

# NEW AMBULANCE ROLLED INTO SERVICE

A brand new Ford E-450 ambulance hit the streets in March. This new unit is now Medic-61, answering emergency calls that require paramedics who can deliver advanced life support services. The vehicle will respond out of Station 61 in downtown Marysville.

This ambulance cost roughly \$220,000 and helps the fire district reach a critical milestone: all ambulances in our first-line fleet now have less than 200,000 engine miles. The district has two ambulances in our reserve fleet with 300,000 miles.

These upgrades would not be possible without the support of our community: THANK YOU!



"Well-maintained vehicles are crucial to making sure emergency care gets to you quickly when you need it," said Josh Farnes, Lead of Marysville Fire District Fleet and Facilities.

Vehicle replacement funding plans will continue to be a priority for the district. That's why we're already looking ahead to the final quarter of 2023, when we expect delivery of a brand new Ladder Truck. The new truck will feature safety upgrades and improved reliability, ensuring firefighters are better prepared for emergencies in taller structures. With a price tag of approximately \$1.6 million, this apparatus will replace the district's current 2006 Ladder Truck.

Apparatus purchases can take one year or more from bid process to delivery. We must constantly evaluate future needs to ensure we are providing the very best service possible.



## AMBULANCE UPGRADES

**UV purification system sanitizes patient compartment.**

**Gas engine replaces diesel engine, reducing potential firefighter exposure to cancer-causing carcinogens.**

**Rides smoother for patient comfort and care.**

**Improved reliability reduces maintenance costs.**



## DID YOU KNOW...

You and your family need a home fire escape plan.

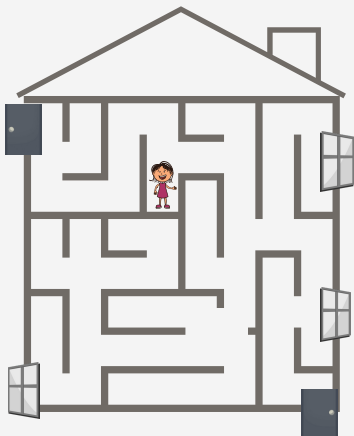
Smoke and fire can spread fast!

Having a plan helps everyone get out safely.

## MAKE A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- Walk through your home and find two ways out of every room, including windows and doors.
- Pick an outside meeting place (like a neighbor's house, mailbox or light post) a safe distance in front of your home, where everyone can meet after they've escaped.
- Practice your home fire escape plan twice a year!

Draw a diagram of your home and mark two ways out of each room. Use your own paper or download an escape grid at [MarysvilleFireDistrict.org](http://MarysvilleFireDistrict.org)!



## ESCAPE MAZE

Help Fiona Firesafe find all five ways out of her home, using doors and windows. What are two ways you could escape from your bedroom?

## FREE CAR SEAT SAFETY CLASS!

Car seats can be confusing. Let us help!

Marysville Fire District is now offering a FREE Car Seat Awareness class online every month. All you need is a smartphone or computer and one hour to feel more confident about your child's car seat.

Sign up at [MarysvilleFireDistrict.org](http://MarysvilleFireDistrict.org) or use the QR code here.



# MARYSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT DISPATCH

SPRING 2022



## FIRE SERVICE FAMILY

MEET YOUR



**Firefighter Ryan Carbary** served as a U.S. Army Sergeant in the Middle East. He's a 6-year veteran at Marysville Fire District.



**Firefighter Hayley Peterson** became a career firefighter at MFD in June 2021. She's also a busy mom of two boys.



**Firefighter Luis Cruz** is originally from Puerto Rico. He's a former Tulalip Bay firefighter and now a 7-year veteran at Marysville Fire.

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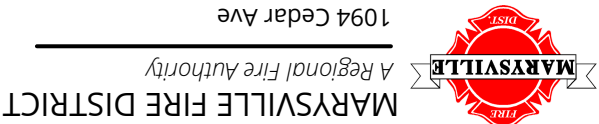


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FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

Springtime is my favorite time of year when everything is new again. We are energized by the return of so many community events and looking forward to seeing so many of you again. We hope you'll join us for Marysville's free Touch A Truck event from 10am-1pm May 21 at Asbery Field.



The last several years have been a busy time for Marysville Fire District as we work to keep pace with our community's explosive growth. We can all see the changes happening so quickly around us. As our call volumes have increased, we've updated our staffing and resources to ensure we are providing you with the highest quality of emergency services.

