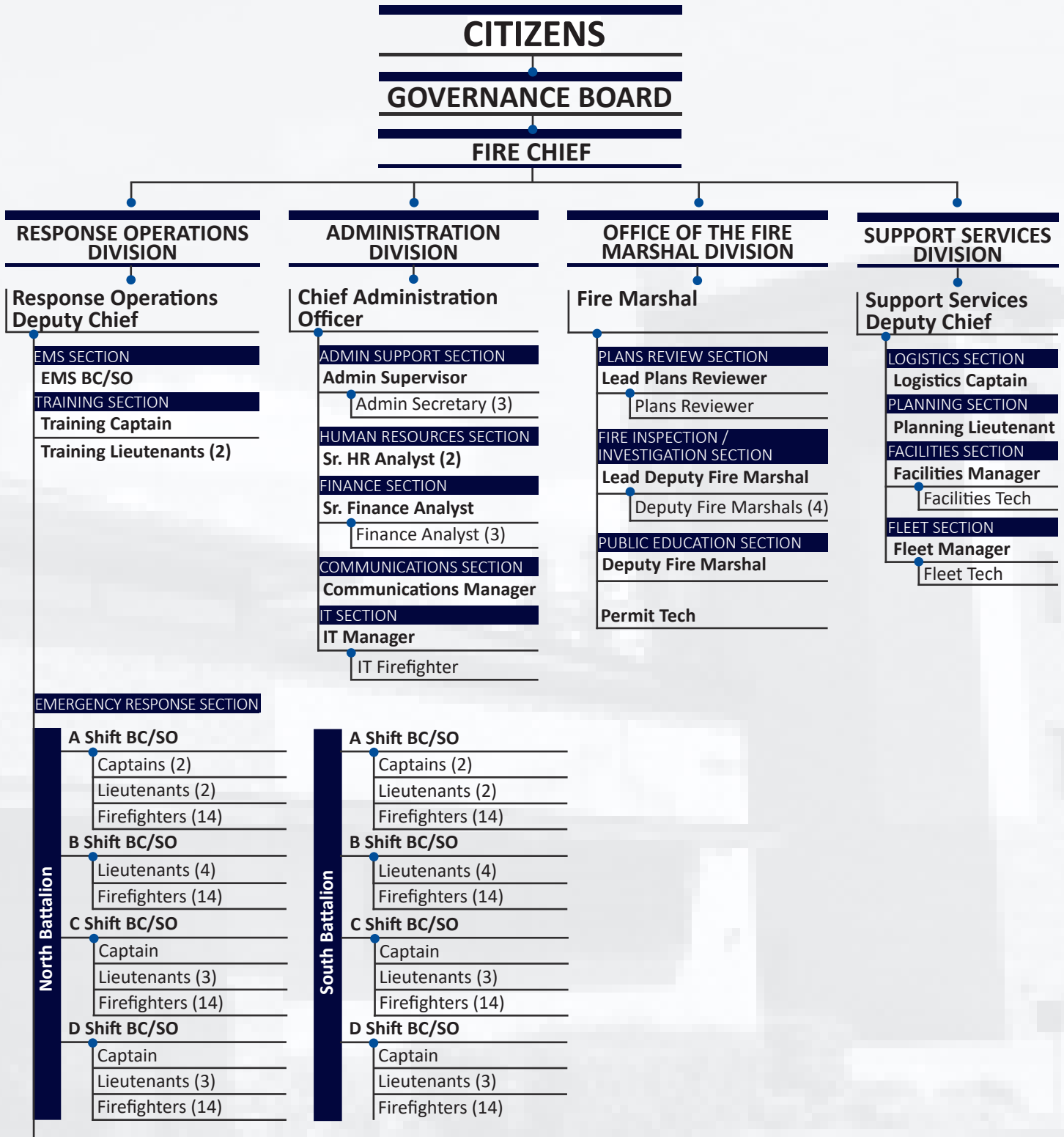
Oversees:
Support Services Division



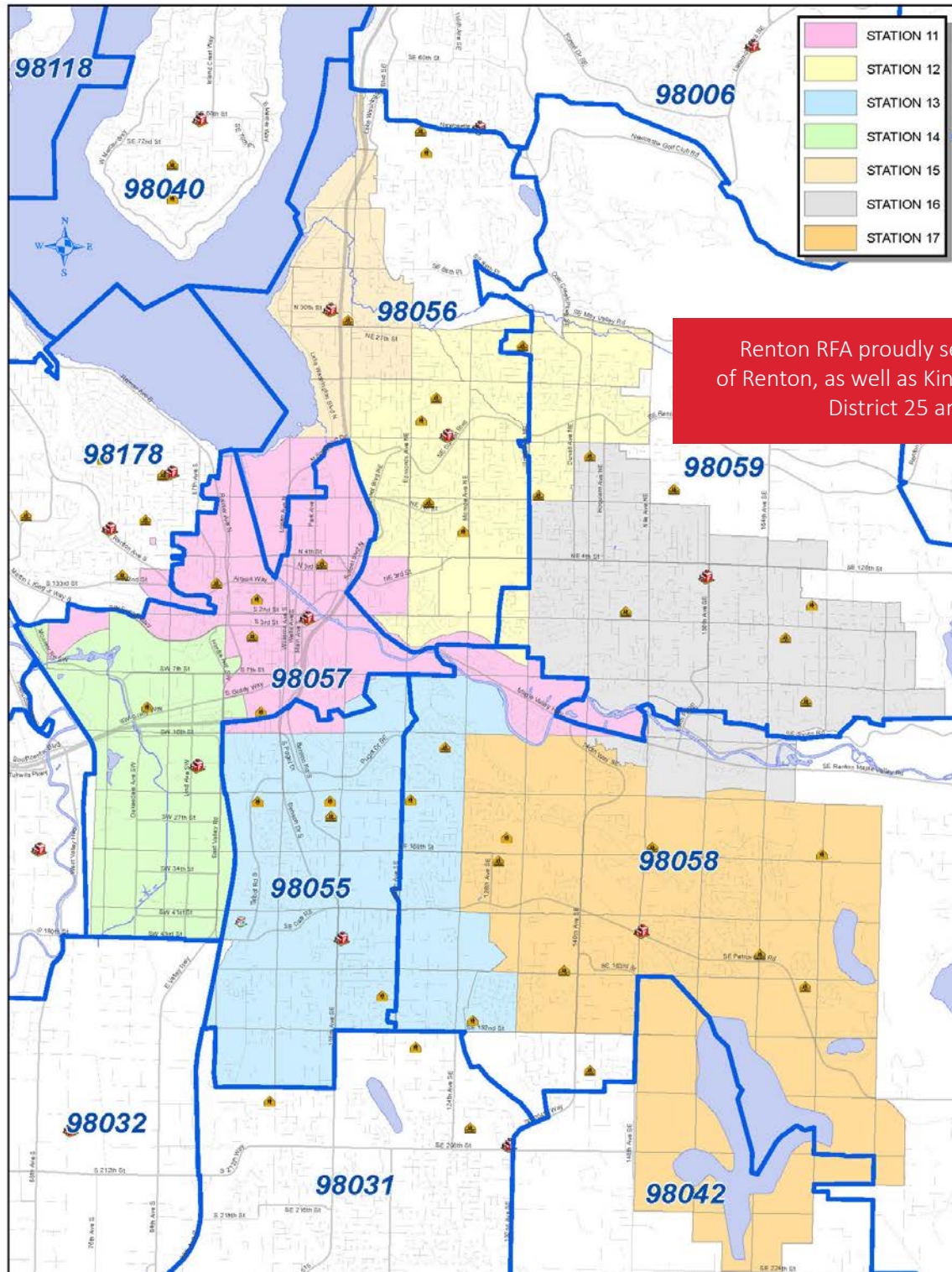
Samantha Babich
Chief Administration Officer

Oversees:
Administration Division

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



OUR JURISDICTION



LEGAL JURISDICTION	POPULATION	AREA (SQ MILES)	ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE
RRFA Coverage Area	130,359	38 miles	\$20,644,654,386
City of Renton	101,100	24 miles	\$16,547,060,897
Fire District #25	7,942	4 miles	\$1,316,746,500
Fire District #40	21,317	10 miles	\$2,780,846,989



GUIDING PRINCIPLE #1

PROFESSIONALISM

- We pursue every opportunity to deliver our best possible services to our community.
- We are actively committed to the success of the organization.
- We build on professional competencies to achieve excellence.

FIRE STATIONS



◀ FIRE STATION 11

211 Mill Avenue South
Renton, WA 98057

APARATUS:
Engine and Ladder Truck

FIRE STATION 12 ▶

1209 Kirkland Avenue Northeast
Renton, WA 98056

APARATUS:
Engine, Aid Unit, and Dive Unit



◀ FIRE STATION 13 & RRFA HEADQUARTERS

18002 108th Avenue Southeast
Renton, WA 98055

APARATUS:
Engine and Aid Unit





◀ FIRE STATION 14 & OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

1900 Lind Avenue Southwest
Renton, WA 98057

APARATUS:
Engine, Hazmat Unit, FDCares Unit

FIRE STATION 15 ▶

1404 North 30th Street
Renton, WA 98056

APARATUS:
Engine



◀ FIRE STATION 16

12923 156th Avenue Southeast
Renton, WA 98059

APARATUS:
Engine

FIRE STATION 17 ▶

14810 Southeast Petrovsky Road
Renton, WA 98058

APARATUS:
Engine and Aid Unit



GUIDING PRINCIPLE #2

INTEGRITY

- We continually demonstrate honest and ethical behavior to build and earn trust.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE #3

LEADERSHIP

- We proactively identify our leaders at all levels.
- Leaders positively influence the work environment and inspire others to achieve success in their responsibilities.
- We demonstrate consistent, respectful, and responsive communications with all others.
- We invest in the professional development of our leaders.
- Each member has a leadership role within the department.

