



City Council Workshop Agenda

July 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers - 210 W 6th Ave and Virtual

The City of Kennewick broadcasts Council meetings on the City's website at

<https://www.go2kennewick.com/CouncilMeetingBroadcasts>.

Written public comment is accepted pursuant to KMC 2.04.047 - more details are available at

<https://www.go2kennewick.com/550/Meeting-Guidelines>.

-
1. Presentation: Mid-Columbia Libraries
 2. Update: Independence Day After Action Report

Council Agenda Coversheet	Item Number: 1.	Date: 7/14/2026	Category: Info Only
	Item Type:	Presentation	
	Subject:	Presentation: Mid-Columbia Libraries	
	Department:	City Manager	
<u>Summary</u> Mid-Columbia Libraries' (MCL) Executive Director and Chief Librarian, Kyle Cox, will provide an informative presentation highlighting several key points including: • The historical relationship between the City of Kennewick and MCL. • Collection usage, meeting room usage, program attendees, and other important performance metrics. • Exploring the tax revenue MCL receives from Kennewick residents compared with the value of services provided. • Addressing a perception that libraries are not used or useful today.			
Attachments: 1. Presentation			



Kennewick City Council

Kyle Cox, MPA MLIS

Executive Director & Chief Librarian

We empower **people**, support **learning**, and strengthen **community**
through **literacy**, **enrichment**, and **connection**.



77 Years of Serving Kennewick

1949

*Library Services
Begin*



1962

*Keewaydin Library
Agreement*



1998

*Kennewick votes to
annex into District*

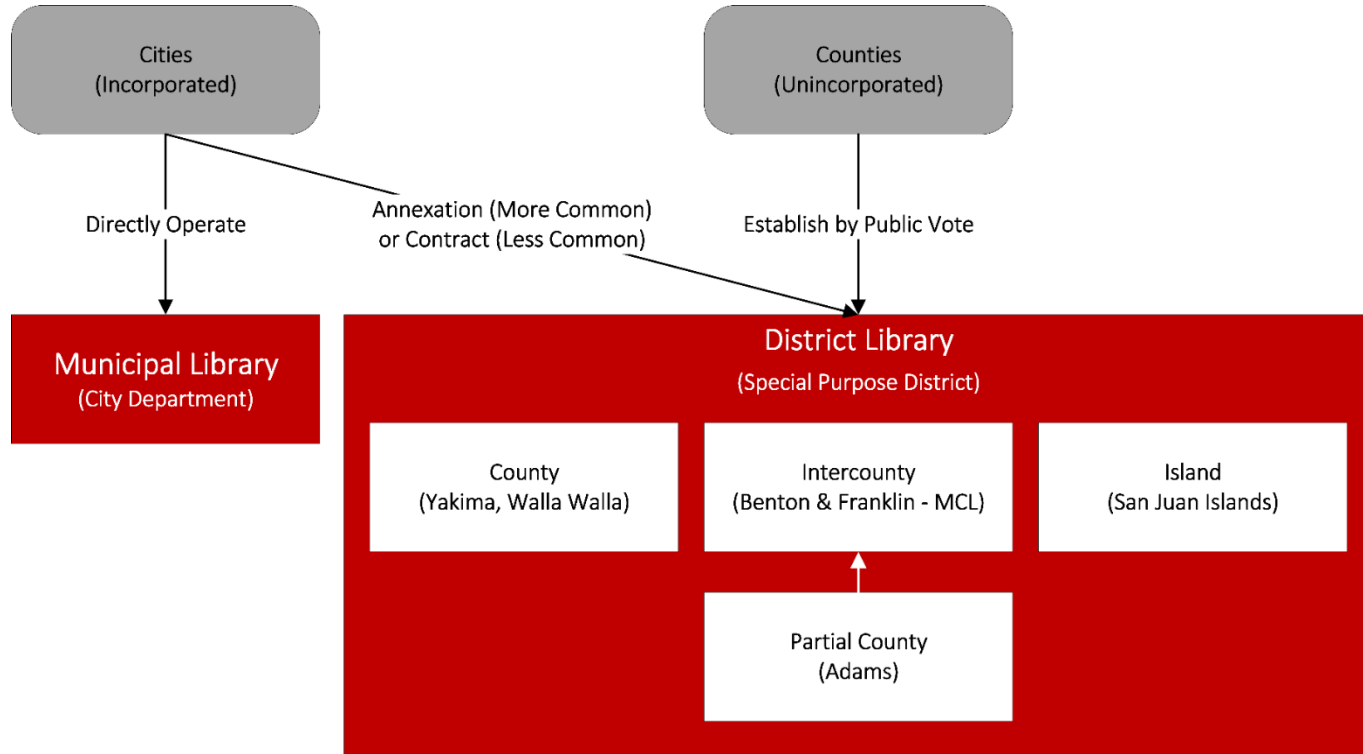


1999

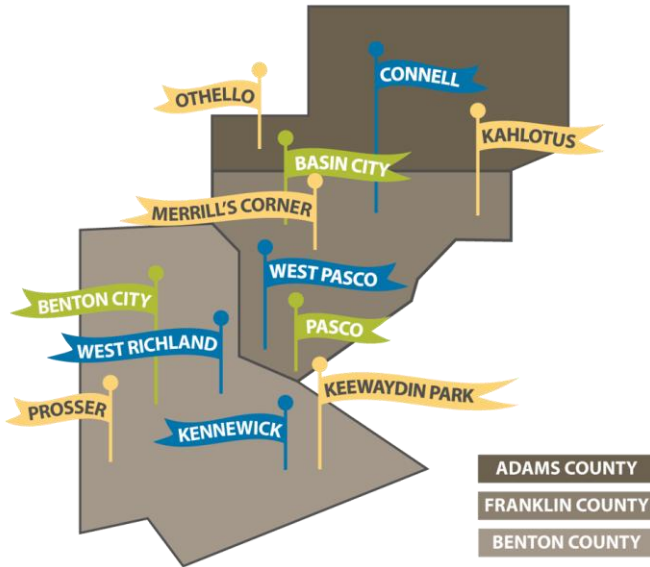
*Kennewick Library
Opens*



Public Libraries in Washington



Mid-Columbia Libraries' Library District



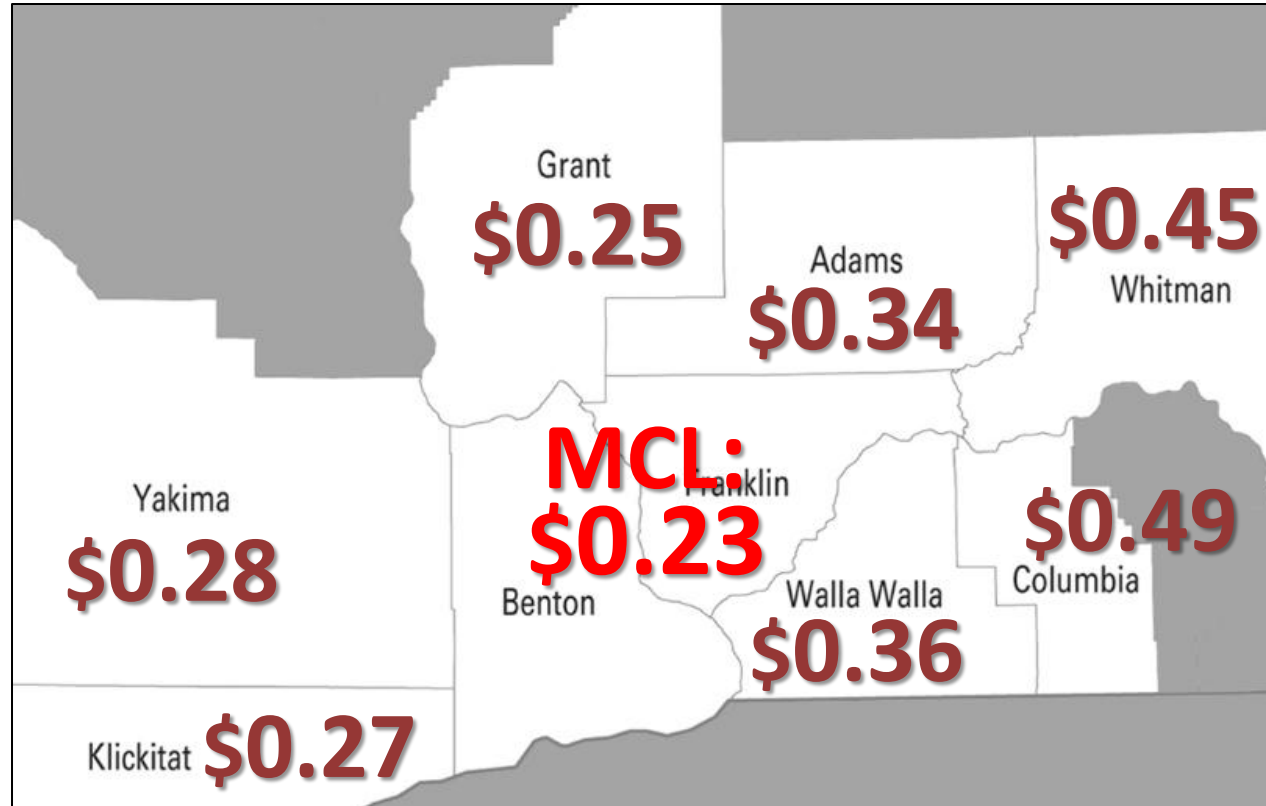
Served via Annexation

1948	Unincorporated Benton & Franklin Counties
1993	City of Benton City
1995	City of Kennewick
1996	City of Connell
1998	City of Mesa
2016	City of Kahlottus
2026	City of Pasco

