

# Key Peninsula Fire District 2025 Community Survey

## Survey Introduction:

Your Key Peninsula Fire District (KPF) wants to hear from you! We're planning for the future and need your input on fire safety, emergency services, and community priorities. Your feedback will help shape decisions about staffing, equipment, and facilities over the next 10 to 20 years. This survey will take about 10 minutes, and your responses are confidential. Thank you for helping us make our community safer.

Please plan to join us in discussing the capital facilities plan, this survey, and next steps at the KPF Town Hall meeting on Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 6-8 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

## Section 1. Community Perception of the District and Awareness of Services Provided/Needed

We want to understand how you see KPF and the services we provide. Please share your thoughts on what's working well and what could improve.

### Q1. How satisfied are you with the Key Peninsula Fire District?

- No Response    Very Dissatisfied    Dissatisfied    Neutral    Satisfied    Very Satisfied

### Q2. How important are these services to you?

**Rate the importance of each item below on a scale from 1 (Not important) to 5 (Very important)**

	1	2	3	4	5
Fire Response Services .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EMS Response Services .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vehicle Accident Response Services.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Rescue Response Services .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Emergency Services (i.e. burn permits, notary, water test drop-off, etc.).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Education (i.e. CPR & Safe Sitter classes, school programs, etc.).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other? (provide your written response below) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Q3. What are your most important fire safety and emergency care concerns for our community?

**Rate the importance of each item below on a scale from 1 (Not important) to 5 (Very important)**

	1	2	3	4	5
Response times for emergency calls .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of paramedics and ambulances .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition of fire stations and equipment .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staffing additional stations with 24/7 crews.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fewer volunteer firefighters available .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire prevention and emergency preparedness education .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other? (provide your written response below).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Q4. Are there any services you think KPF should provide that we currently don't?

**Section 2. Planning for the Future**

KPFD must plan ahead to ensure we can meet the growing demands of the Key Peninsula. Limited funding and fewer volunteer firefighters make it essential to prioritize how we invest in emergency services. We’ve studied our stations and equipment, and now we need your input on what’s most important.

A 2023 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) evaluated the condition of KPFD’s fire stations and found improvements needed for safety, efficiency, and long-term planning. The study looked at the age and condition of facilities, compliance with fire codes, and firefighter health and safety. A key focus was Station #46 in Key Center, which serves as KPFD headquarters, but all stations were assessed for upgrades to ensure KPFD can continue serving the community effectively. The CFP and several other previous future planning reports can be found on the “Resources” tab on the District’s web site at [www.KeyPeninsulaFire.org](http://www.KeyPeninsulaFire.org).

**Q5. Considering planning for the future, how important are these future priorities to you?**

<b><i>Rate the importance of each item below on a scale from 1 (Not important) to 5 (Very important)</i></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Replacing older fire trucks and equipment .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiring additional career firefighters, EMT’s, and/or Paramedics .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recruiting additional volunteer firefighters .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increasing public communication and outreach .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adding staff to open Station #45 (Wright-Bliss) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving fire stations to meet safety needs .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Replacing Station #46 with a new facility within Key Center .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other? (provide written response below) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q6. The 2023 CFP Report included several recommendations for improvements to be considered in the next five to ten years. Of those, how important are each of these improvements to you?**

<b><i>Rate the importance of each item below on a scale from 1 (Not important) to 5 (Very important)</i></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Upgrading fire stations to meet safety standards .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adding gear storage to reduce cancer risks for firefighters .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving health and safety for crews and the public .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seismic upgrades to all stations for earthquake safety .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enhancing security at fire stations .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing additional public meeting spaces at stations .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning for future community growth .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other? (provide written response below) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