RESPONSE OPERATIONS

The Response Operations division provides the services that typically come to mind when people think about the functions of the fire department. Those services include fire and emergency medical services, as well as specialty services such as water rescue, technical (rope) rescue, and hazardous materials intervention.

Our Response Operations team also handles many public services you might not associate with Response Operations, including CPR/AED/First Aid training, blood pressure and blood sugar checks at each station, station tours, firefighter visits, and public events throughout the year. From February to May, our Response Operations team works with Renton schools as part of our Healthy Heart initiative, providing blood pressure and blood sugar checks to students as well as healthy lifestyle education.

Below are some of the statistics from our Response Operations division from 2019:

21,954
Emergency Responses Total

15,880
Emergency Medical Responses

183
Hazardous Materials Responses

30
Water Rescues

13
Technical (Rope) Rescues





TRAINING

Renton RFA is part of the South King County Fire Training Consortium. The consortium is made up of fire departments throughout South King County and serves to provide exceptional, consistent training to firefighters throughout the region at a lower cost to taxpayers in each zone. We take training very seriously, and our team works tirelessly to ensure we are updated on the latest techniques, technology, and best practices to ensure the highest probability of success for our community members when they need us the most.

Our 2019 Response Operations training efforts included:

54,750
Total Hours of Training

142
Firefighters Trained

384
Average Training Hours/Firefighter

17
New Recruits Entered Academy

THE 2019 AIRPORT DRILL

Starting April 2, 2019, Renton RFA took part in one of the most unique training opportunities. We, along with surrounding fire and life safety agencies throughout the zone, coordinated with the Renton Airport to conduct a drill simulating a crash scenario. The purpose of the drill was to help our organization, as well as the surrounding mutual aid organizations, understand the challenges faced in the airport environment during an emergency and to get hands-on experience. This also helped support agencies, such as Valley Communications Center, and helped the airport itself, practice and prepare.

City of Renton Emergency Management was instrumental in obtaining community volunteers to role-play patients during the training. These volunteers did an excellent job helping add realism to the simulation.



Photo above: Volunteers role-playing injured/deceased patients of the simulated airport emergency.

The scenario for this simulation was very specific in order to properly simulate a realistic emergency. The scenario played out that a Gulfstream G350, including five passengers and two crew, struck a Cessna 172 carrying three passengers and a newly licensed pilot, when the Cessna failed to “hold short” as instructed by the airport’s control tower.

The scenario included a small fire onboard the crashed G350 and a fuel leak beneath the aircraft. A vehicle was brought in for firefighters to simulate having to extract the crew from the G350.

The simulation was conducted over three days to ensure all Renton crews received the hands-on training and to allow different mutual aid agencies to respond to the training as well.

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration division of Renton RFA is overseen by Chief Administration Officer Samantha Babich and includes such sections as: Admin Support Services, Finance, Human Resources, IT, and Communications. Below are some of the major accomplishments from each section that took place in 2019.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

One of the Administrative Support section's greatest achievements of 2019 was the electronic conversion and archiving of past training documents. This project required the digitalization of thousands of documents into the virtual training archive and has drastically improved document transparency and organization while freeing up physical document archive space in our stations. Additional feats for the year included processing 334 public records requests, coordinating 13 CPR/First Aid classes, and coordinating CPR training for 275 students at Maywood Middle School.

COMMUNICATIONS

In 2019, Renton RFA Communications launched the agency's first ever print newsletter, reaching over 30,000 Renton residents. Additionally, the Communications team issued over 150 tweets, 240 Facebook posts, 35 informative website articles, and 7 electronic newsletters to the community throughout the year.

FINANCE

The Finance section passed their first Finance and Accountability Audit in 2019. The audit was successfully completed without any findings. The Finance team also improved the overtime and station expenditure tracking to improve financial visibility, established business relationships with multiple vendors to centralize and streamline purchasing accounts, and improved accounts payable efficiency.

HUMAN RESOURCES

In 2019, the HR section created and staffed the new engineer position, which included a new written and practical exam to be conducted, and the promotion of 32 individuals to fill the 32 open positions this role created. The HR team also added 17 new firefighters and 6 civilian members to our organization, graduated 8 firefighters from academy, held 4 promotional exams, conducted 2 entry-level hiring processes, and processed 6 retirements.

