Seattle Fire Department

2027-2028 Proposed Budget Overview

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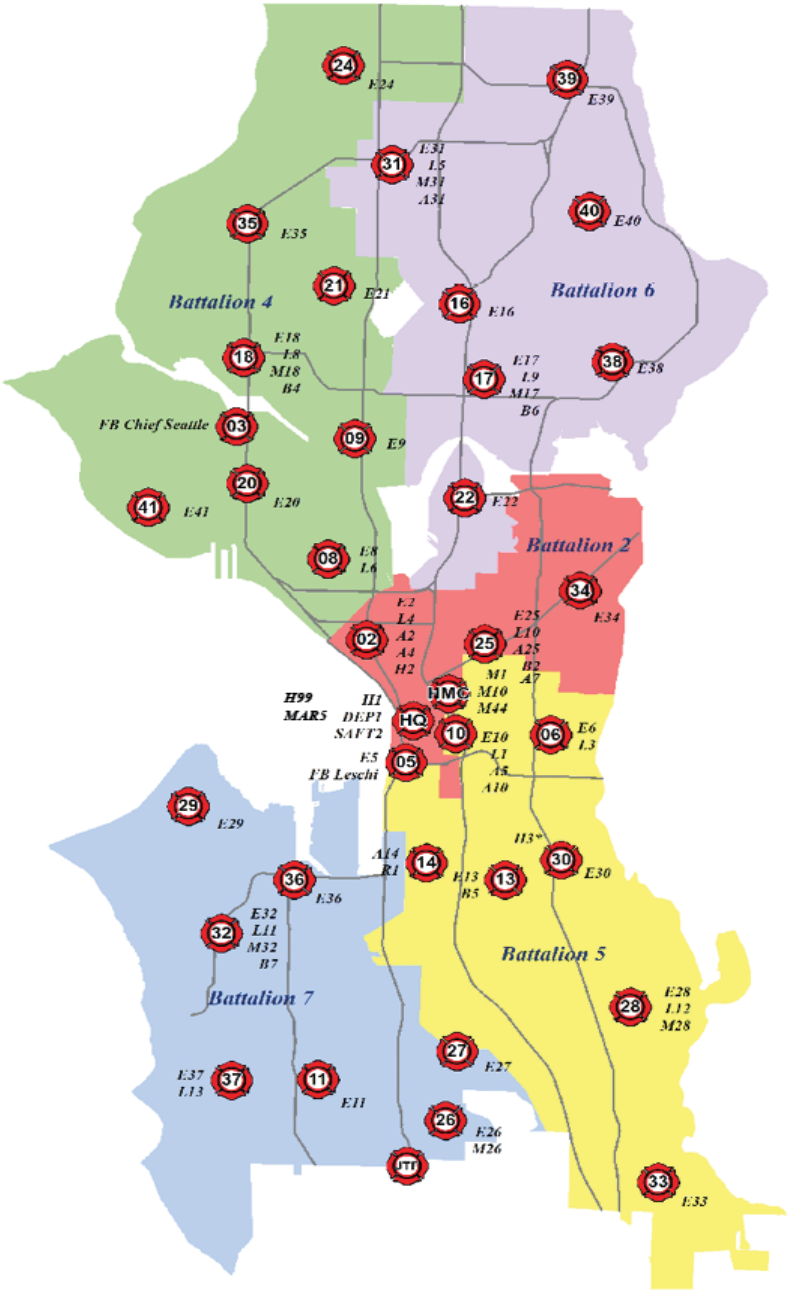
The mission of the Seattle Fire Department is to save lives and protect property through emergency medical service, fire and rescue response, and fire prevention.

We respond immediately when any member of our community needs help with professional, effective and compassionate service.

