



# PORT OF SEATTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 65 A HISTORY OF HEROES

## 1940s

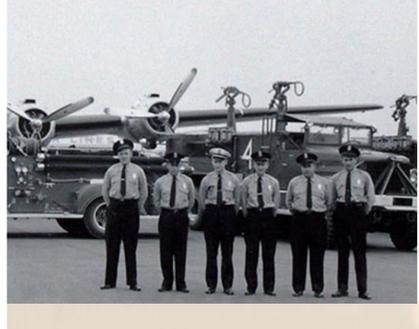
**1943**

Port of Seattle breaks ground on Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

**1949**

July 9, Full operation commences with the dedication of the new modern terminal

Up until 1949, the only actual fire protection on the airfield consisted of 2 hand-drawn hose carts left over from the construction so the Port purchased a 750 gpm pumper and a 1,100 gallon tanker



## 1950s

**1955**

Washington State Aeronautics Board adopts regulations requirement for fire protection at airports

Port establishes fire protection at airport

**1959**

First POSFD Fire Station complete



## 1960s

To address the hazards associated with larger commercial aircraft the Port purchases

- Water/foam ARFF trucks
- Caterpillar tanker/ARFF truck



## 1970s

Two 3,000 gallon crash trucks are added to the fleet and a dedicated aid car was placed in service

**1970**

Tom Winston first person of color at the Port of Seattle Fire Department

**1979**

New Fire Station dedicated, officially renamed to Port of Seattle Fire Department



## 1980s

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Bev Abbe, the first female firefighter hired for the Port of Seattle and the second professional female firefighter in King County

**1986**

Port of Seattle Hazardous Materials Response Team was established



## 1990s

**1996**

Third runway construction was authorized after passenger traffic topped 23 million



## 2000s

**9/11, 2001**

POSFD sent personnel to assist in recovery effort at Ground Zero

**2005**

POSFD sends relief team to Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina

**2008**

Tech Rescue Team was established



## 2010s

**2015**

POSFD send fire engine to assist with Eastern Washington Wildfires

**2019**

POSFD donates expired bunker gear to Peruvian Fire Service

**2020**

Frontline responders during the COVID-19 pandemic

