



City of Tumwater Fire Department

- **City of Tumwater Parks Department** – Has responsibility for setting up shelters that may be needed and required
- **Other Fire Departments who may assist:**
 - JBLM Hazardous Materials main response technicians (Level A)
 - Olympia Fire Department
 - Lacey Fire Department
 - Other fire districts as may be required or needed

2016 -2021 ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

- Seek safety training on Hazardous Materials through Labor and Industries
- Train with Hazardous Materials response personnel to attain short and long term planning capabilities
- Maintain hazardous materials “First Responder” training for all department members per OSHA requirements

FOLLOW UP RESPONSIBILITY: Fire Chief

SPECIAL OPERATIONS RESCUE TEAM (SORT)

SECTION 14

GOAL: To provide technical rescue support capability with the necessary equipment and training that is compliant with the National Fire Protection Association Standards.

Definition: Technical rescue is defined as “rescue situations that present more complex and dangerous circumstances than what are routinely encountered.” These types of incidents require a higher degree of training and specialized equipment to conduct safe operations. Several types of emergency incidents require such a level of response, including confined space rescue, trench and excavations collapses, high and low angle rope rescues from building and rough terrain, structural collapses and other non-typical/unique accidents.

The Special Operations Rescue Team’s capabilities have increased substantially in recent years through equipment purchases and training. The SORT Team is available to any public safety agency within Thurston County on a mutual aid basis and within the region. Currently the team is comprised of thirty – five highly trained personnel. The team currently meets an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Type III team typing and has plans to meet a USAR Type II typing.

The SORT team is currently trained and equipped to conduct Structural Collapse Rescue, Rope Rescue, Tree Rescue, Trench Rescue and Confined Space incidents. The team maintains Operations, Technician, and Specialist level personnel. Thurston County Sherriff’s Office personnel provide dive team rescue and work hand in hand with the SORT team for water rescue events that may occur.



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Initial training requires a 200 – hour Technical Rescue Technician class for each selected team member, with weekly continuing education. The team coordinator is Captain Casey Sobol at McLane/Black Lake Fire Department.

Developmental and Ongoing Items:

- Ensure maximum support for the team
- Continue to identify personnel who may be interested in becoming a team member
- Consult with Labor and Industries to confirm that SORT members are executing their skills and duties in a safe manner

2016 -2021 ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

- Research enhanced training and response capabilities
- Maintain and support training as required
- Support the initiation of additional personnel who may be interested in becoming a member of the SORT team

FOLLOW UP RESPONSIBILITY: Fire Chief, Training Officer

SPECIAL EVENTS

SECTION 15

GOAL: To deliver emergency services in a safe, effective and efficient manner to participants and customers of community/special events with minimal impact on normal emergency services delivery capability to the citizens of Tumwater and the region.

The City of Tumwater hosts multiple events each year. As the city continues to develop, additional events will be planned and hosted in the coming years.

During the calendar year, the Fire Department is involved with several of the city's special events. Due to high attendance and/or nature of events, it is often necessary to require or recommend Tumwater Fire Department provide staffing to deliver necessary emergency services for the event.

By staffing special events, the Tumwater Fire Department is meeting the needs of the City, its promoters or sponsors, and customers without adversely impacting normal emergency service delivery to Tumwater citizens. Staffing is accomplished by placing types and numbers of teams into service at events using the most effective means to provide the service. Such an effort may be accomplished through the use of strategically placed teams on foot or on fire apparatus.