

Seattle Fire Department Marine Fire Protection Project Records, 1972-1980

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). Fire Dept.
Title	Seattle Fire Department Marine Fire Protection Project Records
Dates	1972-1980 (inclusive) 1972 1980
Quantity	2 cubic feet, (5 boxes)
Collection Number	2801-14
Summary	Records documenting the Seattle Fire Department's Marine Fire Protection Project.
Repository	Seattle Municipal Archives Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 archives@seattle.gov
Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for processing this record series was provided through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Historical Note

A Fire Department was established by City Charter in 1883. It provided for equipment purchases, but not for hiring of firefighters. Following the Great Fire of 1889, a professional fire department was created with five district fire stations and purchase of a fire boat. The first Fire Chief of the professional department was Gardner Kellogg who served 1890-1892 and 1895-1901. A Board of Fire Commissioners was established by the 1890 City Charter to prescribe rules and regulations for the Department. The Board's responsibilities included enforcing rules violations, and appointing the Fire Chief and all subordinate officers. The Board was abolished with passage of a new City Charter in 1896. The position of Fire Marshall was established in 1901 with responsibility for inspecting buildings to insure they were in compliance the ordinances related to building construction and fire protection. The Fire Marshall also inspects all fires and reports on the causes. The Department's mission is to curtail loss of life and property by fire through inspection and certification of building safety systems, public education, regulation of hazardous material storage, and fire suppression.

The Marine Fire Protection Project was established in 1973 to create a fire-safe environment for shipboard personnel, protect port facilities and the maritime economy, reduce the potential for large

marine fires and environmental damage, provide highly trained personnel for ship fires, and encourage the fire service and the maritime community to cooperate in marine fire protection efforts. The first two years of active operation were funded by a joint effort of the U.S. Department of Commerce, State of Washington, and Seattle Fire Department. After this period, the project relied on funds donated by the marine industry. The budget restraints within the City of Seattle, combined with the lack of a permanent funding source, forced termination of the program on June 30, 1977.

Content Description

The Marine Fire Protection Project Records include correspondence, minutes, detailed planning documents, and daily and monthly reports. Records cover the early planning phases of the project through its execution and eventually its discontinuation. Topics include education, training, equipment, budgets, and procedures. The records document the cooperative efforts among the ports, cities, state and federal institutions during the project.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Pre-Fire Planning

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Pre-Phase I - Project Planning Records, State of Washington Proposal	1973
1/2	Pre-Phase I - Surveys	1973
1/3	Pre-Phase I - Budget	1973
1/4	Pre-Phase I - Meeting Minutes	1973

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/5	Phase I - Planning Rough Notes	1973
1/6	Phase I - Budget	1973-1974
1/7	Phase I - Workshop	1973-1974
1/8	Phase I - Committee Base	1973-1974
1/9	Phase I - Committee Objectives, Correspondence	1973-1974
1/10	Phase I - Equipment Survey	1974
1/11	Phase I - Research and Development	1974
1/12	Phase I - Final Report	1974
1/13	Phase II - Budget	1973-1974
1/14	Phase II - Progress Reports, Cost Effectiveness Studies	1973-1975

Project Administration

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/15	Pre-Phase I - Proposal Base	1974
1/16	Phase I - Proposal	1973
1/17	Phase II - Project Summary	1974
1/18	"A Better Way" Film	1975-1977
1/19	Proposed Residential Smoke Detection Study	1976
1/20	Interim Personnel Selection of Marine Fire Assistance (MFA) Teams	1976
1/21	Phase III - Funding Methods for Marine Fire Protection	1976

