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RESOLUTION NO. 07-20

Standard of Fire Department Response Coverage

WHEREAS, King County Fire Protection District No. 16 was organized in the year 1942, and therefore the Board of Fire Commissioners intends to declare it as being heretofore “established”; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature adopted House Bill 1756 during 2005, and such bill is codified as chapter 52.33 of the Revised Code of Washington; and

WHEREAS, such statute requires that each substantially career fire department be declared “established”, that the services provided by the district or department be listed, and among other requirements, that standards for service be adopted locally; and

WHEREAS, such statute also requires that an annual report be prepared each year, describing compliance with the local standards and otherwise reporting to the public; and

WHEREAS, such statute also requires compliance with the locally established response time standards 90% of the time; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and intent of this resolution is to provide policies and standards so as to comply with the intent of the new legislation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Since the King County Fire Protection District No. 16 was formed in 1942 and thereafter a substantially career fire department has been established, the Board of Fire Commissioners officially declares the fire department to be established.

Section 2. The public services provided by the District, in accordance with the mission and statutes that govern fire protection districts and fire departments, are as follows:

- Fire suppression
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Basic Life Support (BLS)
- Hazardous Materials Response-Operations Level
- Technical Rescue/Special Operations
- Fire Code Inspections

- Public Education

Section 3. The organizational structure of the fire department is best understood by reference to the attached organizational chart for the department, which is hereby officially adopted by the Board, and incorporated, herein by reference. However, the organization is generally described as managed overall by the elected policy-making and governing body, the Board of Fire Commissioners, whose policies are implemented on a day-to-day basis by the appointed Fire Chief. The Board and the Chief are aided in accomplishing the mission of the department by an appointed District Secretary, whose primary duties are administrative, including maintaining Board meeting minutes and records. Various fire service officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and other staff personnel round out the district's work force and accomplish the delivery of vital services to the public.

Section 4. On the effective date of this Resolution, the District employs the equivalent of 49 full time employees (FTE's). Any changes or projected changes in these numbers will be addressed in the 2008 annual report. These employees are responsible for the functions described in Section 2 above, and delivery of services.

Section 5. The fire protection district hereby establishes the following service delivery objectives, including specific response time objectives for the following major service components, as applicable:

A. Fire Suppression:

- (1) Turnout time: Two (2) minutes;
- (2) Response time, first arriving engine company: Six (6) minutes;
- (3) Response time, full first alarm assignment: Fifteen (15) minutes;

B. EMS:

- (1) Response time, BLS, first unit staffed with EMTs: Six (6) minutes;

C. Hazardous Materials Response-Operations Level:

- (1) Response time, Hazardous Materials Response, first unit with "Operations Level Responder" or higher: Six (6) minutes;

D. Technical Rescue/Special Operations:

- (1) Response time, Technical Rescue/Special Operations, first unit with "Operations Level Responder" or higher: Six (6) minutes;

Section 6. The foregoing objectives shall be achieved at least 90% of the time in accordance with the statute. Annually, commencing in 2007, the department shall evaluate its levels of service, deployment, and the achievement of each response time objective throughout the district. The annual report shall define any geographic areas and circumstances in which the requirements of these standards are not being met. The annual report shall explain the predictable consequences of any deficiencies and address the steps that are necessary to achieve the objectives.

Section 7. All terms used herein, such as "turnout time", "response time", "basic life support" and "fire suppression", shall be defined as defined in the state statute.

DATED this 4th day of December, 2007

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the
Board of Commissioners of King County
Fire Protection District No. 16, held on
December 4th, 2007.


ANDREA McDANIEL, Secretary
Board of Commissioners