Served via Contract

1957	City of West Richland
1994	Adams County Library District (Othello)
2000	City of Prosser

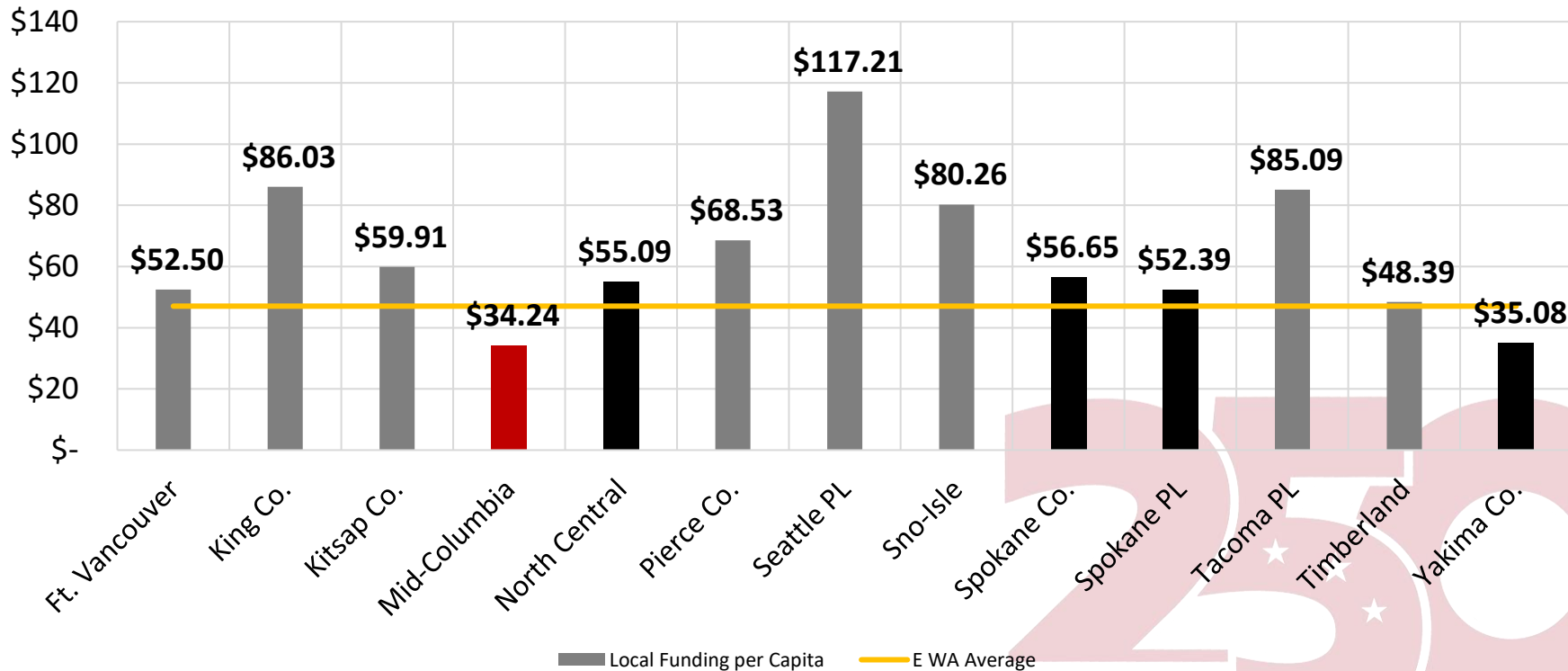
2025 Property Tax Levies



Comparable Library Systems

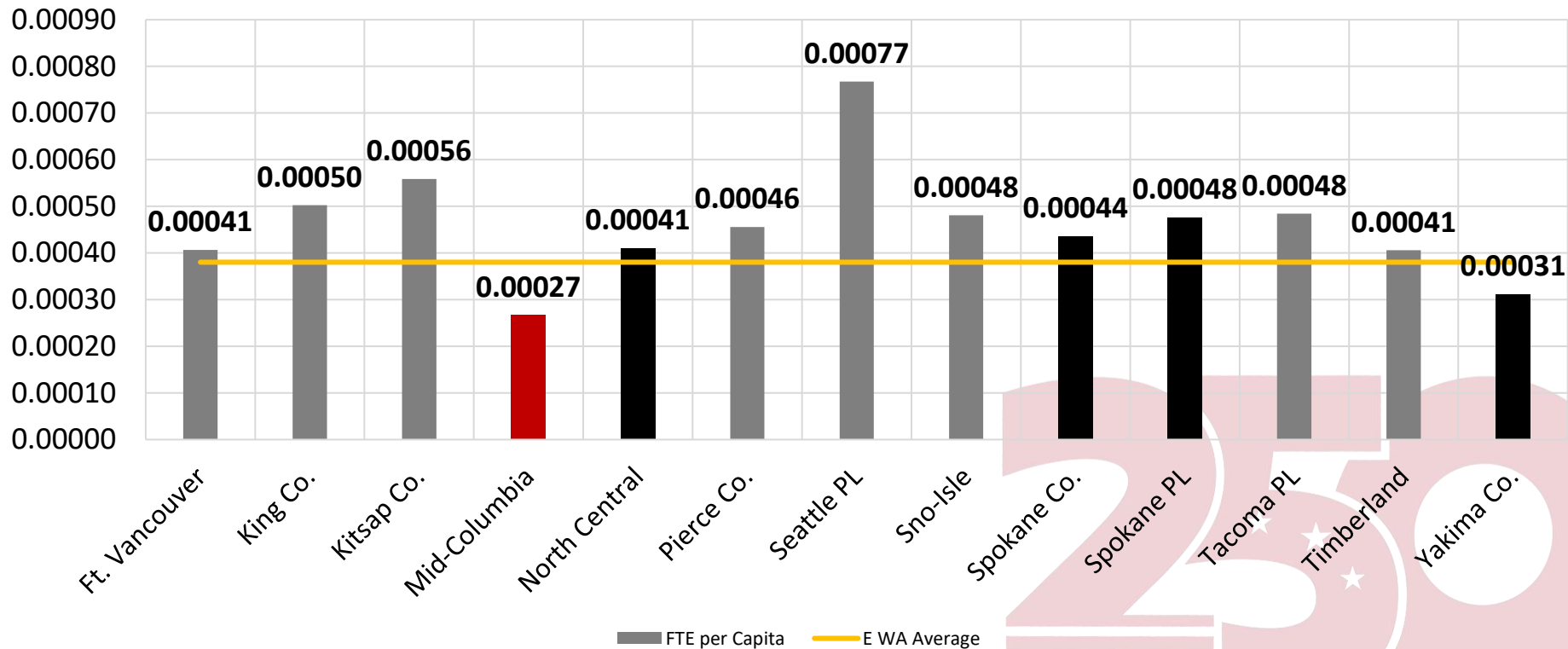
		Type	Population	FTE	Operating Expenditures
W	King County Library System	District	1,607,650	807.5	\$144,931,912
W	Sno-Isle Libraries	District	819,554	394.0	\$ 61,193,924
W	Seattle Public Library	Municipal	797,700	612.2	\$100,230,979
W	Pierce County Library System	District	665,760	303.3	\$ 43,362,407
W	Timberland Regional Library	District	547,900	222.4	\$ 28,034,641
W	Fort Vancouver Regional Library	District	552,118	224.5	\$ 27,353,605
E	Spokane County Library District	District	312,530	136.5	\$ 17,599,425
W	Kitsap Regional Library	District	286,100	159.9	\$ 17,471,707
E	North Central Washington Libraries	District	280,865	115.2	\$ 16,412,887
E	Mid-Columbia Libraries	District	272,954	72.8	\$ 9,218,975
E	Yakima Valley Libraries	District	251,520	78.2	\$ 8,138,722
E	Spokane Public Library	Municipal	233,000	111.0	\$ 13,685,820
W	Tacoma Public Library	Municipal	225,100	109.0	\$ 20,610,604

