



Bellevue Fire Department

2023 Wildland Season Program Presentation

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City of Bellevue



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Agenda

- Make-up of the Bellevue Fire Department Wildland Team
- 2023 Wildland Deployments
- Successful Partnerships
- 2024 Wildland Fire Season Preparation

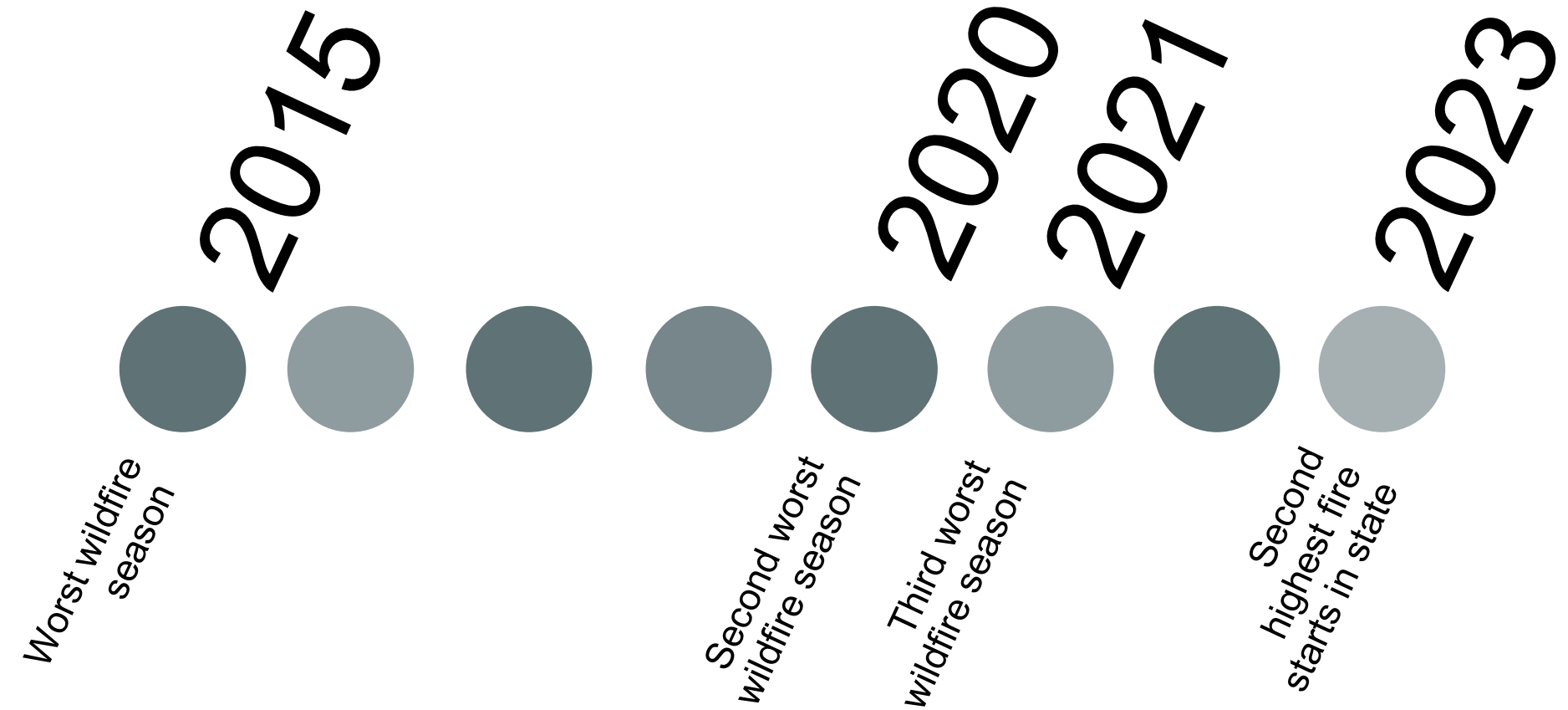


Benefits of a Wildland Program

- Participating in the response to wildfires provides:
 - Provide staff developmental opportunities.
 - Develop critical relationships
 - Opportunities to help local and regionally.



A Decade of Wildfire



Make-up of Wildland Team

- Approximately 40 members trained within the organization.
- Wildland certifications involves training beyond regular firefighting and EMS skills.
- Extensive specialized training.
- Firefighters from across the organization comprise the Wildland Team - Chief Officers, Captains, Lieutenants, Firefighters, Paramedics



Successful Partnerships

- Washington State Department of Natural Resources – South Puget Sound Regional Office – Josh Riepe
- Redmond Fire Department, Eastside Fire & Rescue, King County Zone 1 Wildland Coordinator – Chief Pat LeDoux
- Parks Department, Finance and Asset Management – Fleet, Risk Management – Pete Bourgeault, Matt Mueller
- Bellevue Fire Foundation – Laura Mathers
- Amazon



2023-2024 Offseason Wildland Program Planning



Q4 2023 through Q1 2024

- Continue to manage our mobilization processes
- On-board additional leads and assistant leads within the Wildland Team.

Q2 2024

- Launch annual wildland refresher training
- May 15, 2024 – Tentative start of 2024 wildland fire season.





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