New in 2019

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

The IT section within Renton RFA was established in 2019. IT services were previously provided by the City of Renton as part of a contract. In separating from the City to become an independent organization, Renton RFA needed to establish its own IT environment, staff, and networks. By December 31, 2019, the IT team had been established and all of the foundational IT infrastructure built. The year included such individual accomplishments as:

- Coordinated and oversaw the construction of the organization's interconnected fiber optics
- Upgraded the phone system at all seven stations to Mitel VOIP
- Migrated major software systems for several divisions of the organization
- Deployed over 150 new desktops, laptops, and tablets
- Established an IT support ticket system to streamline IT-related issues and requests
- Automated numerous systems and tasks, providing a higher level of efficiency
- Upgraded all response vehicles with high-performance wireless routers

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services division is overseen by Deputy Chief Chuck DeSmith and includes such Sections as Logistics, Planning, Facilities, and Fleet. Below is a brief of accomplishments each section achieved throughout 2019.

LOGISTICS

The Logistics team was instrumental in outfitting 15 new firefighter recruits for the South King County Fire Training Consortium Academy. They also procured three new, high-powered electric fans, improving Renton RFA's ability to effectively remove smoke during fire emergencies, as well as fully outfitted a new fire truck and ladder truck with the equipment necessary for lifesaving fire response.

PLANNING

In 2019, the Planning section revamped the benefit charge process. They implemented a new benefit charge formula, made adjustments to the phone tree to best support our community members while they filed petitions and got their questions answered, and made changes to data collection to streamline the benefit charge process for everyone.

They completed the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which was aimed at upgrading the fire training props at Fire Station 14 to help our firefighters continue their ongoing training with state-of-the-art equipment. They also completed updates to our Standards of Cover, ensuring the organization's policies and procedures align with advances in our ongoing operations.

Additionally, the Planning team began the process of obtaining accreditation with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) and initiated the process of establishing a five-year strategic plan to help guide the organization toward transparent, measured goals with input from our team, our partner agencies, and our community.

FACILITIES

The Facilities team grew in 2019. The organization hired our first Facilities Technician, Don Highley, to keep our community-owned fire stations in peak condition. In addition to many aesthetic updates that were implemented at fire stations 11, 13, and 14, Fire Station 11 also received a much-needed overhaul to the fitness facilities, improving the training and conditioning of our firefighters. Facilities was instrumental in managing improvements to the Fleet Shop, located at Fire Station 13, which is part of a multi-agency fleet program. This program allows us to share resources with partner agencies to better maintain our apparatus.

FLEET

Our Fleet section oversaw the receipt of eight new vehicles, including the FDCARES truck, various staff vehicles, ladder truck, fire engine, aid unit, and the Public Education van. In an effort to improve consistency and cost savings, our Fleet team participated in Fire Apparatus Spec Committees alongside other Zone 3 fire agencies. This coordination between agencies helps improve mutual aid response, as well as harness cost savings through better purchasing power.

With the improvements to the shop at Station 13, Fleet was able to begin new service at the shop, as well as launch a mobile service program to improve maintenance capabilities and reduce downtime of our apparatus. The team also expanded apparatus fueling capabilities with WEX cards to improve response times and efficiencies for our crews.



OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

The Office of the Fire Marshal division is overseen by Fire Marshal Anjela Barton and houses three sections: Fire Inspections/Investigations, Fire Plans Review, and Public Education. This division strives to reduce the frequency and severity of fires and protect the public and fire service personnel with coordinated efforts in education, permitting, engineering and enforcement.

FIRE PLANS REVIEW

Plans for new construction and renovations are reviewed for adherence to the fire code, and permits are issued for fire protection systems and other construction-related activities. In 2019, our plans reviewers processed 756 plans, and conducted 443 on-site construction and acceptance inspections.

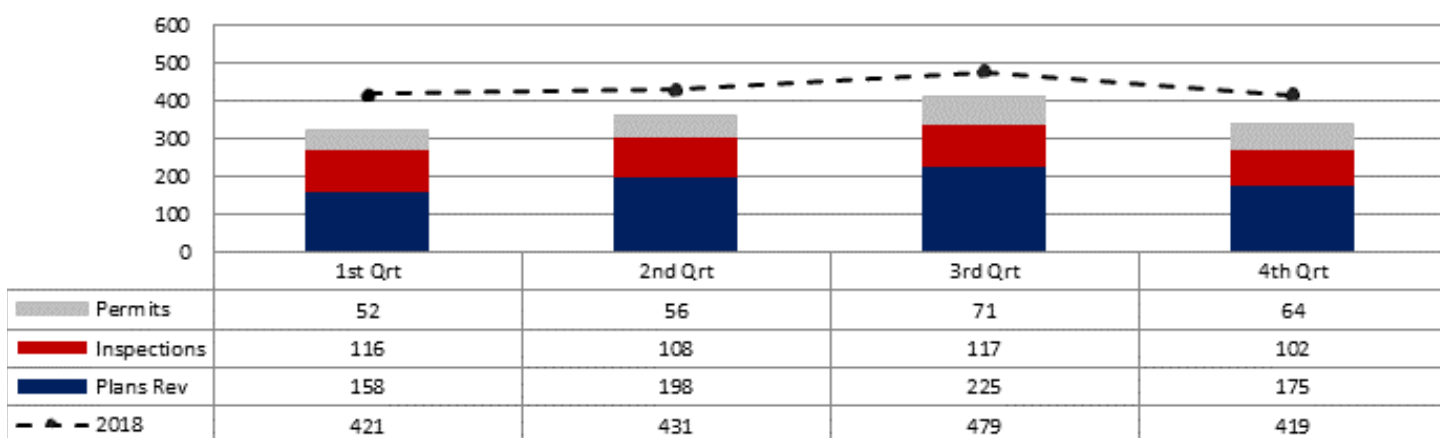
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Plans Processed