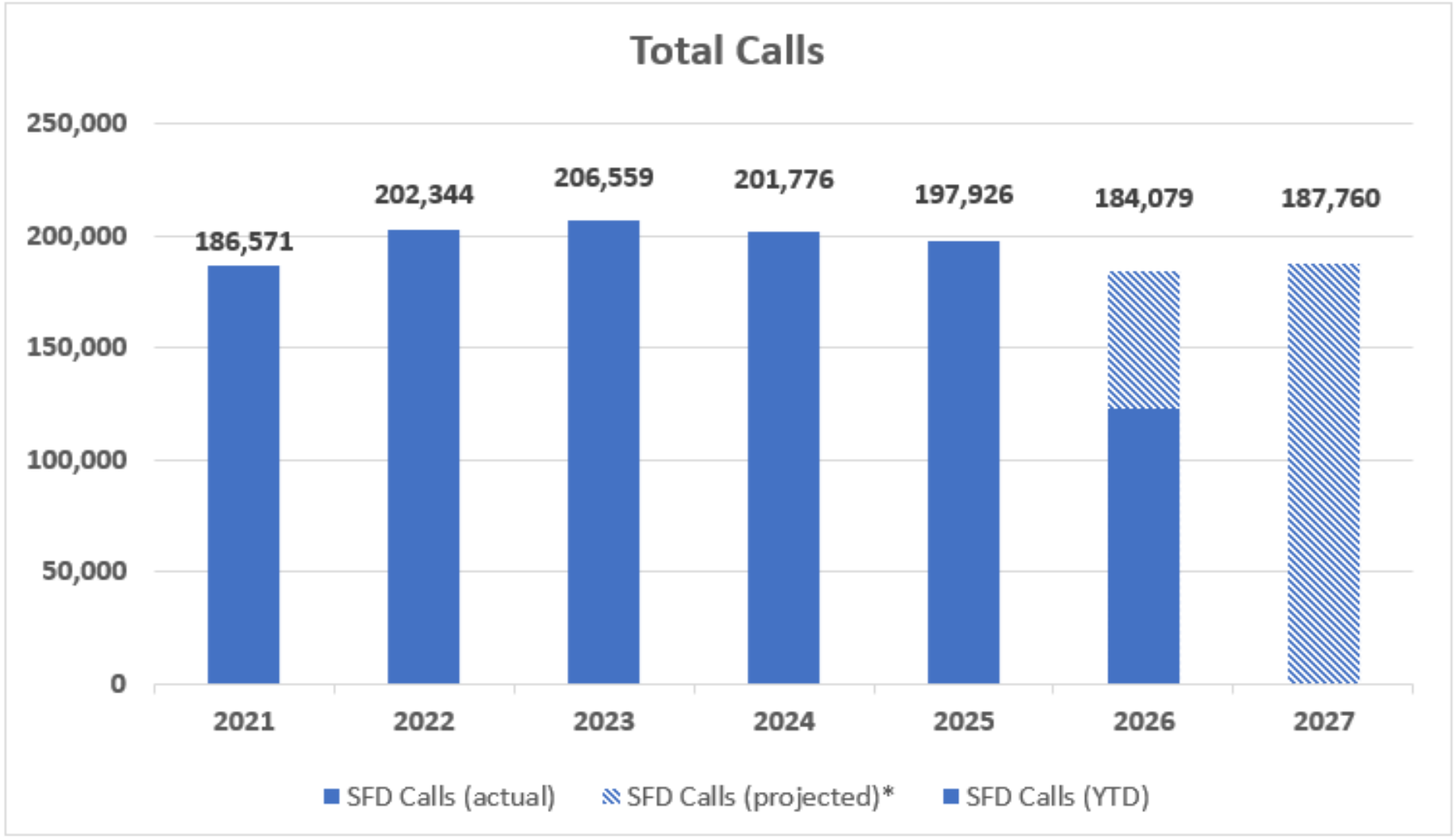
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The SFD provides emergency response through five geographic battalions, consisting of 33 fire stations (plus Battalion 3/Medic One at Harborview Medical Center) strategically placed around the city to maximize coverage and minimize response time. These stations are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by four separate shifts.