Following voter approval to create the Marysville Fire District Regional Fire Authority in 2019, we implemented a new staffing policy, keeping 24 firefighters on duty at all times across our five fire stations. The additional two to four firefighters each day (from previous staffing levels) means we are better prepared to meet your needs 24/7, whenever you may need us.

Many people may not realize changes in the fire service over the last several decades mean that most of our emergency calls are medical-related (accounting for more than 30 calls each day). Your health and safety are our priority. That's why we now have four Medical Service Officers (MSOs) to help oversee our emergency medical care operations.

This year, we will continue progress toward completing a Community Risk Assessment, which will help inform long-term planning based on growth projections and changing needs.

These critical changes would not be possible without the humbling support of our community. Every hour, every day, we are honored to be working for you. We thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Enjoy the spring and the coming days of summer. I will see you out there.

Martin McFalls  
Fire Chief

PROTECT WHAT YOU VALUE MOST

Marysville Fire District was recently awarded a \$500 stipend from the nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition and State Farm to increase awareness about the dangers of home fires and the life-saving benefits of home fire sprinklers.



Home fire sprinklers detect a fire and control it automatically, giving you, your family and pets time to get out safely.

In a new home, sprinklers can often be installed for less than the price of a coffee every week. Learn more at [MarysvilleFireDistrict.org](https://MarysvilleFireDistrict.org) or use the QR code here.



ASK YOUR FIREFIGHTERS

WHY DO FIRE TRUCKS RESPOND TO MEDICAL CALLS?

There are several reasons you may see fire engines at the scene of a medical-related call. Units are dispatched to emergencies within Marysville Fire District based on current location and type of emergency.

- **An engine may be the closest available unit to provide aid.**
- **More personnel may be needed. Engines carry at least three firefighters. At least seven firefighters are dispatched to CPR calls.**
- **All firefighters are certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) or Paramedics, trained to provide emergency medical care.**
- **Fire trucks carry tools that may be needed.**
- **Firefighters may be dispatched from a medical call immediately to a fire or vice versa.**



"As firefighters, we always need to be ready for anything," said Marysville Fire District Battalion Chief Aaron Soper. "If an engine leaves a fire and is dispatched to a medical call right away, our goal is to get to that patient as quickly as possible. We have life-saving tools and personnel on the engine. Depending on the call, that may be all we need. Other times, an aid car may also be dispatched to transport the patient to the hospital."

Have a question for your firefighters? Email us at [outreach@marysvillefiredistrict.org](mailto:outreach@marysvillefiredistrict.org).

FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDING TO HIGHER CALL VOLUME

After a dip in overall call volume in 2020 and 2021, Marysville Fire District is seeing big increases in the need for emergency services.

So far this year, firefighters responded to the highest-ever number of calls for the months of January and February, breaking previous records set in 2017.

More than **80%** of Marysville Fire District's calls are medical related.

Emergency Calls Per Month

	2022	2021
January	1,358	1,101
February	1,139	961
March	1,159	1,044

Our community continues to grow exponentially, with an influx of new residents and businesses. In 2021, Marysville Fire District's Fire Prevention Division completed 349 construction plan reviews, a sign of more growth to come.

"With population growth, we expect needs for our services to increase," said Jeff Cole, Marysville Fire District's Deputy Chief of Operations. "We must always evaluate changes in our community to ensure we have the resources and training needed."

Over the last decade, Marysville Fire's overall emergency call volume has increased nearly 50 percent. One trend that has held steady over that time period is the types of calls we receive. More than 80 percent Marysville Fire District's calls are medical related, requesting basic life support or advanced life support.

WORKING FOR YOU



**HOUSE FIRE** Firefighters extinguished a house fire in the Sunnyside area in early February. An investigation determined the fire started in the home's chimney. We recommend having your chimney or fireplace inspected each year. Creosote buildup and other factors can easily cause fires.



**CRASH RESPONSE** Our newest part-time firefighters trained in February on responding to a motor vehicle crash with injuries. In 2021, Marysville firefighters responded to 726 vehicle crashes.



**TECHNICAL RESCUE TRAINING** The hose tower at Station 61 made a good training spot for Marysville Fire District's Technical Rescue Team. Firefighters practiced rappelling roughly three stories and rescuing a patient.



**GETTING THE JOB DONE** Station 63 responded in January to an elderly patient who fell while riding bikes with her husband. Thankfully she did not have serious injuries, but firefighters drove her to the hospital for further evaluation. That left her husband with two bikes to get home. Firefighters offered to drive the extra bike home, but it did not fit in the engine's cab. So Firefighter Tim Dalton decided to ride the bike to their home instead.