443

On-site Construction & Acceptance Inspections

Plans Review, Construction Inspections & Permits by Quarter - Comparative to 2018



FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Our goal is to inspect businesses and multi-family buildings as follows:

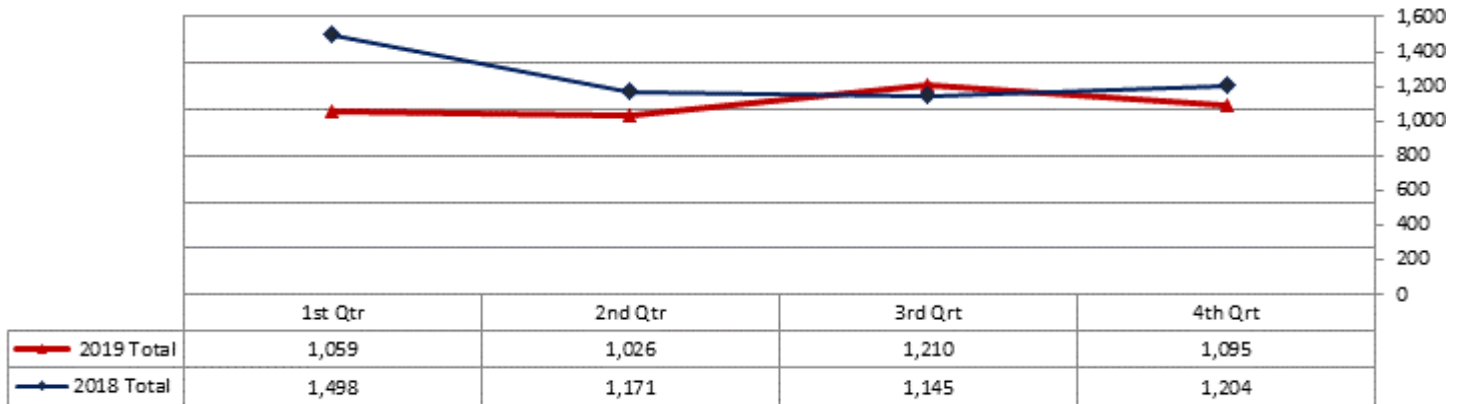
- Annual inspections when a fire alarm and fire sprinkler system are not present or when hazardous materials are present, regardless of fire alarm and fire sprinkler status.
- Biennial when a fire alarm and fire sprinkler are present.
- Triennial for healthcare buildings that receive regular fire and life safety inspections from the state (nursing homes, hospitals, and assisted living facilities).

In 2019, our Deputy Fire Marshals completed 4,390 fire and life safety inspections, re-inspections, special event inspections, and complaint inspections.

4,390

Fire and Life Safety Inspections, Re-inspections, Special Event Inspections, and Complaint Inspections