Local Funding Per Capita



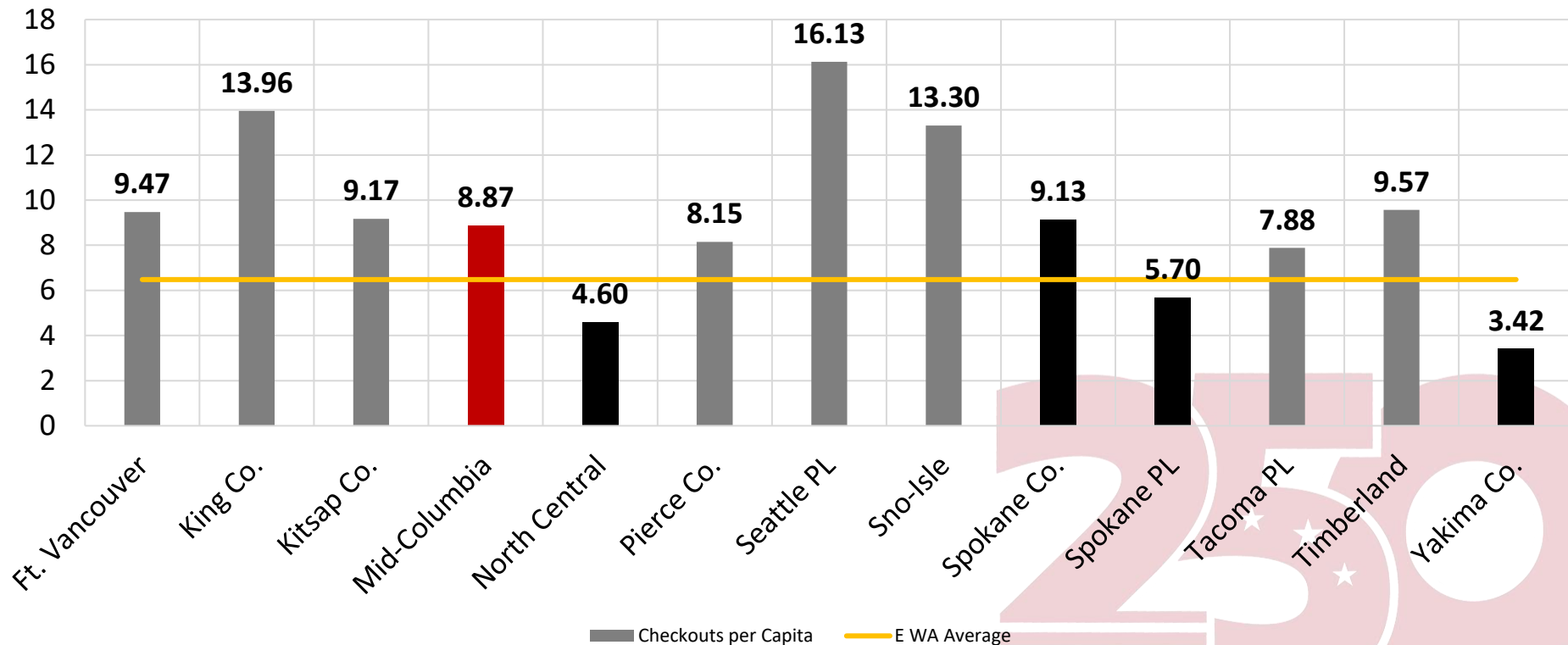


FTE per Capita



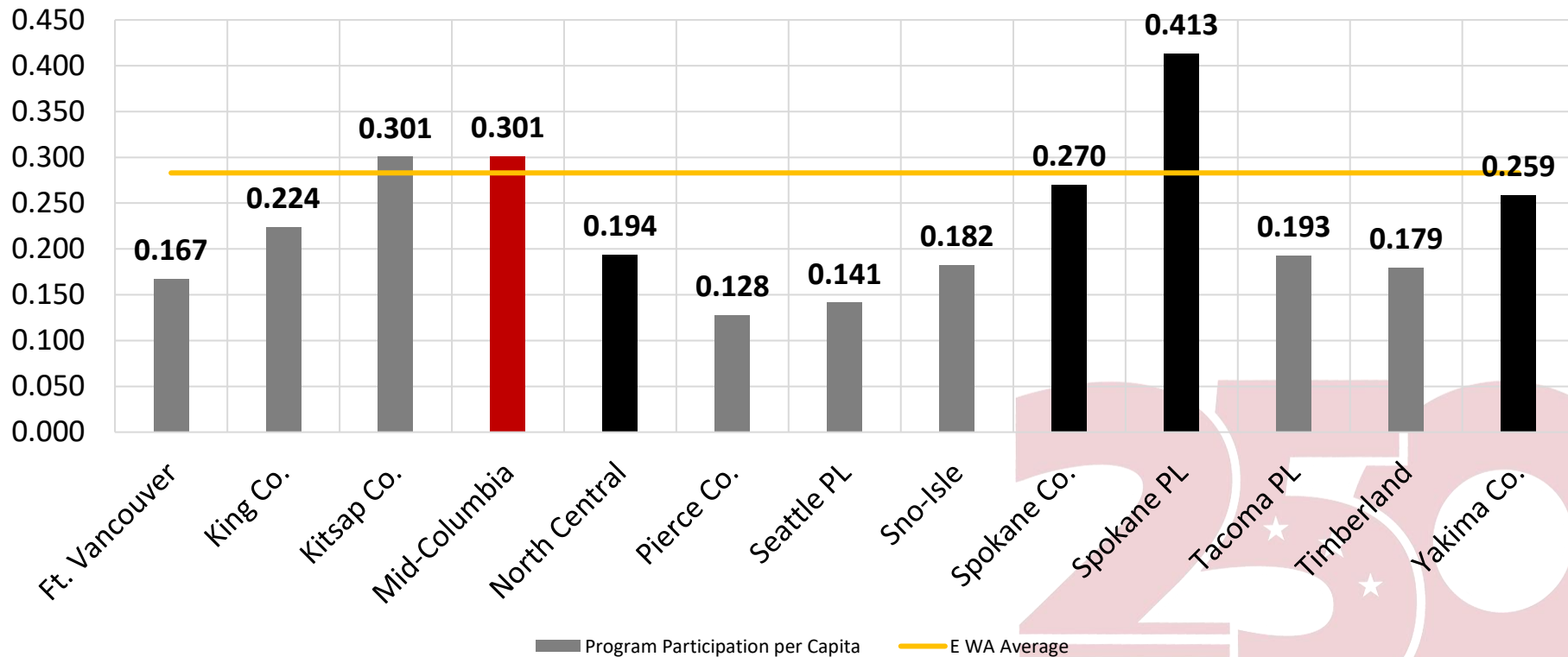


Checkouts per Capita





Program Participation per Capita



Libraries Help Residents Save Money

Library Value Calculator - Discover the Value of Your Local Library

With our Library Value Calculator, you can see how much money your local library saves you every year.

Family Size:



Adults: Teens: Children:

Estimated Annual Library Value for this family:

\$ 3,740.50

Library Materials & Services	Qty.	Average Cost	Value of Your Use
Adult Books Borrowed	24 ×	\$ 18.00 =	\$ 432.00
Young Adult Books Borrowed	4 ×	\$ 24.00 =	\$ 96.00
Children Books Borrowed	30 ×	\$ 21.00 =	\$ 630.00
eAudiobooks Borrowed	7 ×	\$ 33.00 =	\$ 231.00
eBooks Borrowed	9 ×	\$ 15.00 =	\$ 135.00
Monthly eMagazine subscriptions	5 ×	\$ 5.00 =	\$ 25.00
Magazines Borrowed	10 ×	\$ 12.00 =	\$ 120.00
Monthly Newspaper Subscription	16 ×	\$ 15.00 =	\$ 240.00
Movies Borrowed	38 ×	\$ 5.00 =	\$ 190.00

Kennewick Uses Its Libraries



1,126,296
CHECKOUTS,
INCLUDING RENEWALS



235,373
ON-SITE
LIBRARY VISITS



1,091
PROGRAMS
OFFERED



33,878
PROGRAM
ATTENDEES



\$22,898,174
MONEY SAVED ON PHYSICAL
AND DIGITAL MATERIALS



14,638
REFERENCE QUESTIONS
ANSWERED



166,012
WIFI SESSIONS



47,938
PAGES PRINTED



40,640
COMPUTER SESSIONS

Kennewick Enjoys Its Libraries

96% percent of Kennewick respondents reported being very satisfied (68.45%) or satisfied (27.09%) with MCL's overall experience.



Mid-Columbia Libraries Plays an Important Role in:

95%

Enhancing reading,
viewing, and listening for
pleasure



93%

Enhancing lifelong
learning



94%

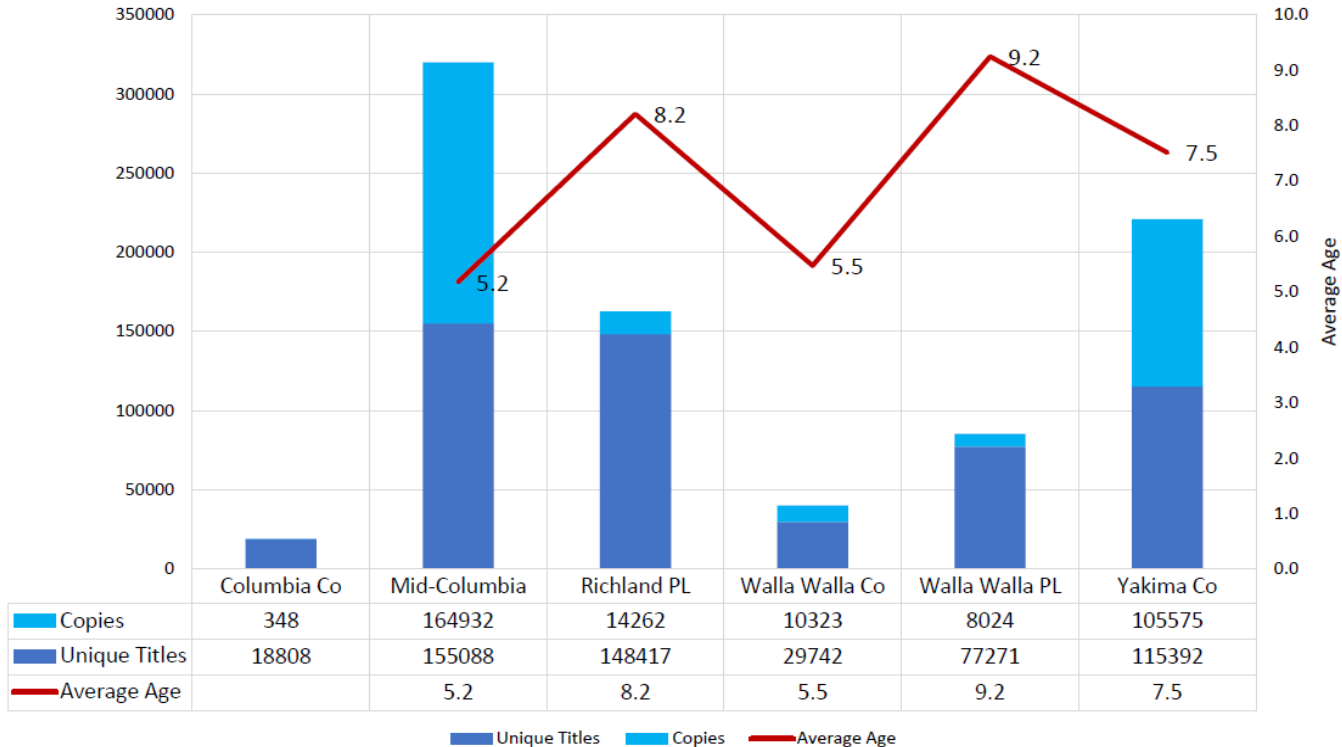
Provide books and content
in an accessible and timely
manner



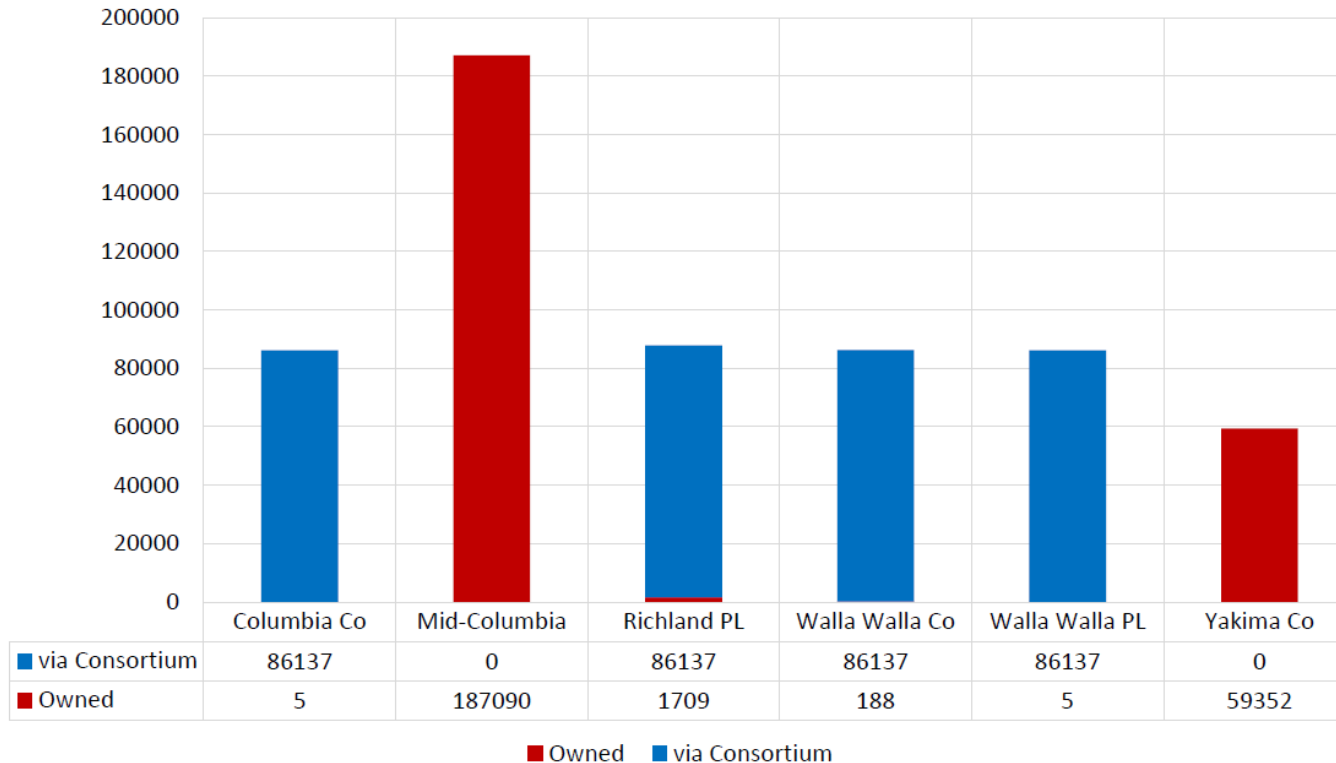
GREAT RIVERS LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP



TOTAL PHYSICAL HOLDINGS



TOTAL DIGITAL HOLDINGS



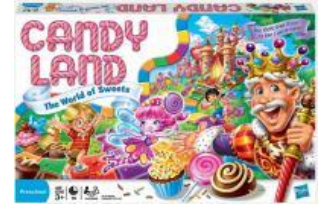
LIBRARY *Link*

**GET A COLLECTION OF LIBRARY BOOKS DELIVERED
FOR YOUR CLASSROOM EVERY MONTH!**

Library Link from Mid-Columbia Libraries delivers up to 50 popular books to your school each month for free! Teachers choose the types of books, and we handle the rest, keeping students engaged and excited about reading.



Impactful Services







**MID-COLUMBIA LIBRARIES IS PLEASED TO WELCOME
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

JULIA QUINN

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 7 PM

ARTHUR E. FULLER AUDITORIUM | 500 S. DAYTON ST., KENNEWICK, WA



mid-columbia
LIBRARIES

midcolumbialibraries.org

Council Agenda Coversheet	Item Number: 2.	Date: 7/14/2026	Category: Info Only
	Item Type:	Presentation	
	Subject:	Update: Independence Day After Action Report	
	Department:	Police	
<u>Summary</u> Fire Chief Michael Heffner and Police Chief Chris Guerrero will present information from public safety activity related to the Independence Day weekend.			
<u>Attachments:</u> 1. Report - Police 2. Report - Fire 3. Presentation			



MEMORANDUM

KENNEWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

To: Erin Erdman, City Manager
From: Chris Guerrero, Chief of Police
Date: July 7, 2026
Subject: July 3rd – July 5th Activity

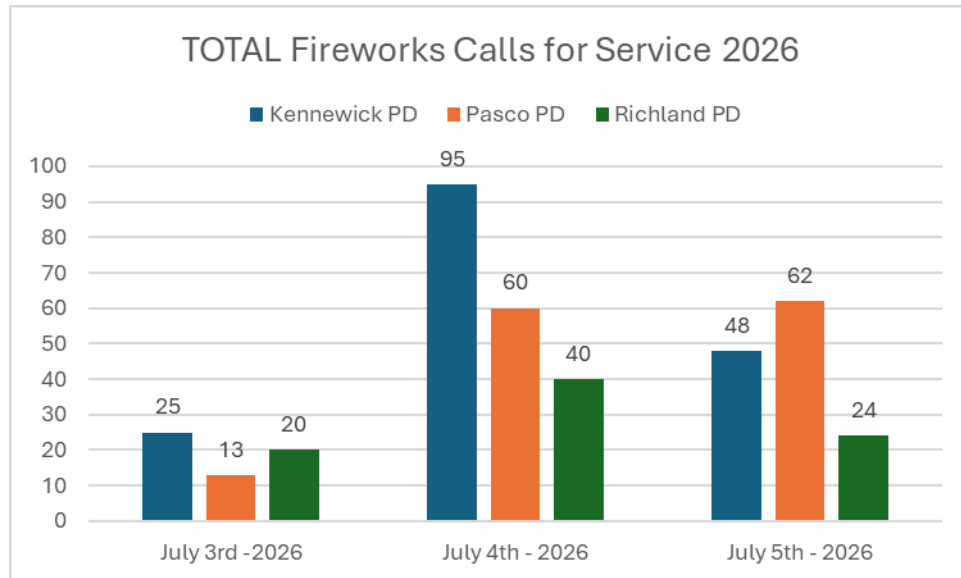
As we have done in recent years, we are providing a summary of the Kennewick Police Department's activity during the 4th of July holiday weekend. As you are aware, Independence Day fell on a Saturday this year and our community has historically experienced increased activity when the holiday falls on a Friday or Saturday.

To prepare for the anticipated increase in calls for service, we increased our staffing on July 3rd, 4th, and 5th. On July 3rd and July 4th, we had two supervisors and ten officers working from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. each day. On July 5th we staffed one supervisor and ten officers during the same hours.

