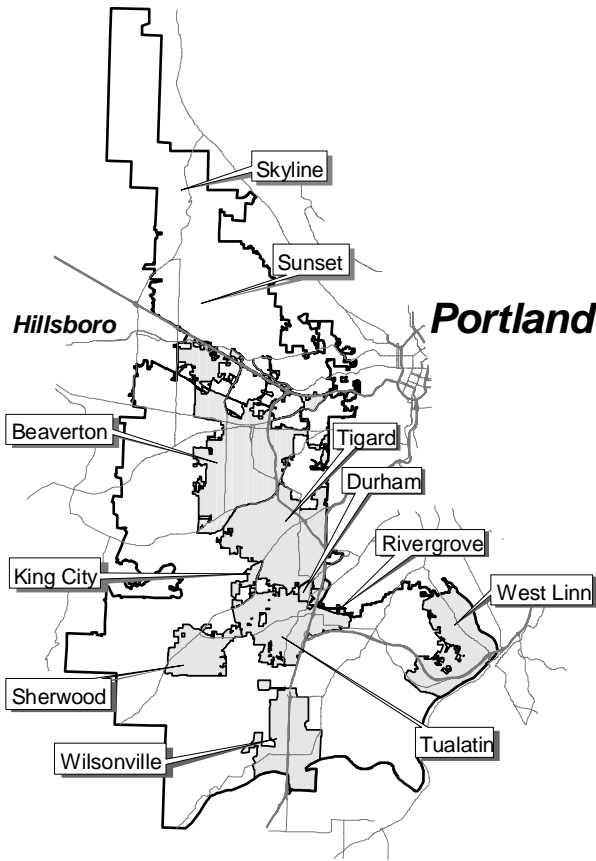


TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE
DISTRICT OVERVIEW

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (The District) operates under Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 478 as a separate municipal corporation and is managed by a Board of Directors composed of a President and four Directors, who include a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Board hires a Fire Chief/Administrator to manage the day-to-day operations of the District. The governing board appoints members of the community to serve on boards and commissions, which include the Budget Committee and the Civil Service Commission.



The District was **formed in 1989**, through the merger of Washington County Fire Protection District No. 1 and Tualatin Rural Fire Protection District. The District has subsequently expanded its service area through the annexation of the City of Beaverton Fire Department, Valley View Water District, Rosemont Fire District, and the mergers of Multnomah County Fire Protection Districts No. 4 and No. 20. The District's most recent annexation was the City of West Linn, effective July 1, 2004. The City of West Linn's preceding fire protection contract, in place since July 1, 1998, called for the conditional transfer of all fire department employees to the District. Under the prior fire protection contract, the City retained ownership of its assets, including apparatus and facilities, but the District utilized and operated their equipment and facilities. Upon annexation, the title to the equipment and facilities transferred to the District.

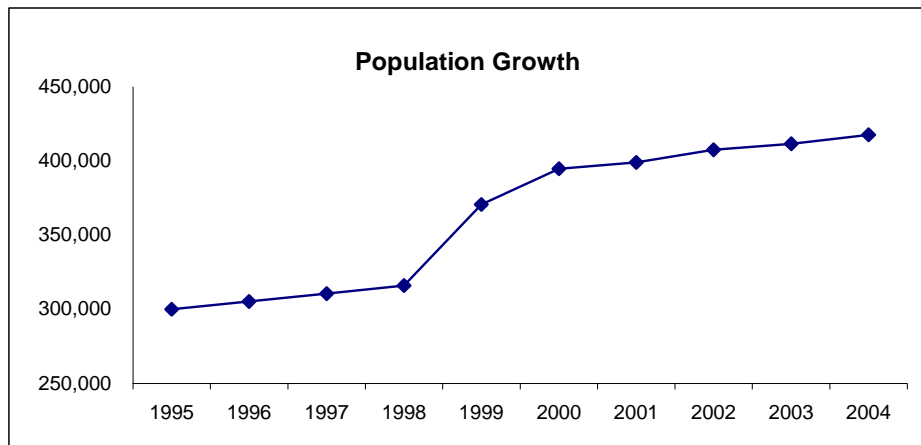
The District's total service area is approximately **210 square miles**. It provides services to northeast **Washington County**, northwest **Clackamas County**, and the western edge of **Multnomah County**. The District is a **special service district** supported by the property owners within its boundaries. The District serves an estimated population of **418,000**.

The District will have approximately **401.25 employees** supplemented by over **105 volunteer** firefighters. Fire and rescue services are provided from 22 career and volunteer fire stations, 30 fire engines, two ladder trucks, three telesqurts, four squad units, eight water tenders, and several other pieces of equipment, including 10 brush rigs and a large reserve fleet utilized to supplement response needs.

Service Area

The area served, which includes the **cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, Rivergrove, West Linn, and Wilsonville** lies within one of the fastest growing regions of the state of Oregon. It is an area encompassing densely populated suburbs, rural farmlands, retail and commercial establishments, and growing industrial complexes.

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Fire stations are strategically placed throughout the District to protect high property value and population densities. Our two operating division headquarters are also placed strategically in the District so that citizens have a local source for burn permits and other interactions with their fire marshals and community liaisons for community fire and safety information.

As a result of the high quality of services provided, training standards, equipment, staffing, and related support functions, the District is among the leaders in the state of Oregon in obtaining a favorable insurance classification and carries a rating of 2 out of a scale of 1-10 (1 being the most favorable, according to the standards set forth by the Insurance Services of Oregon). To the homeowner in the District, this classification results in a very low premium rate for fire insurance.

