# East Metro Training Group 2025 Annual Training Plan

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- We are here today to provide insight into the East Metro Training Group (EMTG) and department training standards.
  - The Fire Department is requesting the EMTG ILA be approved to be on the consent agenda on March 4, 2025, as drafted.
- The role of EMTG is to train and educate firefighter/EMTs.
- This process begins after initial hiring with a full EMT certification course and 13-week fire academy.
- Training and education is curated and delivered for the employee's entire career, specific to rank and qualification up through Chief Officer ranks.



### Introduction (cont.)

- Established in 2012, EMTG synergizes existing resources to provide training for Bellevue and Redmond Fire Department personnel.
- EMTG uses an Annual Training Plan (ATP) to provide a roadmap for training needs, goals, and objectives.
- The ATP is designed to ensure the departments meet federal (29 CFR 1910), state (WAC 296-305), and Washington Survey and Ratings Bureau (WSRB) requirements.

# **EMTG Mission, Vision, and Core Values**



- Mission: Provide world class training, education, and development of all member department personnel.
- Vision: A unified training division that embraces progression and new ideas to generate the best possible training and development outcomes.
- Core Values: Integrity, Inclusion, and Teamwork.



### Purpose

- Clearly establish requirements, disciplines, hours, and schedules annually.
- Ensure operational readiness and manage risk across all disciplines.
- Develop manipulative, interpersonal, and leadership skills to meet department needs.





- The ATP establishes minimum training hours per discipline.
- Objectives for each training session to ensure training requirements and expectations are met.
- Training hours are determined by WSRB and NFPA requirements.



### Minimum Training Hours (cont.)

• All training and evaluations are curated through Vector Solutions learning management system.

• The ATP includes a Master Calendar so company officers and command staff can balance other duties and priorities throughout the year.



## Minimum Training Hours (cont.)

Training Types	Hours per Member (Minimum)
Fire Operations	120
EMS-BLS	28
EMS-ALS	65
Hazardous Materials (ops)	8
Hazardous Materials (tech)	40
Technical Rescue	200
Driver Engineer	16
Officer Development	40
Light Rail Response	10
Probationary FF Training	360
Wildland Training	8

# Minimum Training Hours (cont.)

January	February	March
ALS – 5.5	ALS - 5.5	ALS - 5.5
BLS-2	BLS-3	BLS – 3
Suppression - 10	Suppression – 10	Suppression – 10
Driver/Engineer – 2	Driver/Engineer - 1	Driver/Engineer – 2
Officer Development – 8	Officer Development - 4	Officer Development – 2
Hazmat Tech – 4	Hazmat Tech – 4	Hazmat Tech - 4
	Hazmat Ops – 2	Wildland – 2
Tech Rescue – 14	Tech Rescue - 16	Tech Rescue - 18
Light Rail - 2	Light Rail – 2 Light Rail - 4	

April	May	June
ALS - 5.5	ALS - 5.5	ALS - 5.5
BLS-2	BLS - 3	BLS - 3
Suppression – 10	Suppression – 10	Suppression – 10
Driver/Engineer - 1		Driver/Engineer – 1
Officer Development - 4	Officer Development – 4	Officer Development – 5
Hazmat Tech – 4	Hazmat Tech – 4	Hazmat Tech – 4
	Wildland - 2	Hazmat Ops – 2
Tech Rescue - 16	Tech Rescue - 16	Tech Rescue – 20
Light Rail - 2	Light Rail - 2	Light Rail - 2
Probationary FF Training - 30	FF Training – 30 Probationary FF Training – 30 Probationary FF Training – 30	

October	November	December
ALS - 5.5	ALS - 5.5	ALS - 5.5
BLS-2	BLS - 3	BLS - 3
Suppression – 10	Suppression – 10	Suppression – 10
Driver/Engineer – 1	Driver/Engineer – 1	Driver/Engineer – 1
Officer Development – 5	Officer Development – 4	Officer Development – 4
Hazmat Tech – 4	Hazmat Tech - 4	Hazmat Tech - 4
	Wildland – 2	Hazmat Ops – 2
Tech Rescue – 22	Tech Rescue – 18	Tech Rescue – 20
Light Rail - 2	Light Rail - 2	Light Rail - 2
Probationary FF Training - 30	Probationary FF Training - 30	Probationary FF Training - 30





• Fire Operations - all topics related to fire suppression.

• Emergency Medical Services - Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support training and certification maintenance.

• Driver/Engineer - specific requirements to maintain driving, pumping, and aerial operation qualifications.





• Officer Development - training and education on tactics, leadership, and personnel management.

• Probationary Firefighter Training – new personnel complete a 12-month task book after academy graduation.

 Special Operations - initial certification and ongoing refresher training to maintain competence in technician level skills









- Hazardous Materials: Operations and Technician level training for response to hazmat incidents.
- Technical Rescue: Confined space, rope operations, trench rescue, structural collapse and machinery rescue.
- Light Rail: LRV lift technicians, coordinated excercises.
- Water Rescue: Surface water technician and ops refreshers.
- Wildland: Initial certification and annual refresher courses and shelter deployment requirements.







### **Administrative Training**

 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI): Quarterly readings and videos.

• Legal Compliance (Labor and Industries): HIPAA, asbestos, and wildfire smoke awareness.

 Health & Wellness: Peer support, safety protocols, and prevention training.



## Administrative Training (cont.)

Officer Development		
Coaching, Counseling, Personnel Management	Quarterly	
Conflict resolution, personnel problems		
Employee Assistance		
<ul> <li>Recognizing mental health problems in subordinates, expectations and resources</li> </ul>	May	
Company Officer Academy	Cantambar	
<ul> <li>Academy for Probationary Company Officers</li> </ul>	September	
Leadership		
<ul> <li>Selected leadership readings</li> </ul>	Quarterly	
<ul> <li>Kastros Leadership Labs</li> </ul>	Jan-Dec	
Emergency Operations		
■ Tactics		
■ Calm the Chaos	Monthly	
■ ICS	Monthly	
<ul> <li>Mayday</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Special Operations</li> </ul>		





- Safety refined knowledge, skills, and abilities keep firefighters safe and serving the community
- Risk Management well trained and equipped firefighters reduce risk for the city as an employer and service provider
- Operational Readiness personnel are equipped will skillsets to manage growing and diverse problem sets.
- Cost Efficiency through the consortium model









- East Link and Downtown Redmond Link scheduled to fully open in 2025.
- Negotiating since 2019 with BFD, Sound Transit, and RFD.
  - Acquired \$650,000 in equipment and funding for training/response.
- Expected increase in ridership and call volume.
- New safety hazards require enhanced training.
  - LRV lifting, full scale exercise, tabletops, ongoing drills/exercises
  - Regional Fire/Life Safety Committee
- 2025 training focuses enhancing the skills already established to respond effectively





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# Thank You

Any Questions?

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