Inspections Completed by Quarter - Comparative to 2018

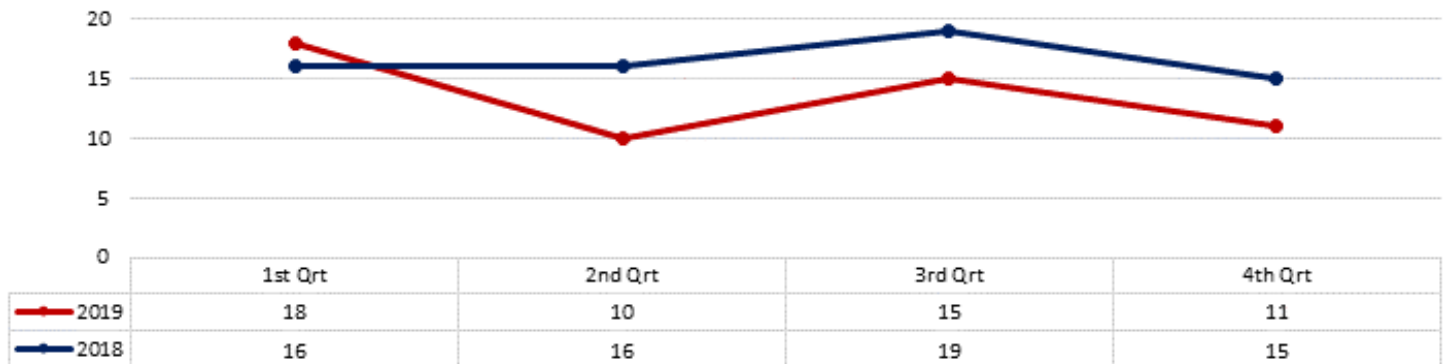


FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

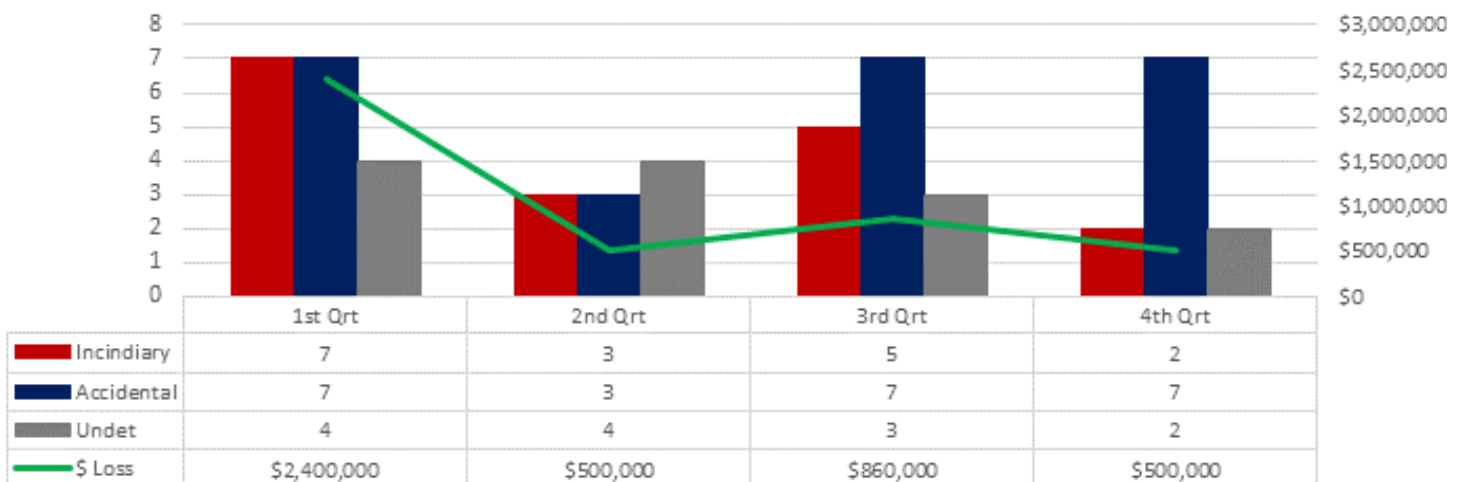
Our Deputy Fire Marshals are responsible for determining the origin and cause of fires occurring within the City of Renton. We review this data to identify trends and areas where we can impact this loss with changes in engineering, enforcement, and education.

In 2019, we investigated 54 fires that resulted in \$4.3 million in loss within the community.

Fire Investigations by Quarter - Comparative to 2018



Fires by Type & Dollar Loss



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PUBLIC EDUCATION

Connecting with our community and providing quality and effective educational programs aimed at reducing injuries and fires is one of our organization's primary goals. In 2019, Renton RFA hired a new public educator to add a focus on the activities we provide and coordinate our efforts across both the organization and the region.

In 2019, we participated in over 250 community events and education programs throughout our response area. These programs included:

- School Events – reading time, High School Combat Challenge (a firefighter challenge course), Healthy Heart Month in partnership with Valley Medical Center, and our new Kindergarten Fire Safety Program.
- Community Events – HOA meetings, neighborhood events; we also hosted our first annual Scout Night, and we hosted the regional Women in the Fire Service program aimed at recruiting women into our profession.
- Station Tours & Engine Visits saw many members of our community come out to meet us and see our equipment.

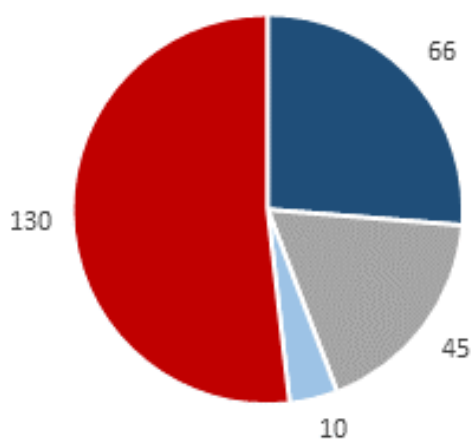
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Community Events and Education Programs



Community Outreach & Public Education Programs

- School Events
- Engine and Station Visits
- Educational Classes
- Community Outreach





SCOUT NIGHT 2019

Every year, we receive numerous requests to help scouts meet their badge requirements in a variety of areas. With the addition of our public educator, we decided the best way to serve all of the scouts in our community would be to hold a Scout Night event where scouts of all ages could gather to meet a variety of badge requirements in one place, on one special evening.