Economy

The District, through its broad geographic base, serves a developing and growing part of Oregon's economic base. The annual growth in the District's assessed valuation and market value of protected property each year is one indication of the growth in both industrial and residential areas. While the recent economic downturn, especially in the area of high-tech industry, has slowed assessed valuation growth, we believe our service area will continue to grow and develop. By law, increases in assessed valuation of existing property are limited to three percent a year. Accordingly, growth beyond three percent in the District's assessed valuation is expected to come from continued development within its service boundaries. Assessed value grew almost 4.7% for the property tax year 2005, adjusted for the annexation of the City of West Linn.

The District's population is expected to continue to grow over the next 20 years. We are working proactively and cooperatively with other governments and regional planning groups to ensure continued ability to service this future population. This includes neighborhood and street planning, emergency access and road construction as well as evaluating and working across jurisdictional boundaries to ensure closest force response to population centers regardless of city and county boundaries.

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This area serves as the home to internationally recognized companies such as Nike, Mentor Graphics, In Focus and Tektronix. Top metropolitan area employers include Intel, Fred Meyer, Inc., Quest Communications International, Inc., Portland General Electric, IBM, Kaiser Permanente, Providence Health System, U.S. Bank, Freightliner, Tektronix Inc., Nike Inc., and Maxim Integrated Products, among others. The area has attracted significant retail and wholesale marketers such as Costco Wholesale Clubs, Dayton-Hudson Stores, and Rite-Aid Drug Stores, and companies such as Pacific Realty Associates LP have continued development of acres of land adjacent to the Sunset Highway. Nike's world headquarters complex houses thousands of employees in office buildings bordering a seven-acre man-made lake and five acres of wetlands. Intel has continued to invest in multi-million dollar facility expansions to manufacture state-of-the-art computer chips, largely in the neighboring City of Hillsboro.

Multi-Service District

The District is a multi-service district with services and programs tailored to meet the needs of the community. The District provides services in:

- Fire suppression
- Emergency medical services
- Fire prevention
- Fire education
- Hazardous materials
- Water rescue
- High angle rescue
- Heavy rescue

The District also serves as a Hazardous Materials Response provider for the state of Oregon with a service response area ranging from the City of Portland boundary on the east to the Pacific Ocean on the west and from the District's northern boundary in Multnomah County southwest to Marion County.

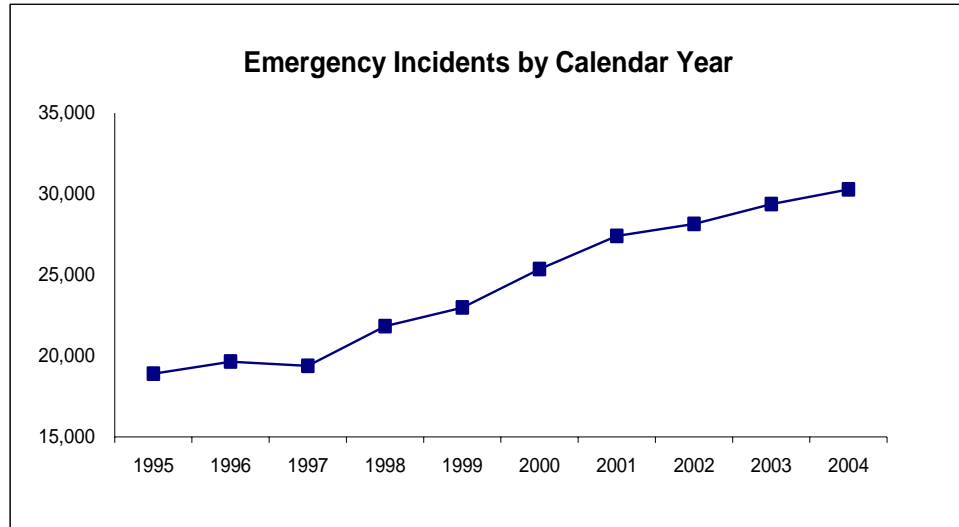
Within the Fire Marshal's office, the District coordinates all of the state mandates concerning the investigation of fires, inspection of commercial and retail occupancies, and education of the citizens within its boundaries. All Deputy Fire Marshals are assigned to a division and have certain defined areas of responsibility.

To deal with emergencies, both fire and medical, the District's Emergency Operations division staffs a team of professional firefighters and paramedics 24 hours a day with skills and equipment necessary to deal with a wide variety of emergencies. Approximately 168 professional firefighters are certified as advanced life support (ALS) paramedics, while 100% of the remaining fire suppression personnel are certified at the basic life support (BLS) level. Under the guidance of physician advisors, emergency medical service personnel (all of whom are firefighters) maintain a highly certified skill level through several specialized programs.

Over half of the District's professional firefighters are certified paramedics.

Emergency Incidents

The District's responses to emergency incidents within its boundaries have increased each year in the past ten years as the service area's population continues to grow.



Training

The usage of modern training facilities, including a six-story training tower, a burn building for live fire training, a 19-acre Training Center, and a live TV studio, provide personnel with constant training to keep their skills at the highest level. The Training Center, which was constructed in several phases using public funding and private donations, provides advanced training opportunities in flammable liquids and gases with the usage of live props, including a tanker truck, driving ranges, propane rail cars, a bridge, and excavation tunnels. We completed the construction of a sophisticated burn structure and tower at the site using local option levy proceeds during the summer of 2002. This facility allows improved live fire training in interior attack and other areas of firefighting. The project included extensive foundation work to support the tower, as well as water recycling and reclamation components to support extensive water usage in firefighting tactics training. Due to the loss of a major industry contract and instructor pay issues, we wound down the business of external training operations in fiscal year 2004-05, while still offering training for employees by cost sharing with other employers in specialized areas, such as USAR training. This revised focus of the Training Center to support internal training continues through 2005-06.