

## Matrix Comparing Governance Structures in Regional Fire Authorities (April 2021)

|                                 | Renton Region Fire Authority                                                                                                                                                                   | West Benton Fire & Rescue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | North Mason Regional Fire Authority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (formerly Kent RFA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Southeast Thurston Fire Authority                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Original Member Agencies</b> | City of Renton, King County FPD #25                                                                                                                                                            | City of Prosser, Benton County FD#3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mason County FD #2 & FD #8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | City of Kent, King County FPD #37                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | City of Yelm, Thurston County FPD #2 & #4                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Year Est.</b>                | 2015                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2015                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2014                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2010                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2010                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Board Composition</b>        | <p>Total: 6 + 1 non-voting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Renton City Councilmembers</li> <li>• 3 FD 25 Commissioners</li> <li>• 1 non-voting member from KCFD #40.</li> </ul> | <p>Total: 5 (4 districted seats + 1 at-large)</p> <p><i>Originally:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 districted seats from within Prosser city limits</li> <li>• 2 districted seats from FD #3 territory</li> <li>• 1 at large.</li> </ul> <p><i>Now:</i></p> <p>Two formal districts established; anyone living in those 2 districts can run for office (2 seats per district), plus one at-large commissioner</p> | <p><i>Initially:</i></p> <p>8 appointed members, reducing to 5 over 18 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All 3 FD #8 commissioners</li> <li>• All 5 FD#2 commissioners.</li> </ul> <p>Planned reduction to 5 members accomplished through vacancies.</p> <p><i>Now:</i></p> <p>5 members elected at large.</p> | <p>Total: 6 + 3 non-voting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Kent City Councilmembers</li> <li>• 3 Fire District 37 Commissioners</li> <li>• 1 non-voting from Covington</li> <li>• 1 non-voting from SeaTac</li> <li>• 1 non-voting from FD #43 (Maple Valley)</li> </ul> | <p>Total: 6</p> <p><i>Originally:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 from Yelm</li> <li>• 2 from FD#2</li> <li>• 2 From FD #4</li> </ul> <p><i>Now:</i></p> <p>3 districts; 2 members elected from each district.</p> |

|                                 | West Thurston Regional Fire Authority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | South Whatcom Fire Authority                                           | Riverside Fire Authority                         | Valley Regional Fire Authority                                                                                                                                                                                   | North County Regional Fire Authority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Original Member Agencies</b> | Thurston County FPD #1 & FPD #11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Whatcom County FPD #2, #6, #9, & #10                                   | Cities of Centralia, Lewis County FD #12         | Cities of Algona, Auburn, Pacific                                                                                                                                                                                | Snohomish County FPD #14 & #18, Stanwood and Arlington                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Year Est.</b>                | 2009                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2009                                                                   | 2008                                             | 2007                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2007                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Board Composition</b>        | <p>Total: 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 from FPD#1</li> <li>• 3 from FPD #11</li> </ul> <p>Has a mechanism to reduce to 5 elected (not appointed) positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 districted from each former FD service area</li> <li>• + 1 at large from the RFA area</li> </ul> <p>This has not been implemented.</p> | <p>Total: 5</p> <p>1 member each elected from 5 distinct districts</p> | <p>Total: 5</p> <p>Members elected at large.</p> | <p>Total: 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auburn Mayor + 2 Auburn Councilmembers</li> <li>• Algona Mayor + 2 Algona Councilmembers</li> <li>• Pacific Mayor + 2 Pacific Councilmembers</li> </ul> | <p>Total: 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Districted</li> <li>• 3 at-large</li> <li>• 3 from Arlington</li> </ul> <p>Initially created with 2 fire districts: all 3 commissioners from each district on the board. Districts were later dissolved. Stanwood annexed in 2019; 1 board seat added. Arlington annexed in 2021 and 3 city councilmembers joined the board; they will transition to directly elected positions in 2 years and the board will shrink to 7 members over the next several years.</p> |

|                                 | South Beach Regional Fire Authority                                                                 | South Snohomish County RFA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Marysville Regional Fire Authority                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Original Member Agencies</b> | City of Westport, Pacific County FPD No. 5, and Grays Harbor County FPDs No. 3, 11, and 14          | City of Lynnwood and Fire District 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | City of Marysville and Fire District 12                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Year Est.</b>                | October 2017                                                                                        | October 1, 2017                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | October 1, 2019                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Board Composition</b>        | 5 Districted members, One from the City and one from each of the four participating fire districts. | <b>Initial transition board:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Fire District Commissioners</li> <li>• 2 City Councilmembers (or Mayor).</li> </ul> This reflects the proportional population of the 2 agencies. <b>Permanent board:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 districted positions (elected in primary by persons living in those districts. 2 districts encompassing Lynnwood;</li> <li>• 2 at-large positions.) Districted positions first elected in 2019; at-large positions in 2021.</li> </ul> | <b>6 members:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 City council members</li> <li>• 2 of the 3 District 12 members (one of the 2 members is a non-voting seat)</li> </ul> |