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/22	Phase III - Cost of Marine Fire Assistance (MFA) Teams	1975
1/23	Phase III - Maritime Administration (MARAD)	1976
1/24	Phase III - Data	1975-1976
1/25	Phase III - Budget	1976-1977
1/26	18 Months Funding	1976
2/1	Weekly Progress Reports	1973-1974
2/2	Phase I - Monthly Progress Reports	1974
2/3	Phase II - Monthly Progress Reports	1975
2/4	Phase II - Monthly Progress Reports	1976
2/5	Phase III - Monthly Progress Reports	1976-1977
2/6	Marine Section - Daily Reports	1973-1974
2/7	Marine Fire Protection Project - Daily Reports	1974-1976
2/8	Marine Fire Protection Project - Daily Reports	1975-1976
2/9	Marine Fire Protection Project - Daily Reports	1975-1977
2/10	Marine Fire Protection Project - Daily Reports	1977
3/1	Marine Fire Protection Project - Daily Reports	1975
3/2	Photo Description	1974-1977
3/3	Endorsement for MFP Project	1973
3/4	H.R. 11459	1974-1976
3/5	Bill H.R. 11459	1976
3/6	Budget - Local Contribution	1974-1976

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/7	Seminar	1975
3/8	General Correspondence	1973-1974
3/9	General Correspondence	1975-1976
3/10	Pre-Fire Planning (PFP) and Marine Fire Assistance (MFA)	1974
3/11	Project Termination	1977
3/12	Marine Firefighting Assistance Agreement (MARAD)	1974-1975
3/13	Commission For Vocational Education	1974-1976
3/14	Vessel Operators Agreement	1974-1976
3/15	Industrial Mutual Aid	1974-1975
4/1	Marine Fire Assistance (MFA) - Pension Fund	1974-1976
4/2	Equipment Cache	1974-1977
4/3	Cache Assignment, Base File, Maintenance	1974-1977
4/4	Equipment Budget	1975
4/5	Pasco Cache	1975-1980
4/6	Vancouver Cache	1975-1980
4/7	Equipment Correspondence	1975-1976
4/8	Equipment Correspondence - Intra Project	1973-1975
4/9	Equipment Correspondence - Marine Firefighting Assistance Agreement (MARAD)	1975
4/10	Communication Equipment	1974
4/11	Port City Fire Departments Inventories	1974-1975
4/12	Equipment, Other Masters	1974-1976

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/13	Equipment Maintenance and Tests	1975

Marine Fire Assistance Training

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
4/14	Marine Fire Assistance (MFA) - Training, Response Procedures Manual	1975-1977
4/15	Training	1975-1977
4/16	Monthly Training Drills	1975-1976
4/17	MFA Training Bulletin	1973-1976
4/18	MFA, Training Course Description	1974-1975
4/19	Support Committee Report	1974-1975
4/20	Manpower Committee Reports	1974
4/21	Personnel Selection	1974
4/22	Recruit Training	1976
4/23	Training Committee Reports	1974
4/24	MFA Training - Chemical Hazard Response Information System (CHRIS)	1974-1975
4/25	MFA, Training - Foam Debate	1975
4/26	MFA Training - Schedule Changes	1974-1975
4/27	MFA Training - Seattle Community College Data	1975
4/28	MFA - Damage Control School, Program	1974
4/29	MFA - Oil Spill, Information (includes photos)	1972-1973

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/30	MFA, - Curriculum, Helicopter	1974-1975
5/1	Graduation Ceremony	1973-1975
5/2	Ship Classification and Construction	1974
5/3	Ship Familiarization Field Trips	1974-1975
5/4	Ship Fire Tactics, Lesson Plan	1974
5/5	Ship Systems Test	1975
5/6	Instructors	1974-1975

Marine Fire Assistance System Implementation

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
5/7	Tactics Handbook	1976
5/8	Transportation - Ground	1974-1975
5/9	Transportation - Water	1974
5/10	Transportation - Air	1974
5/11	Industry Meetings	1975
5/12	U.S. Coast Guard	1975
5/13	U.S. Navy	1975
5/14	Operational Tests	1975
5/15	Operational Drill - Operation Evaluation	1975
5/16	Operational Drill - Damage Control Central	1975
5/17	Communications Drill - Evaluations	1975

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/18	Transportations Drill - Evaluations	1975
5/19	Training Background Information	1975
5/20	Response Procedures	1974-1975
5/21	Marine Fire Incident Reports	1975

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Emergency drills--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Emergency management--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Fire fighters--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Fire prevention--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Harbors--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Marine terminals--Washington (State)--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Fire Dept.
 Port of Seattle
 United States. Dept. of Commerce

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

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