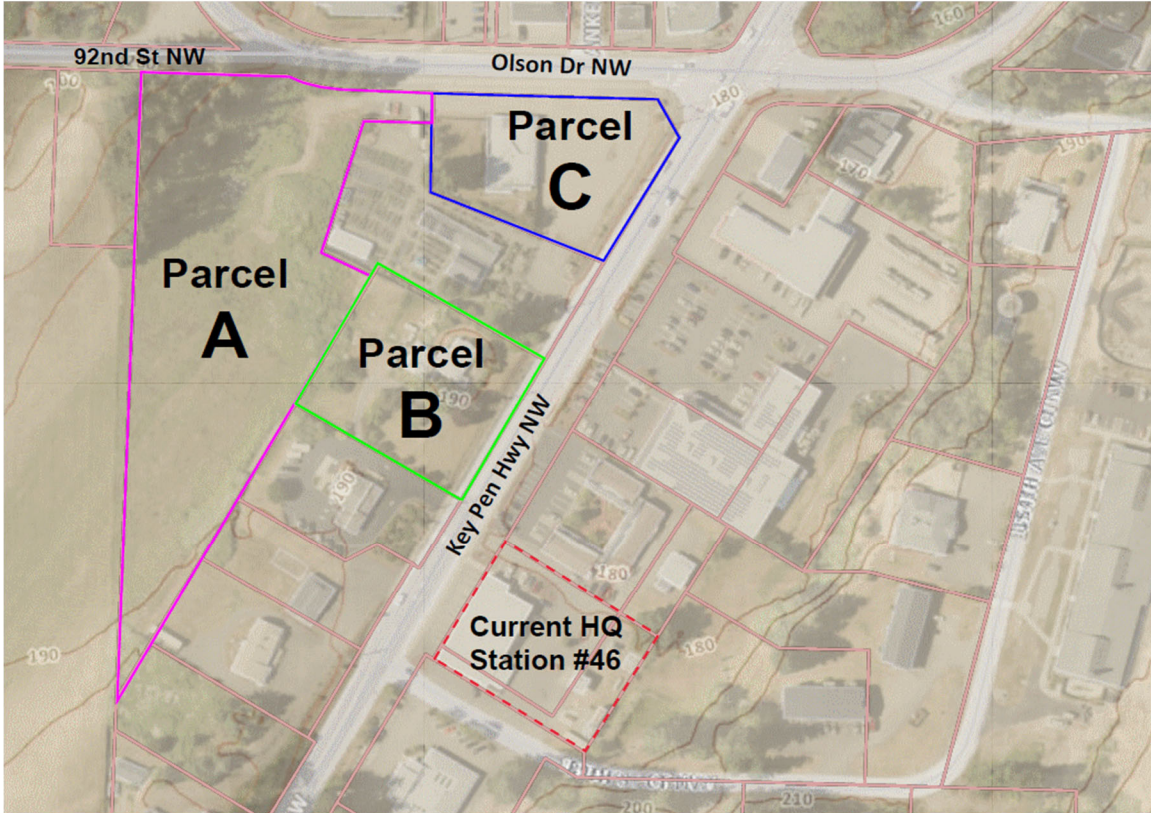
**Q7. What additional fire or emergency services should KPFD plan for in the next 5-10 years?**

**Section 3. Status of Key Center Properties and Station #46**

For more than 30 years, KPFD planning reports have emphasized the need to keep a Fire District presence in Key Center. Recognizing that replacing Station #46 would take years, the Board of Fire Commissioners began searching for a suitable site in 2018. By 2021, the District purchased three parcels of land in Key Center for potential future use.

However, with changing priorities and mixed community opinions, the Board voted on January 28, 2025 to sell the Calahan property (Parcel C). While the other two properties (Parcels A & B), remain as a possible location for a future Station #46, we are gathering community input on whether to keep or sell these properties and how to plan for future Fire District facilities.

Parcel Map below for reference: Parcel A (Olson "pasture"), Parcel B (Olson "residence"), and Parcel C (Calahan).



**Q8.** The 2023 CFP Report provided several options and costs for building a new Station #46 on the Parcel A & Parcel B properties purchased in 2021. If built, how important to you are these features in a new station?

Rate the importance of each item below on a scale from 1 (Not important) to 5 (Very important).

	1	2	3	4	5
Space for 24/7 staffing in the future .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enough garage space (bays) for current and future fire trucks.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drive-through bays for safety and efficiency .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Office space for administrative staff .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More community meeting spaces.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secured firefighter training spaces.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved accessibility for emergency vehicles.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other? (provide written response below) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q9. At what funding level would you support a Capital Bond Measure for facility improvements to KPF D stations?**

*Multiple Choice, select any that apply*

- \$0 – I can't support any funding at this time .....
- \$0 to \$3M – For urgent seismic upgrades only .....
- \$3M to \$5M – For urgent and near-term needs only .....
- \$5M to \$10M – To address some recommended improvements .....
- \$10M to \$20M – To address several recommended improvements .....
- \$20M to \$25M – To address most recommended improvements, including  
building a new Headquarters Station #46 in Key Center .....
- Other? (provide written response below) .....

