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 pump 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
Two 3,000 gallon crash trucks are added to the fleet and a dedicated aid car was placed in service
TOM Winston first person of color at the Port of Seattle Fire Department
New Fire Station dedicated, officially renamed to Port of Seattle Fire Department

1970s

1980
Bev Abbe, the first female firefighter hired for the Port of Seattle and the second professional female firefighter in King County

1990s

1996
Third runway construction was authorized after passenger traffic topped 23 million

2000s

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 sends 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