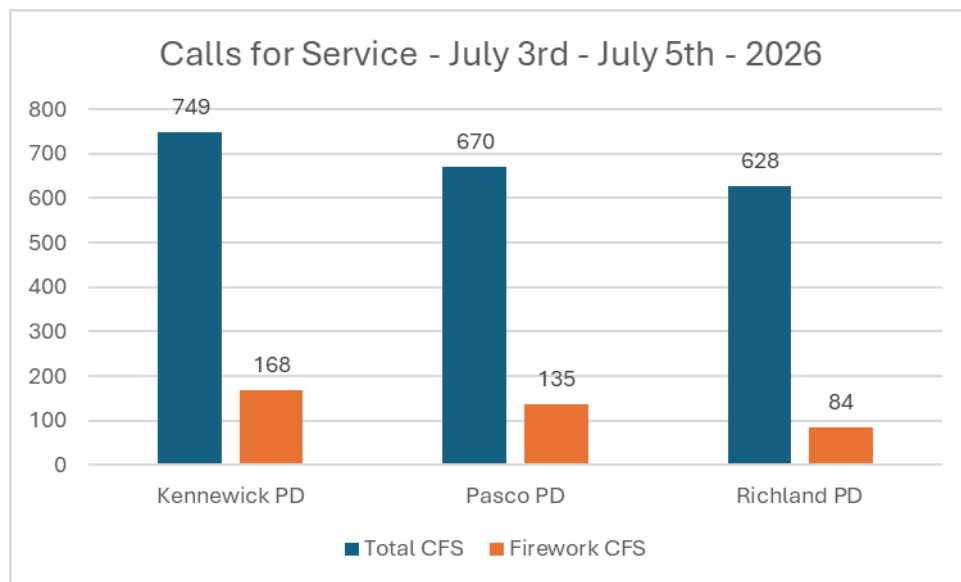
This year we had one officer available to work on a fireworks enforcement/education overtime detail with Kennewick Fire personnel. This officer was in addition to the staffing numbers detailed above. This team was involved with 48 events. 25 of those were dispatched calls for service (CFS), 19 were proactive contacts, and 4 were CFS to assist patrol units. Verbal warnings and/or education were provided during these contacts and no infractions were issued. The officer stated that the community members were all respectful and responsive to the education about our city's ordinances. Several people advised they purchased their fireworks outside of Kennewick and when they inquired why the ordinance is in place, it was very beneficial having Captain Bishop present to explain from the Fire Department perspective.

The following charts compare this year's 4th of July activity among the three main municipalities in Tri-Cities. They include:

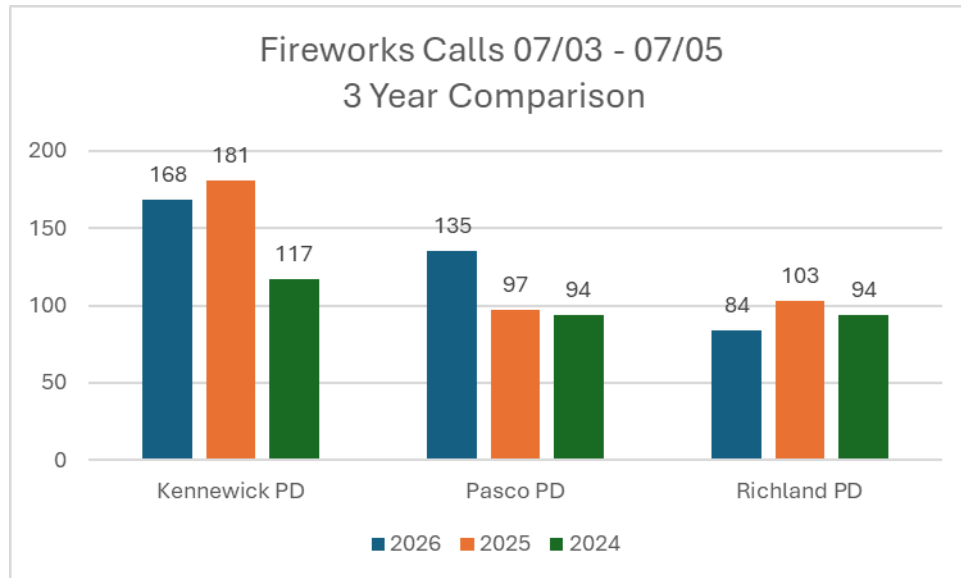
- Total fireworks-related CFS from July 3rd – 5th.
- Fireworks-related calls for service compared to each agency's total CFS (including self-initiated activity).
- A three-year comparison of total fireworks-related CFS.



In 2025, we had a total of 117 fireworks CFS, so we saw 22 less fireworks calls on the 4th of July this year. We had one less officer working the fireworks enforcement/education detail this year so that could have accounted for the lower number this year.



The total CFS and fireworks CFS depicted in this chart represent all 3 days combined. We saw a decrease of 66 total CFS compared to last year. Our fireworks CFS decreased by 13 compared to 2025.



This chart highlights the slight decrease from last year. I would again mention that 2025 was on a Friday night and this year was a Saturday night. I would not be surprised to see a decrease in CFS next year.

One area that we did not report on in prior years was the other events that occurred during the busiest hours of the 4th of July. All the previous charts were based on the specific 24-hour period of the day. Meaning, July 3rd, 4th, and 5th from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. each day. If we look at July 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., which is typically the busiest time of night, we had a total of 207 events. 110 of those were fireworks calls and the 97 remaining events are listed below. Many of these calls require more than one officer response and are considered a higher priority than fireworks complaints.

- 19 - Field Events (Warrant Services, Field Contacts, Extra Patrols, etc.)
- 15 - Traffic (includes Traffic Stops and Traffic Complaints)
- 13 - Assists (includes assisting other agencies and KFD)
- 7 - Suspicious Circumstances
- 6 – Disturbances (3 were domestic disturbances)
- 5 - Assaults (4 Assault/DV, 1 Assault)
- 4 - Vehicle Accidents
- 4 - Information
- 3 - Welfare Checks
- 3 - Noise Complaints
- 2 – Alarms
- 2 – Extra Patrols
- 2 – Follow Ups
- 1 of each - Burglary, Weapons, Lewd Conduct, Missing Person, Pursuit, Fraud, Trespass, Mal/Misc, Theft, Civil, Loitering, Property

The “River of Fire” event was a successful event from the public safety perspective. The park reached capacity at about 8:30 p.m. We had two Commanders, one Sergeant, five Police Officers, and one Police Cadet in Columbia Park for the event. We were also assisted by boat patrols with two Benton County Sheriff Deputies on the Benton County boat and one Franklin County Sheriff Deputy with one Pasco Police Officer on the Franklin County boat. The biggest issue continues to be children getting separated from their parents. Overall, another successful year with great collaboration between police, fire, and parks personnel.



KENNEWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

HONOR ♦ SELFLESSNESS ♦ COMPETENCE

July 9, 2026

Independence Day 2026 Kennewick Fire Department After Action Report

Fire Prevention Division

In accordance with local and state regulations, the City of Kennewick permitted nine fireworks stands this season, including a new location operated by Costco. The Deputy Fire Marshal inspected and approved three stands on Friday, June 26. The remaining six stands were inspected and approved by a Fire Inspector on Saturday, June 27. Because these six stands were not ready for inspection until Saturday – just one day before sales were permitted to begin – the weekend inspections required hours outside of the inspector's regularly assigned work schedule, resulting in overtime.

On Saturday, July 4, the Deputy Fire Marshal and a Fire Inspector staffed a public education booth in Columbia Park from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They engaged with approximately 630 community members, distributing safety information and promotional items, including cooling towels and water bottles that were well received and provided much-needed relief on one of the warmest days of the year. Because this community outreach fell outside of their standard work hours, it also resulted in overtime.

Following the park event, the Deputy Fire Marshal partnered with a Kennewick Police Department (KPD) Officer to jointly respond to fireworks complaints from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Together, they handled 48 calls for service. Community members were respectful and receptive to education regarding the city's fireworks ordinances.

Fire Operations

In anticipation of increased fireworks-related incidents alongside regular call volume, three additional firefighters were brought in to dedicate staff to the city's off-road firefighting vehicle from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 3, until 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 4. This apparatus is normally cross-staffed by on-duty personnel on an as-needed basis. This proactive staffing strategy proved highly effective, as the fire department responded to five separate fireworks-related fires that evening.

