

Mason County Fire District # 6

Strategic Plan

2021 to 2040



Mason County Fire District 6

Mission Statement

Mason County Fire District 6 is dedicated to the protection of life and property.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to serve and protect our community by equipping, training, and empowering our membership. We shall provide a high level of emergency services to the community. We invite the citizens of Union to join us in creating and supporting a shared vision for the safety of our community.

Values Statement

Our organizational values are a matter of **P.R.I.D.E.**

Professionalism: We strive for excellence through appearance, reliability, and dependability.

Responsibility: We strive to improve any emergency or situation encountered.

Integrity: We will be honest and accountable for our actions.

Dedication: We are committed to earning and maintaining the respect and trust of our community, and our partners in emergency services.

Education: We encourage each member to achieve his or her highest potential.



State of the District

Mason County Fire District 6 serves an estimated 800 permanent residents that increases to an estimated 3000 residents during peak tourism season and is the only public safety agency based in the community of Union, WA. Our fire district strives to provide excellent fire suppression, emergency medical and technical rescue services. Currently Mason County Fire District 6 provides service to our community with 17 dedicated district members. The following is a summary of the current staffing and services provided by Mason County Fire District 6.

Staffing: Mason County Fire District 6 is a volunteer fire department that is supported by a 3 full-time staff. Our emergency response system is built around dedicated members that respond to emergency incidents from their home and fire stations. Our volunteer program is comprised of in district members and members that live out of district, but pull in station volunteer shifts.

Fire Suppression: Our fire department currently utilizes a class A rated engine, a class A rated tender, and a compressed air foam fast attack engine. The dedicated members of our organization use these apparatus to extinguish all types of fires. In the case of wildland fires the fire district utilizes a brush fire trucks that are designed for off-road natural vegetation fire extinguishment.

Emergency Medical Service: Our fire department currently delivers emergency medical service utilizing one ambulance, and medical equipment placed on fire suppression apparatus. The training level we aspire to for our members is that of Emergency Medical Technician. This level of responder allows us to transport our patients that have non-life threatening illnesses or injuries to the assigned hospital. EMS makes up almost 80% of our emergency response.

Technical Rescue: Our Fire Department currently provides rope rescue, from the bank water rescue. These two programs are engrained into our district culture. MCFD6 has been rescuing people with these programs for 20 years. The training required to be proficient in these skills is advanced, yet our members enjoy the challenge that these technical rescues bring.

In conclusion, Mason County Fire District 6 has a stable base of programs that include fire suppression, emergency medical service, and technical rescue. There are challenges in our future that will be addressed in the strategic plan to ensure no interruption to these high value services. The plan that is before you will address future improvement to these already successful services.

Fact Page

2021 Operating Budget: \$895,000

Emergency Calls in 2021: 445

Full-Time Employees: 3

Volunteer Firefighters: 14

Fire Stations:

Station 61 located at 50 E. Seattle St. Union, WA

Station 62 located at 1300 Manzanita Dr. Union, WA

Apparatus:

Engine 61 2014 KME Class A Engine (1500/1000).

Tender 61 2014 KME Class A Engine/Tender (1000/2500).

Engine 62 2002 Ford F-450 Compressed Air Foam Engine.

Brush 61 2004 Type VI Wildland Engine.

Brush 62 1997 International Type V Wildland Engine.

Aid 61 2002 Type III BLS Ambulance.

Command 61 1997 Chevy Suburban (Unassigned).

Command 62 2006 Chevy 3500 Pickup (Assigned to Capt. Spencer Jones).

Command 63 2020 Ford F-350 (Assigned to A.C. Cody Daggett).

Command 65 2004 Chevy Tahoe (Assigned to Chief Clint Volk).

PENDING 2021 Dodge 5500 Type I Ambulance.

Fire Chief Introduction

Trying to predict the future is difficult and challenging. Now that we have a strategic plan, one could say that we are done for a while. Not true. We are only just beginning. This strategic plan is a living document, which evolves as the department evolves. Our fire district must continue to change as the needs of the community change.

Our fire and emergency medical activity remain consistent each year. We will continue to provide high quality services to our customers while seeking out new funding sources and operate as efficiently as possible. Our members continue to meet the demand placed upon them by myself, and the community. They do so because they are dedicated to the mission of Mason County Fire District 6.

We have a vision of what Mason County Fire District 6 can be to this community. Mason County Fire District 6 will continue to provide the best trained fire, rescue and emergency medical force with the funding provided to us. We will continue to pursue the goals within this document. Along with that comes a price. We will pursue these improvements through the proper format of annual operating budgets, capital improvement plans, all with appropriate justification. A major part of the Fire Chief's job is to identify significant issues and trends. The next step is to plan and make recommendations to the Board of Fire Commissioners, explaining the level of risk associated with each issue. The last step in this process is to secure the resources to deal with these issues, knowing that the Board of Fire Commissioners has the final say as to the levels of service the community can afford.

The purpose of this plan is to identify the needs of the organization and outline a process on how to meet those needs. The strategic plan creates the roadmap for the department to follow. It has given us the opportunity to reflect upon ourselves, and the services which we provide. We understand the issues that we face. It is now our duty to educate the community and the Board of Fire Commissioners on the future needs of Mason County Fire District 6.

