



Regional Fire Authority Annexation Investigation

2015

Overview of the Tukwila Fire Department

- 4 stations
- 3 shifts with 18 fire personnel per shift providing 24 hour coverage
- 67 personnel
- \$11 million budget
- 75% of Fire 911 are for emergency first aid services

Why change to a regional service?

- Maintain high level of service
- Existing collaboration provides opportunity
- Stability
- FD Cares

Fire Service exploration in Tukwila

February, 2010: Council retreat discussion

June, 2010: Presentation options, Fire Exploratory Committee established

December, 2010: Expanded to include Kent RFA

June, 2012: Committee ended prior to finishing review

February, 2014: New Fire Exploratory Committee established

September, 2014: Committee and Council recommend moving forward with investigating annexation into the Kent RFA

Viabile Option - Kent Regional Fire Authority

- Experienced and established
- Successful relationship – Training Consortium, Zone 3
- Interested in partnership and further exploration

What is the Kent Regional Fire Authority ?

- Special purpose district established by a vote of the people
- Serves Kent, Covington, SeaTac and unincorporated King County
- Serves 60 square miles, 175,000 people
- Governance:
 - ✓ 3 Councilmembers from the City of Kent
 - ✓ 3 elected Commissioners from King County Fire Protection District

2015 Regional Fire Authority Annexation Steering Committee

Includes:

- Community members
- Business representatives
- Fire fighters
- Councilmembers
- City staff

Committee Study Issues

- Service Levels
- Cost
- Facilities & Assets
- Governance

Steps Towards a Decision

- Steering Committee to make a recommendation
- Tukwila City Council reviews and decides to proceed - If yes:
- Kent RFA Governing Board decides on Tukwila's request - If yes:
- Tukwila City Council motion to place issue on ballot
- Tukwila voters make final determination

Stay informed

- Regional Fire Authority Annexation Committee web page:
<http://www.tukwilawa.gov/firecommittee.html>
- Register your email address on web page for updates
- Attend a community meeting in the fall
- Attend or watch bi-monthly updates at City Council meetings
- Look for RFA articles in the Tukwila Reporter and other City publications
- Request a special presentation



Questions?

- Thank you for the opportunity to present today

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