On July 4, 10 extra firefighters were called to staff various response units from 6pm until 2:30am, including:

- Two ambulances
- One firefighting-capable UTV in Columbia Park (before, during and after the River of Fire)
- One off-road firefighting vehicle
- One additional shift supervisor

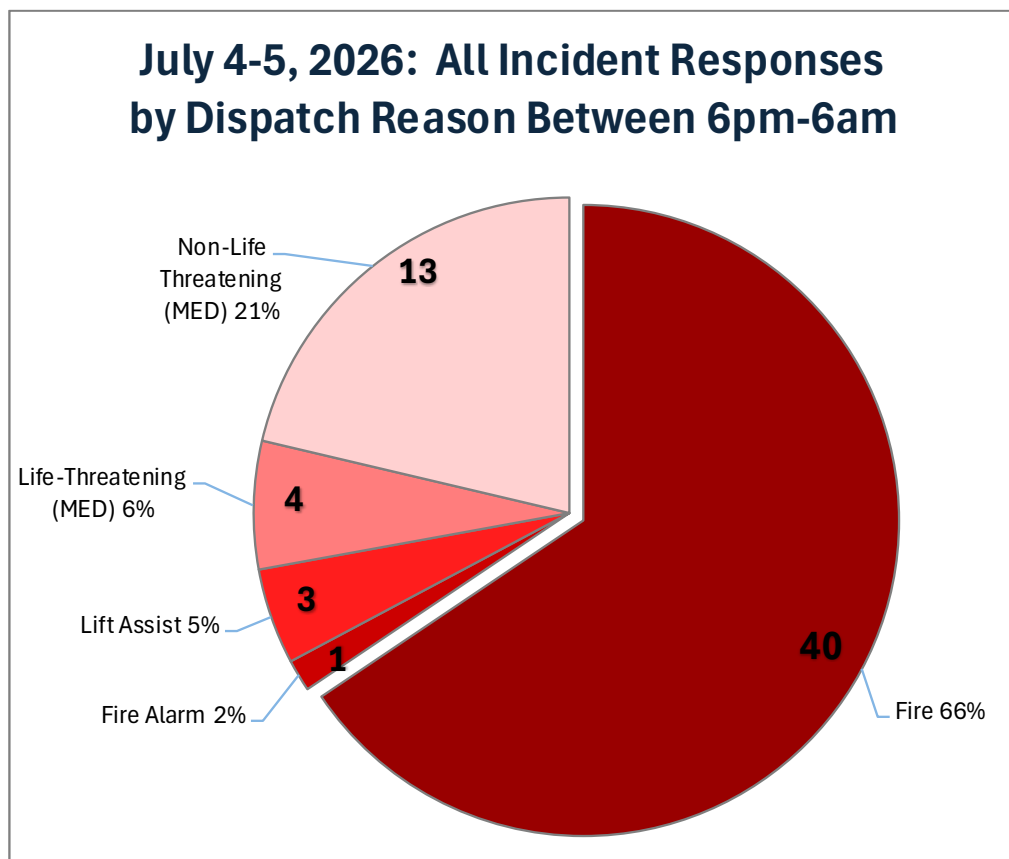
Weather Conditions

July 3	
Temperature	53°F - 90°F
Wind	3 -13 mph (Highest gust speed: 20mph)
Relative humidity	19-84%

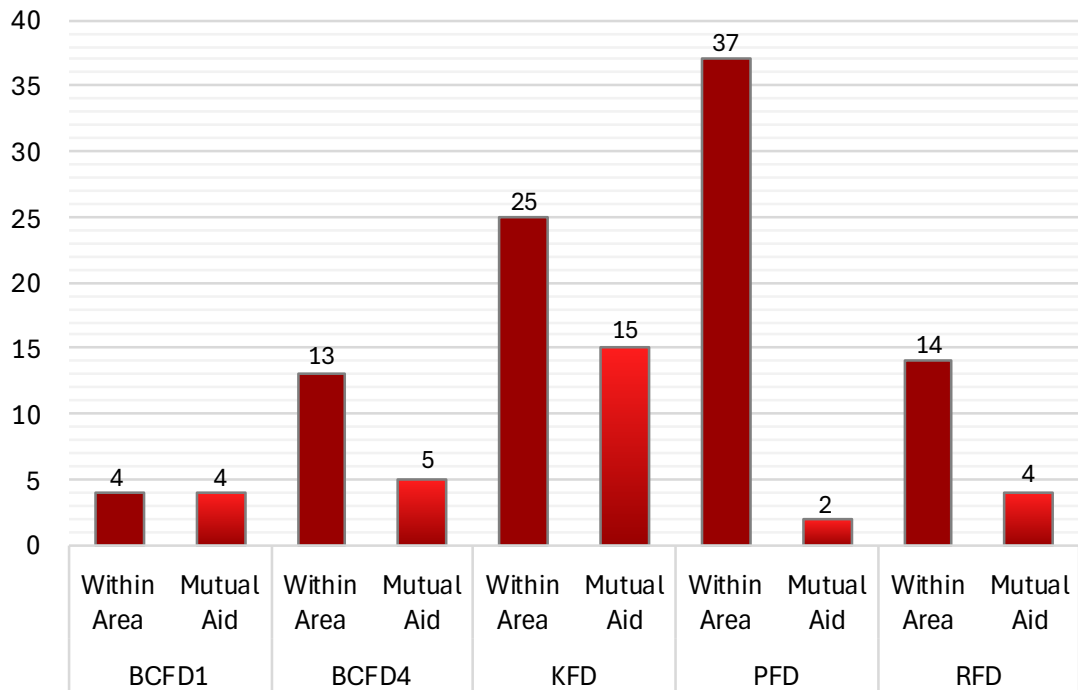
July 4	
Temperature	56°F - 93°F
Wind	2 -13 mph (Highest gust speed: 17mph)
Relative humidity	14-77%

July 5	
Temperature	52°F - 89°F
Wind	5 -14 mph (Highest gust speed: 18mph)
Relative humidity	19-67%

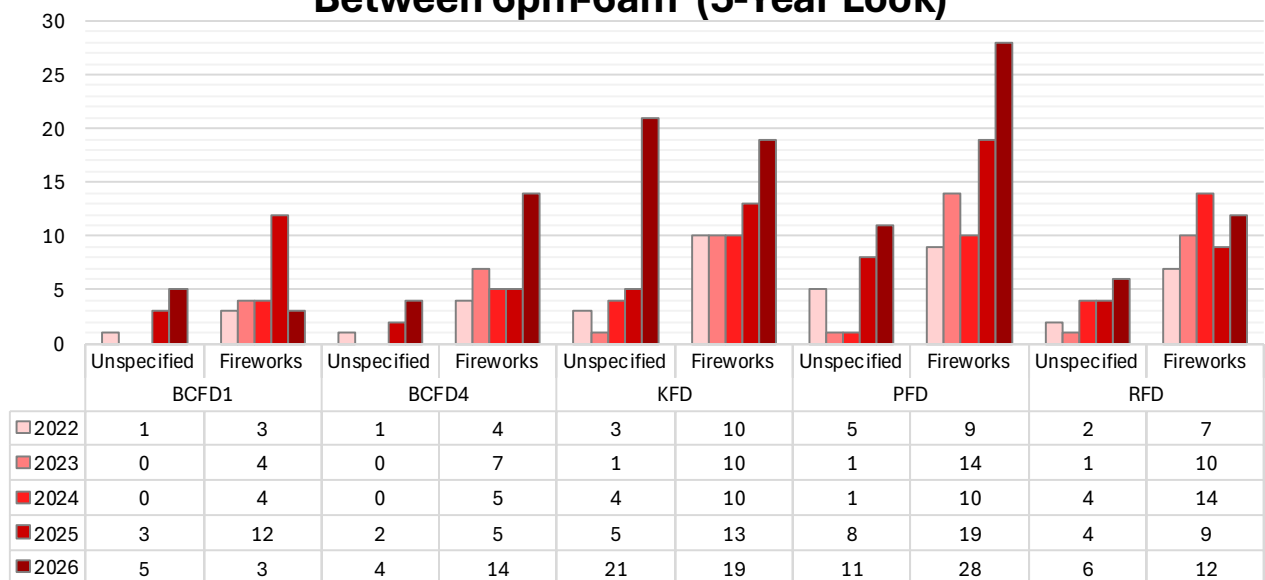
Incident Data



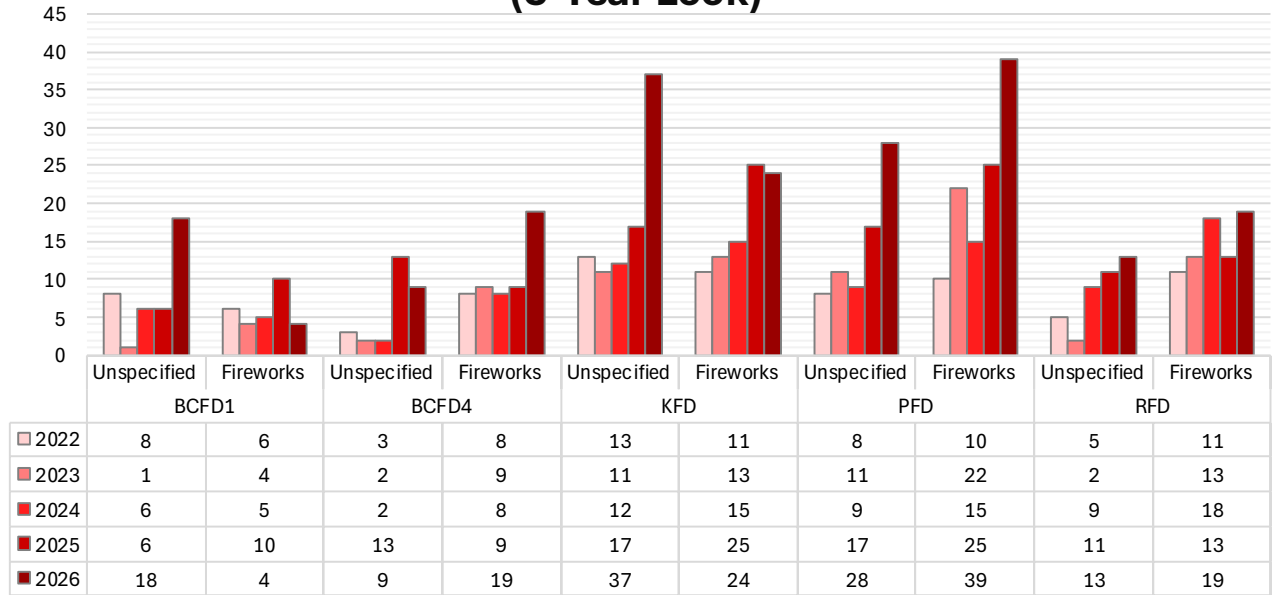
July 4-5, 2026: Fire Incident Responses Between 6pm -6am



