

# HIGHLIGHTS

**STATION LOCATIONS:** #31-Freeland, #32-Clinton, #33-Maxwelton, #34-Langley, #35-Saratoga, #36-Bayview.

**MEMBERS** (Firefighters, Firefighter/EMT and EMT): 64

**EQUIPMENT:** SWFE is well-equipped with state-of-the-art apparatus including 7 engines, 5 tenders, 14 support vehicles, and 2 marine boats.

**CALL VOLUME:** In 2016 we responded to over 2,600 emergencies.

**DISTRICT POPULATION:** About 16,000 residents with a effective daily population of 24,000+.

**RATING BUREAU CLASS:** Langley 5, remaining district 6.



## SOUTH WHIDBEY FIRE/EMS

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## SOUTH WHIDBEY FIRE/EMS

### OUR MISSION

To Reduce the Risk of Fire, Medical, and Other Emergencies that Threaten the South Whidbey Community Through Service, Education, and Excellence.



## OUR STORY

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South Whidbey Fire/ EMS was Protection District #3 by local community volunteers in 1950.

Still relying heavily on our team of volunteers, we proudly serve the citizens of South Whidbey Island. We changed our name to better reflect the service we provide.

We are an active department. We conduct extensive training and educational outreach, while also answering an average of five emergency calls per calendar day. In 2016, we responded to over 2,600 emergency requests: Fire, Medical, Marine, and other calls.

We have six stations in a district that covers 57 miles of shoreline and 66 square miles of South Whidbey Island.

South Whidbey Fire/ EMS is rated by Washington State Rating Bureau as a Class 5/6 for fire protection, which means better insurance rates for most of our community homeowners.

## VOLUNTEER

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South Whidbey Fire/EMS welcomes volunteers from other parts of the state or country to join our force.

Requirements are current Washington State FF or EMT certifications (or both).

There is a simple application process in order to ensure you have all the necessary training and qualifications.

### **WHERE DO I START?**

You can download the Volunteer Application from:

[https://www.swfe.org/fd3-content/pdf/Volunteer\\_Application\\_03242014.pdf](https://www.swfe.org/fd3-content/pdf/Volunteer_Application_03242014.pdf)

Completed applications can be dropped off in person or mailed to SWFE, 5535 Cameron Road, Freeland, WA 98249.

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

We will do a background check, drug test and contact your previous or current employer. We will request your records as well as review your application. We will also require you to take a work capacity test if you have not completed one within one year.

## CONSIDERATIONS

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South Whidbey Fire and EMS has a special program for out-of-district and non-residents.

As an out-of-district volunteer (ODV), you have the ability to work at any station on that station's duty shift. Duty shifts can be in 4-hour increments. If you choose to do an overnight shift (such as a weekend 12 or 24 hour shift), you will need to provide your own accommodations. In the near future, SWFE will be offering station quarters.

Ferry passes will not be provided for shifts you sign up for.

Out-of-district volunteers will be compensated at the current rates provided for our district volunteers.

Ongoing training will include district and station training, as well as special teams training if the criteria for the team is met.

Please note that any additional training or certificates you may receive outside our district that meets Washington State fire or EMS criteria is also accepted.