



## Eastside Fire & Rescue Board of Directors 2023 Top Legislative Issues

### PFAS

Support the reduction of the use of certain toxic chemicals in firefighting activities and equipment. Support the PFAS Chemical Action Plan (PFAS CAP) being developed by the PFAS CAP Advisory Committee. Support funding of the State Model Toxic Control Act (MTCA) for mitigation of PFAS contaminated sites.

### Wildland Policy

- Full reimbursement for mobilization costs for state-approved mobilization events to recover the full cost of those resources with the aim of mitigating local disincentives to sending needed resources to other jurisdictions.
- Pre-positioning of mobilization to allow for the repositioning of resources in instances of known, forthcoming mobilizations with the aim of engaging suppression efforts earlier.
- Wildland fire funding increase in funding for a variety of issues surrounding wildland fire that would lead to quicker, more robust response, increased prevention efforts, and better forest health practices.
- Supports legislation and increased funding for Wildland Urban Interface fire prevention methods and better forest health management practices.

### Incentivize Regionalization

EF&R is a superior model for regionalization efforts and would look for opportunities to share information regarding the ILA model.

- Identify and Remove Barriers
- Identify statewide all-hazard response advantages
- Funding advantages

### Alternative Crisis Response Models

Alternative crisis response models offer an opportunity for public responders, behavioral health providers, and community stakeholders to work together to provide the most appropriate intervention to those in crisis. Recent legislation has approved alternative crisis response models and the Fire service is at the forefront of these changes. Continued support for approved, and proposed, legislation.

### State Route 18 Improvements

Widening & Safety Improvements on State Route 18: The Department is grateful for the state's investment of \$640 million for widening and safety improvements

along SR 18. The Department will be closely monitoring the development of the project and urges the Legislature to phase the funds in a manner that allows for the most expeditious delivery schedule.

#### Tax Revenue

Eastside Fire & Rescue supports replacing the arbitrary 1% cap on annual property tax increases with a limit tied to inflation plus population growth.