In 2019, we hosted our first official Scout Night, but we didn't do it alone. We were joined by partner agencies such as the Renton Police Department and Renton Emergency Management to help scouts gain training in areas such as home fire escape planning, CPR, first aid, and much more! It also proved to be a helpful resource of health and safety information for parents too. The event drew hundreds of scouts to Fire Station 14 and was deemed a huge success!

We look forward to holding more Scout Night events in the future.



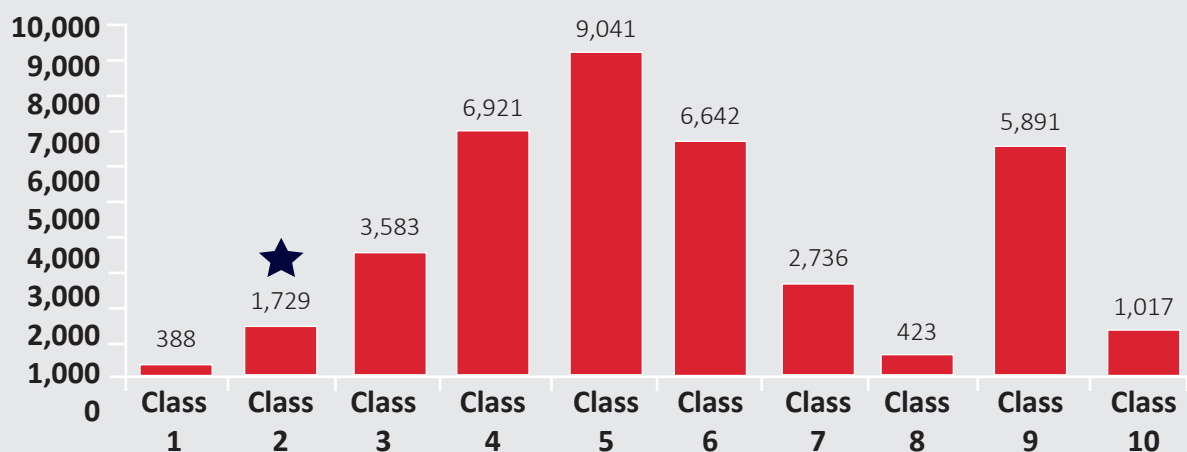
PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASS

Last year, our Public Protection Class rating was upgraded from a Class 3 to a Class 2. **This put us in the top 5 percent of fire and life safety agencies in the country.** The Public Protection Classification (PPC) program is a tool developed by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) for property and casualty insurers to properly assess their risk by rating fire protection services throughout the United States.

ISO collects data from more than 40,000 communities and fire districts throughout the country. The data is analyzed using a proprietary Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). The schedule determines a fire department's PPC rating between Class 1 and Class 10. Class 1 represents "Superior Property Fire Protection," while Class 10 indicates that an area does not meet the minimum criteria set forth by the ISO.

The improvements made since the inception of Renton RFA have led to this outstanding upgrade in PPC for the Renton community. Because PPC is one of the key factors in insurance premium determination, not only does this upgrade represent exceptional fire and life safety protection throughout the community, but Renton property owners had an opportunity to see real savings in their insurance premiums in 2019.

COUNTRYWIDE PPC RATINGS



This icon indicates the Class Renton RFA falls into based on the countrywide Public Protection Class system.

This information was obtained directly from Verisk™ ISO Mitigation. For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/2W1CV1H>

2019 ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICS

RESPONSES BY FIRE STATION

FIRE STATION	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT OF RESPONSES
Fire Station 11	4,890	22%
Fire Station 12	4,003	18%
Fire Station 13	4,580	21%
Fire Station 14	2,007	9%
Fire Station 15	1,213	6%
Fire Station 16	1,777	8%
Fire Station 17	2,396	11%
Out of Area	1,088	5%
Grand Total	21,954	100%

RESPONSES BY APPARATUS

APPARATUS	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT OF RESPONSES
Fire Engine 11	3,691	17%
Ladder Truck 11	1,641	8%
Aid Car 12	2,382	11%
Battalion Vehicle 12	497	2%
Dive Vehicle 12	30	0%*
Fire Engine 12	1,532	7%
Aid Car 13	2,738	12%
Battalion Vehicle 13	508	2%
Fire Engine 13	1,795	8%
Fire Engine 14	1,710	8%
Hazmat Vehicle 14	183	1%
Fire Engine 15	1,151	5%
Fire Engine 16	1,464	7%
Aid Car 17	1,669	8%
Brush Vehicle 17	14	0%*
Fire Engine 17	949	4%
Grand Total	21,954	100%

FIRE RESPONSES BY TYPE

FIRE TYPE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT OF RESPONSES
Structure Fire	425	39%
Cooking Fire	183	17%
Vehicle Fire	110	10%
Brush Fire	216	20%
Trash Fire	118	11%
Other	41	3%
Grand Total	1,093	100%

*Percentage equals less than one percent when rounded.