**Q10. Refer to the image at the beginning of this section. While the board has voted to sell Parcel C (the Calahan property), no specific decisions have been made on timing or price. The District is working with a commercial broker on listing it soon. On the other two Key Center properties (Parcels A & B), we would appreciate your feedback on what you think KPF D should do with each of those parcels? Please indicate your preferences for each parcel (columns A & B), regarding whether you would like them kept for future use or sold, as well as your preferred sale timeline and minimum acceptable price if you do want them sold.**

*Indicate your recommendation for each parcel: (A = Olson "pasture", B = Olson "residence")* --->

- |                                                                                         | <b>A</b>                 | <b>B</b>                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Retain parcel for future use ..... <input type="checkbox"/>                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sell immediately at any price ..... <input type="checkbox"/>                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sell only at or above full market value ..... <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sell only if at least 60% of purchase price is recovered ..... <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sell only if at least 75% of purchase price is recovered ..... <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sell only if at least 90% of purchase price is recovered ..... <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No preference ..... <input type="checkbox"/>                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other? (provide written response below) ..... <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Q11. If you feel all of the Key Center properties should be sold, how should KPF D address the aging condition of Station #46 and where should this station be located if remodeling the existing facility proves too costly?**

**Q12. Are there any other suggestions or comments that you would like to share regarding services provided by KPF D, our role within the KP community, and/or where you see the District in the next 10 to 20 years?**

**Section 4. Fire District Funding Sources**

*KPFD is mainly funded through two local property tax levies: the Regular Fire Levy (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value) and the EMS Levy (\$0.50 per \$1,000). As property values rise, these tax rates decrease unless voters approve a "Levy Lid Lift" to restore them to their original levels. Larger projects, like new fire stations, are typically funded through voter-approved Capital Bond Measures, which spread costs over 10-20 years. KPFD doesn't get county or state property tax funding, so we depend on voter-approved measures to help us keep up with inflation, maintain service levels, upgrade equipment, and when possible, increase staffing.*

**Q13.** In 2019 Key Peninsula voters approved converting the 10-year EMS Levy to a Permanent EMS Levy. Since tax revenue increases over the last six years haven't kept pace with rising costs, would you support an EMS Levy Lid Lift ballot measure in 2025?

- Yes, I would support it.....
- No, I would not support it .....
- I am undecided at this time for the following reasons: .....

**Q14.** In 2021 Key Peninsula voters approved the most recent Regular Fire Levy Six-Year Lid Lift. Since the Regular Fire Levy provides the PRIMARY funding for the District and the current lid lift will expire in 2027, would you support a Regular Fire Levy Six-Year Lid Lift renewal ballot measure in 2027?

- Yes, I would support it.....
- No, I would not support it .....
- I am undecided at this time for the following reasons: .....

**Q15.** In 2024, KP voters didn't renew the 2012 Maintenance & Operations Levy and KPFD lost \$800,000 in annual funding. How do you think the district should address this budget gap?

**Survey Respondent Demographic Info** *(Please provide a response to each of the demographic information below)*

**R1.** Which area of the Key Peninsula Fire District do you currently live or own property?

- |                                          |                                              |                                                        |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Wauna..... <input type="checkbox"/>      | Key Center ..... <input type="checkbox"/>    | Lakebay..... <input type="checkbox"/>                  |
| Minter ..... <input type="checkbox"/>    | Home ..... <input type="checkbox"/>          | Longbranch..... <input type="checkbox"/>               |
| Glen Cove ..... <input type="checkbox"/> | Herron..... <input type="checkbox"/>         | I do not live within the..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vaughn ..... <input type="checkbox"/>    | Herron Island ..... <input type="checkbox"/> | Key Peninsula Fire District                            |

**R2.** What is your age group?

- |                                             |                                        |                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 17 or younger..... <input type="checkbox"/> | 31 – 45 ..... <input type="checkbox"/> | 81 or older ..... <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| 18 – 21..... <input type="checkbox"/>       | 46 – 60 ..... <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer No Response..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22 – 30..... <input type="checkbox"/>       | 61 – 80 ..... <input type="checkbox"/> |                                                  |

**Thank you!**

*Your input is valuable and will help shape our strategic plan for fire and emergency services. If you have questions about this survey or would like to know more about your Key Peninsula Fire District, please call the District office at 253-884-2222 or visit [www.KeyPeninsulaFire.org](http://www.KeyPeninsulaFire.org).*

*We plan to keep this survey open from February 1 through March 31 to allow time for as much community feedback as possible. Please encourage others to complete this survey and plan to join us at the KPFD Town Hall meeting on Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 6-8 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.*