Our intent is to constantly improve the quality services which we provide our community. We hope that this document has provided the reader with an understanding of Mason County Fire District 6 and how we intend to look to our future. We will continue to develop productive and professional relationships with the other fire districts. We look forward to continued positive and supportive relationships with future fire district administrators. I would like to personally thank the community for its continued support of Mason County Fire District 6.

I, as the Fire Chief, hold the members of Mason County Fire District 6 in the highest regard. They are the true reason why we have such an outstanding organization. What they accomplish on a daily basis does not go unnoticed by this administration or the public. We as an organization must inform the community of the resources necessary to achieve our mission. We must have the courage to publicly defend the needs of the department in a positive manner. This plan is the first step along this path.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief Clint Volk

Goal Timeline Page

Short Term Goals 2021 to 2025

- Continue to maintain all current programs at established levels.
- Maintain volunteer roster at or around 15 firefighters.
- Have all members attain IFSAC/Pro Board FF 1, FF 2 certification.
- Have six (6) members attain IFSAC/Pro Board Fire Officer 1 certification.
- Attain additional Pro Board certification levels.
- Design and establish a permanent training area in the lower parking lot.
- Replace concrete truck pad with new concrete truck pad along with improved drainage.
- Develop a plan to re-blacktop entire upper lot with improved drainage.
- Replace one command vehicle with a newer model.
- **Purchase SCBA compressor with fill station.**
- Investigate levy lid lift at \$1.50.
- Conduct a needs assessment for a new sub-station in the Alderbrook community.
- If warranted run a \$1.50 levy lid lift.
- Design & implement district member wellness program.
- Develop a disaster preparedness stockpile for district/community needs.
- Remodel/update the truck bay.
- Update station 61 emergency power capabilities.
- Analyze our staffing model for sustainability.
- Change our staffing model as needed.

Medium Term Goals 2026 to 2030

- Replace two command vehicles with newer models.
- E-62 & B-61 replacement.
- Renew EMS levy at \$.50/\$.75.
- Plan for and replace 2002 ambulance.

Long Term Goals 2031 to 2040

- All command vehicles with are 2020 model year or newer.
- Plan for & purchase new Class A fire suppression apparatus.

MASON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
APPARATUS/VEHICLE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE
2021

1. Engine 62 - 2002 Ford F-450 Compressed Air Foam Engine.
 - Currently only fire suppression apparatus stationed in the Alderbrook Community.
 - 19 years old in 2021.
 - Estimated replacement 2026.

2. Brush 61 - 2004 Class VI Wildland Suppression Vehicle.
 - Currently front-line wildland suppression vehicle.
 - 17 years old in 2021.
 - Estimated replacement 2028.

3. Command 65 - 2004 Chevy Tahoe (Chief Volk).
 - Highly active in emergency response.
 - Turns 17 years old in 2021.
 - Estimated replacement 2022-2025.

4. Command 62 - 2006 Chevy 3500 Pickup (Capt. Jones)

- Highly active in emergency response.
- Turns 15 years old in 2021.
- Estimated replacement 2025-2030.

5. Aid 61 - 2002 Type III BLS Ambulance.

- Currently front-line ambulance.
- Turns 19 years old in 2021.
- Estimated replacement 2021-2022.
- Will remain with district as a reserve/2nd out ambulance.

6. Tender 61 - 2014 KME Class A Engine/Tender (1000/2500).

- Currently front-line tender.
- Turns 7 in 2021.
- Estimated replacement 2034.

7. Engine 61 - 2014 KME Class A Engine (1500/1000).

- Currently front-line engine.
- Turns 7 in 2021.
- Estimated replacement 2034.

8. Command 63 - 2020 Ford F-350 (A.C. Daggett)

- Highly active in emergency response.
- Turns 1 year old in 2021.
- Estimated replacement 2035.

9. 2021 Dodge 5500 Type I Ambulance

- Estimated delivery 2021.
- Will become frontline ambulance.
- Estimated life is 20 years (2041).

RESERVE APPARATUS

1. Command 61 - 1997 Chevy Suburban

- Low activity in emergency response.
- Turns 24 in 2021.
- No replacement scheduled.

2. Brush 62 – 1997 International Type V Engine

- Low activity in emergency response.
- Turns 24 in 2021.
- No replacement scheduled.

Estimated Apparatus/Vehicle Replacement Timeline

2021:

- Oct.-Nov. 2021 Dodge 5500 Type I Ambulance arrives.

2022:

- Replacement of C-65

2023:

- Replacement of C-65

2024:

- Replacement of C-65

2025:

- Replacement of C-65
- Replacement of C-62

2026:

- Replacement of E-62
- Replacement of C-62

2027:

- Replacement of C-62

2028:

- Replacement of B-61.
- Replacement of C-62

2029:

- Replacement of C-62

2030:

- Replacement of C-62

2031:

2032:

2033:

2034:

- Replacement of E-61.
- Replacement of T-61.

2035:

- Replacement of C-63