RESPONSES BY INCIDENT TYPE

INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT OF RESPONSES
Emergency Medical	15,880	72%
False Alarm	2,067	10%
Fire	1,093	5%
Good Intent	1,665	8%
Hazmat	515	2%
Other	2	0%*
Public Assistance	671	3%
Rupture/Explosion	44	0%*
Weather	17	0%*
Grand Total	21,954	100%

RESPONSES BY SPECIAL TEAM

TEAM	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT OF SPECIAL RESPONSES
Hazmat	183	81%
Water Rescue	30	13%
Technical Rescue	13	6%
Grand Total	226	100%



CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION



Bill Larson

Ray Barilleaux

Jim Matthew

RENTON RFA CHECKS AND BALANCES

The Civil Service Commission's role in our organization is to carry out provisions of the law, assuring the continuance of the civil service system. They promote efficiency in dispatch of public business, selecting and promoting employees on the basis of merit, and assuring fair and impartial treatment for all classified civil service employees.

IN MEMORIAM OF BILL LARSON (1936–2020)

The Renton RFA family lost a member with the passing of Bill Larson. Bill started his Renton firefighting career in 1966 and served faithfully for 31 years. He continued his service to the community through volunteer work, such as serving on the Civil Service Commission. We are forever grateful for Bill's unending love for RRFA and the community.

CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL



Robert Peck

Jason Parker

Kathleen Booher

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Appointed by the Renton RFA Governance Board, the Citizen Advisory Panel (CAP) provides an invaluable service to the Renton community by advising Renton RFA on a wide variety of subjects that aid the Governance Board and Fire Chief in their decision-making process. Effective citizen participation is a vital tool for our agency, and the CAP brings together viewpoints from people with wide-ranging interests and backgrounds, allowing us access to voices that might not otherwise be heard.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE #4

ACCOUNTABILITY

- We are personally and professionally accountable for our actions, behaviors, and decisions.
- We treat all members in a consistent and equitable manner, regardless of roles and responsibilities.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE #5

RESPECT

- We treat internal and external customers with empathy and compassion.
- We embrace the diversity of our community and our individual perspectives, experiences, and identities.

COMMUNITY HEROES



MINUTES MATTER AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

SRO Thaddeus Kerkhoff received a citizen award for his quick thinking and decisive action when a staff member at one of our local schools suffered a cardiac incident. Thaddeus instinctively performed CPR until medics could arrive, saving the life of one of our beloved community members. We are ever so grateful for his service to the Renton community.



SNOW PLOW SAVES THE DAY

During a heavy snow flurry, one of our Battalion Chiefs (BC) was notified that our firefighters were having a hard time getting in and out of one of our stations due to excessive snow. When our units are delayed, it is our community that suffers. The BC reached out to his network, looking for someone with a plow, and Nick Baker answered the call. He came to the station and plowed the drive so our members and apparatus could come and go quickly and easily, making everyone a little safer!

RENTON RFA AWARDS



QUICK THINKING SAVES A LIFE

Lieutenant Rismiller received the Medal of Valor in honor of his heroic acts during a call in the spring of 2019.

The Engine 13B shift crew was called to a vehicle fire with a potential victim. When they arrived on scene, the crew immediately secured a line to extinguish the blaze as Lieutenant Rismiller rushed to the vehicle to check for occupants. Discovering a trapped person inside the vehicle, he risked his own life to enter the engulfed vehicle and pull the victim to safety. He saved a young woman's life. We are exceptionally proud of his actions and of the support of his crew in this serious incident.



ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year, we honor those shifts and members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty by exemplifying our values, from all areas of our organization. This year, our annual award winners are as follows:

MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

Dan Hawkins
Officer of the Year

Dan Johnston
Firefighter of the Year

Patrick Boltz
EMT of the Year

Rhonda Heyden
Civilian of the Year

TOP ENGINE COMPANY

Engine 317 - D Shift
Cpt. Steve Wright
FF Keith Wall
FF Patrick Stalnaker

TOP LADDER COMPANY

Ladder 311 - C Shift
Cpt. Jim Ochs
FF David Laha
FF Alex Keith

TOP AID UNIT

Aid 313 - A Shift
FF Riley McDuffy
FF Patrick Boltz



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