July 4-5 Only: Fire-Related Incident Responses Between 6pm-6am (5-Year Look)



June 28 - July 5: Fire-Related Incident Responses (5-Year Look)





Independence Day After Action Report

July 14, 2026

Outline

- Public Information Campaign
- KPD – Independence Day Weekend Debrief
- KPD – 4th of July Specific Debrief
- KPD – River of Fire - KPD Debrief
- KFD – Fire Prevention
- KFD – Fire Operations
- KFD – Weather Conditions
- KFD – Additional Data



Public Education Campaign

- Led by our Communications Department
- Press release in English/Spanish on June 19th – 24% increase
- “Notify Me” Emails/Texts – Sent to 18,644 customers
- Digital Reader Boards – CCB & Canal/397 & Columbia Dr.
- Fireworks Stand Flyer – Placed on stands in W. Richland
- Web page and regional partner FAQ distribution
- New Fireworks Webpage – 2,360 page visits
- Fireworks Flyer to 8 HOA Leaders



KPD Independence Weekend Debrief

- Staffing – 6:00pm – 6:00am
 - July 3rd – 2 Supervisors, 10 Officers
 - July 4th – 2 Supervisors, 10 Officers – 1 Officer/KFD Captain
 - July 5th – 1 Supervisor, 10 Officers
- July 3rd – 25 Fireworks calls (16 in 2025)
- July 4th – 95 Fireworks calls (117 in 2025)
- July 5th – 48 Fireworks calls (48 in 2025)
- Total of 749 Calls for Service from July 3-5 (815 in 2025)
- 168 of these were Fireworks calls (181 in 2025)



KPD 4th of July Specific – 6pm-3am

- KPD/KFD Emphasis Team – 48 events (25 dispatched calls, 19 proactive, 4 patrol assists) – All positive contacts – no infractions issued.
- 207 Total events – 110 Fireworks, 97 other calls/events
- 97 Other calls included
 - 19 Field Events
 - 15 Traffic Events
 - 13 Assists
 - 7 Suspicious Circumstances
 - 6 Disturbances (3 Domestic)
 - 5 Assaults (4 Assault DV, 1 Assault)
 - 4 Vehicle Accidents
 - 4 Information
 - 3 Welfare Checks
 - 3 Noise Complaints
 - 2 Alarms
 - 2 Extra Patrols
 - 2 Follow Ups
 - 1 – Burglary, Weapons, Lewd Conduct, Missing Persons, Pursuit, Fraud Trespass, Mal/Misc, Theft, Civil, Loitering, Property



River of Fire – KPD Debrief

- Staffing – 2 Commanders, 1 Sergeant, 5 Officers, 1 Cadet, 2 BCSO Deputies on Benton County Boat, 1 FCSO Deputy and 1 PPD Officer on Franklin County Boat. Dedrone Trailer and Drone Pilot
- Park at capacity at approximately 8:30 pm.
- 3 Lost/Found Children
- Reported disturbance with weapon – nothing located
- Fight on east end of park – dispersed
- Park cleared at approximately 11 pm.



KFD – Fire Prevention

- **Inspected & Permitted:** 9 fireworks stands
 - Public Education Booth (Columbia Park, 2–7pm)
 - Engaged 630 community members
 - Distributed safety info and promotional items (cooling towels, water bottles)
- **Joint Fireworks Patrol** (DFM & KPD, 8pm–1am)
 - Responded to 48 calls for service
 - Community was respectful and receptive to education



KFD – Fire Operations

- **July 3** (6pm – 1am)
 - Staffed off-road firefighting vehicle
 - 5 fireworks-related fires
- **July 4** (6pm – 2:30am)
 - Two extra ambulance crews
 - Firefighting-capable UTV at River of Fire
 - Off-road firefighting vehicle
 - 2nd Shift Supervisor
 - 40 fireworks-related fires



KFD – WX Conditions

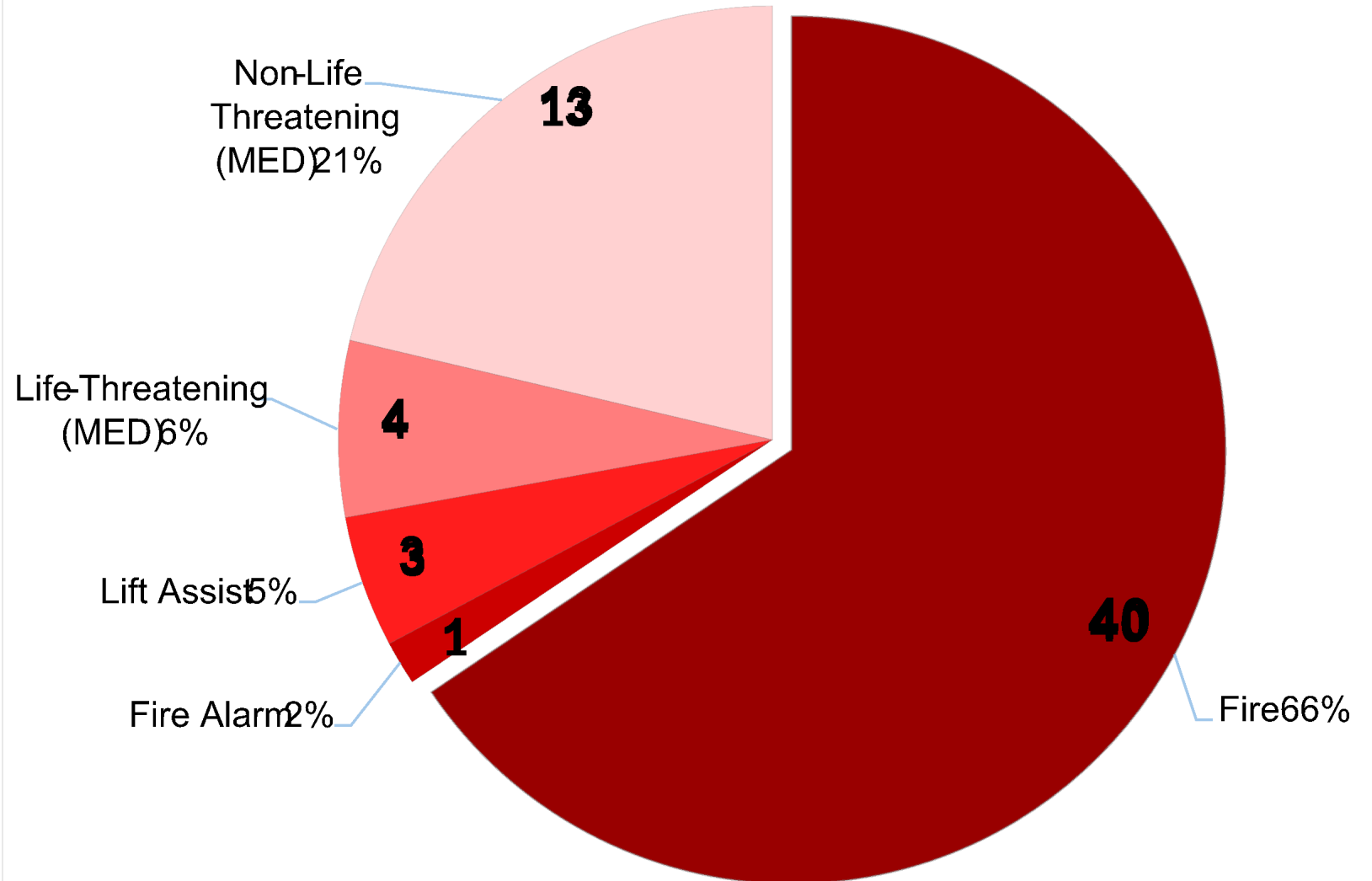


July 3	
Temperature	53°F - 90°F
Wind	3 -13 mph (Highest gust speed: 20mph)
Relative humidity	19-84%

