

**Eastside Fire & Rescue Board of Directors**  
**2024 Top Legislative Issues, in order of priority**

1. **PFAS:**
  - Support the reduction of toxic chemicals in firefighting activities and equipment.
  - Support the PFAS Chemical Action Plan (PFAS CAP) developed by the PFAS CAP Advisory Committee.
  - Advocate for funding of the State Model Toxic Control Act (MTCA) for mitigating PFAS-contaminated sites.
2. **Wildland Fire Mitigation and Response:**
  - Seek the renewal of authorizing language to use the fire service mobilization account for prepositioning of resources.
  - Work with stakeholders to identify unprotected lands and strategies for protection. Support legislation and increased funding for Wildland Urban Interface fire prevention methods and forest health management practices.
3. **EMS & General Health Care System Coordination:**
  - Support legislative efforts to address hospital capacity issues and ER wait times.
  - Advocate for increased funding for co-responder programs. Promoting collaboration among public responders, behavioral health providers, and community stakeholders for appropriate crisis intervention.
  - Advocate for CROA (Co-response Outreach Alliance) builds upon SB 5644 to further define co-response, creates liability protections, and funds training to make services more integrated and effective.
  - Collaborate with the Health Care Authority on changes to the GEMT program through federal policy updates.
4. **Lithium-Ion Batteries:**
  - Elevate conversations regarding awareness and training for response and suppression of lithium-ion batteries and evolving energy systems.
5. **State Fire Marshal's Office:**
  - Support increased funding for the Fire Service Training Account to expand the JATC program.
  - Support WSFMO efforts to strengthen the International Wildland Urban Interface Code.
6. **Tax Revenue & Tax Increment Financing (TIF)**
  - Support the replacement of the 1% cap on annual property tax increases with a limit tied to inflation plus population growth for more sustainable revenue.
  - Support limiting the number of TIF areas that can impact a taxing district.
  - Eliminate the Fire District/RFA 20 percent AV threshold to require mitigation.