

## 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
<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
<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
<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>