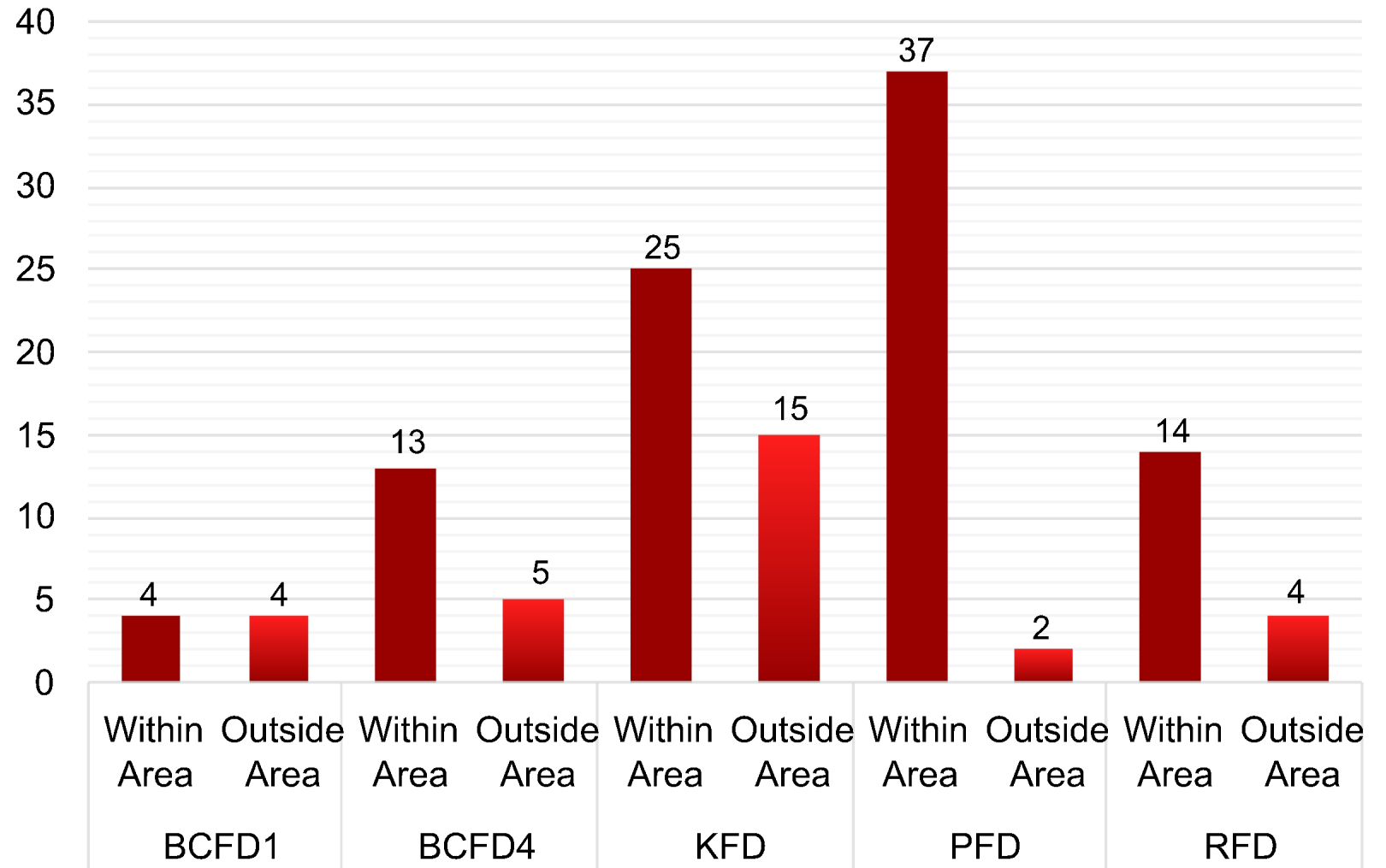
July 4	
Temperature	56°F - 93°F
Wind	2 -13 mph (Highest gust speed: 17mph)
Relative humidity	14-77%

July 5	
Temperature	52°F - 89°F
Wind	5 -14 mph (Highest gust speed: 18mph)
Relative humidity	19-67%

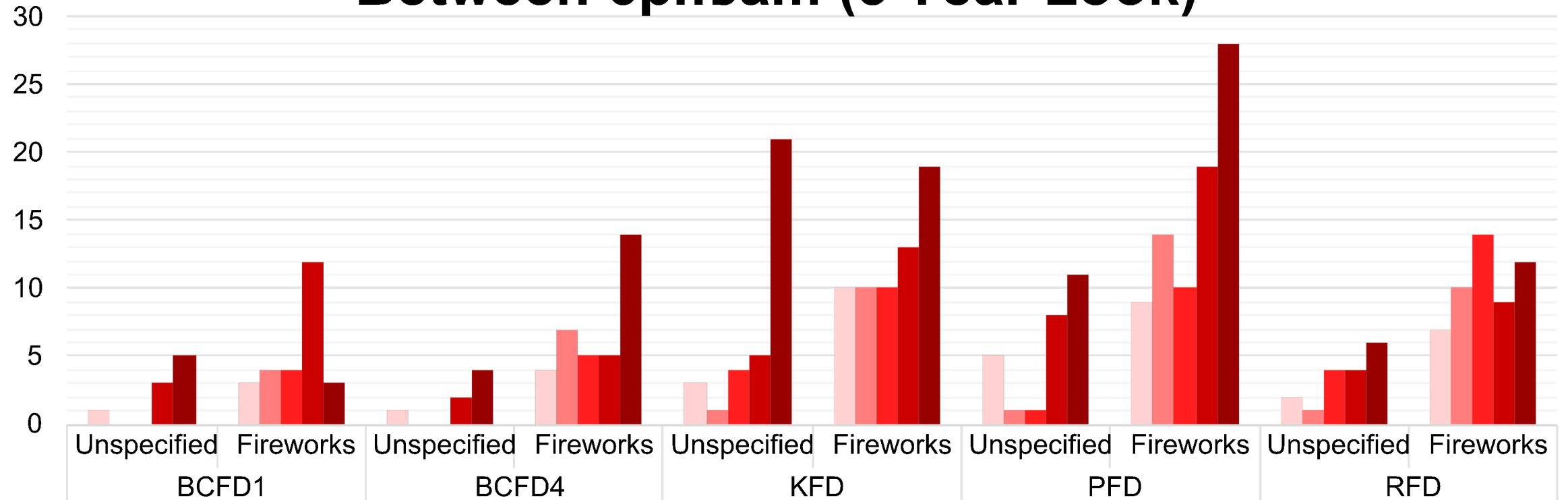
July 4, 2026: All Incident Responses by Dispatch Reason Between-6pm



July 45, 2026: Fire Incident Responses Between 6pm-6am

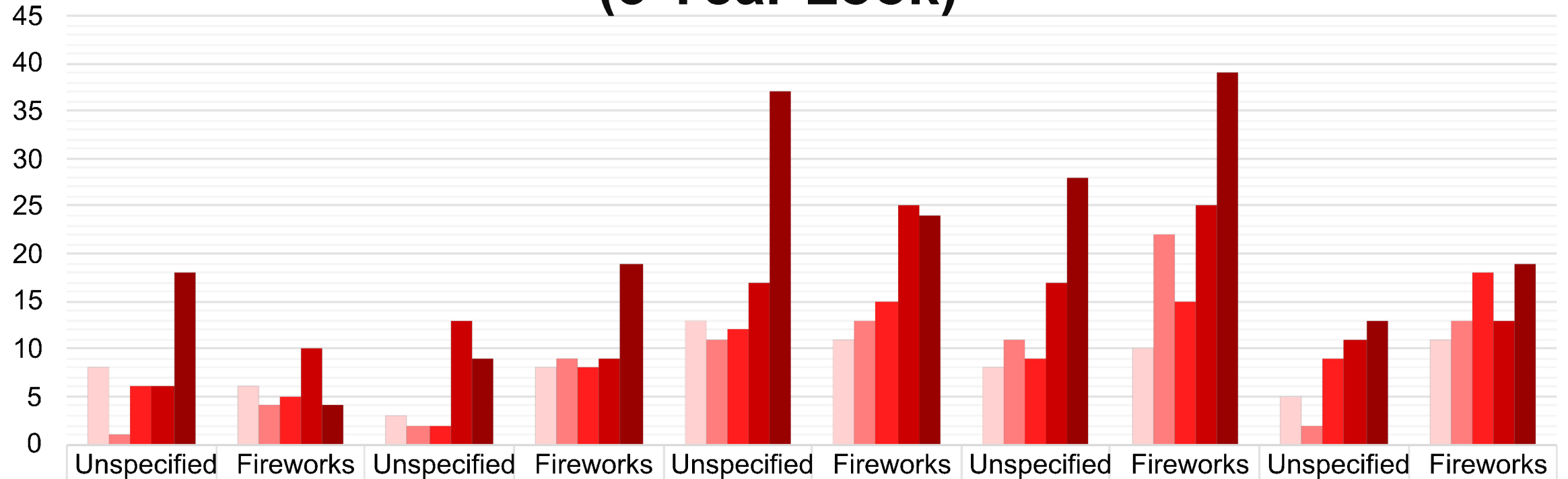


July 45 Only:Fire-Related Incident Responses Between 6pm-6am (5-Year Look)



	BCFD1		BCFD4		KFD		PFD		RFD	
2022	1	3	1	4	3	10	5	9	2	7
2023	0	4	0	7	1	10	1	14	1	10
2024	0	4	0	5	4	10	1	10	4	14
2025	3	12	2	5	5	13	8	19	4	9
2026	5	3	4	14	21	19	11	28	6	12

June 28 July 5 Fire-Related Incident Responses (5-Year Look)



	BCFD1		BCFD4		KFD		PFD		RFD	
2022	8	6	3	8	13	11	8	10	5	11
2023	1	4	2	9	11	13	11	22	2	13
2024	6	5	2	8	12	15	9	15	9	18
2025	6	10	13	9	17	25	17	25	11	13
2026	18	4	9	19	37	24	28	39	13	19