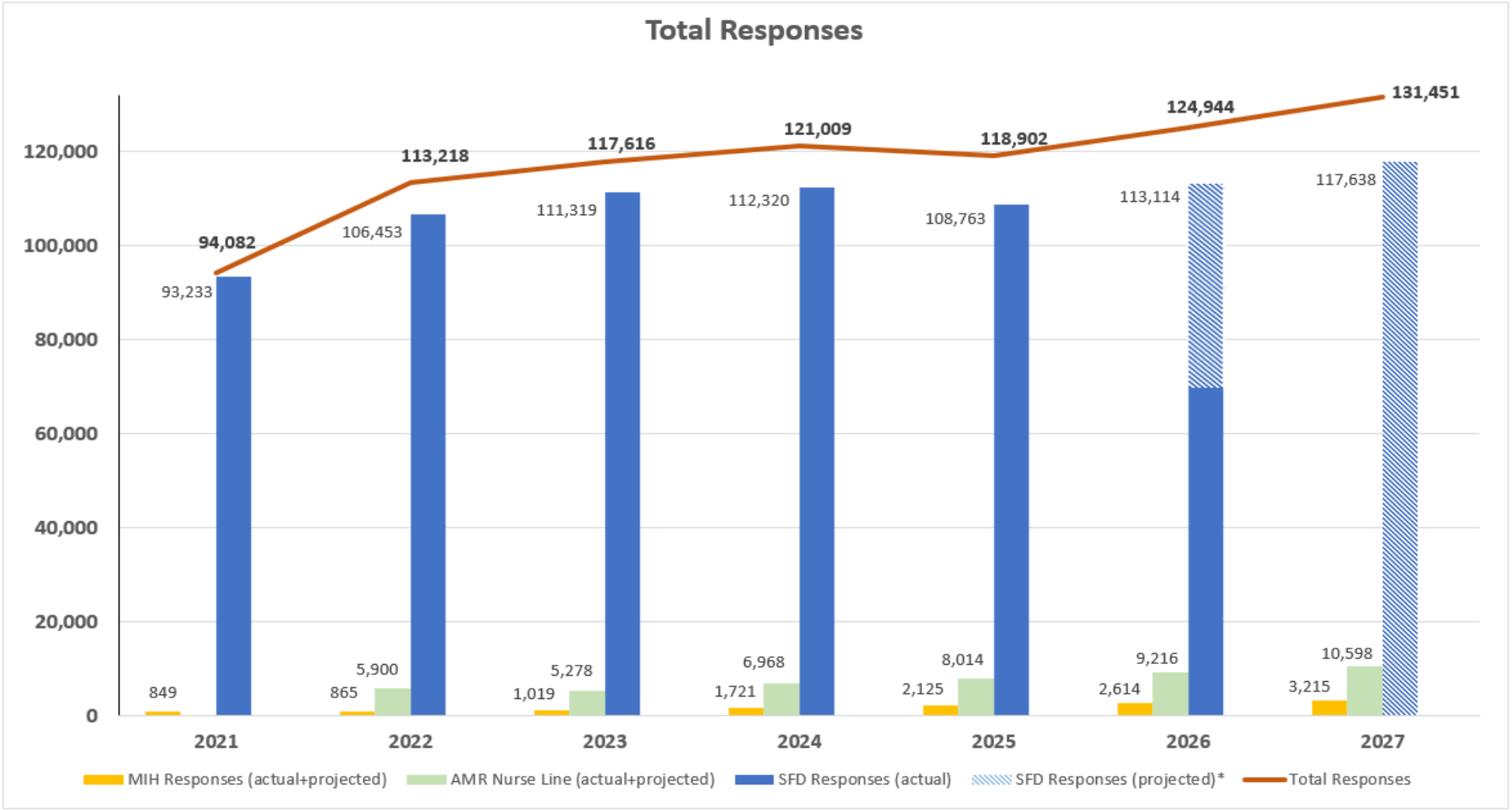
33 Fire Stations	2 Peak-Time Aid Units
32 Engines	3 Health One Units
12 Ladder Trucks	4 Fire Boats
8 Medic Units	2 Air Trucks
5 Aid Units	2 Hose Wagons



Total SFD Calls



Total SFD Responses



Summary

The Seattle Fire Department (SFD) provides fire protection and prevention, technical rescue, and emergency medical services for the City of Seattle.

To help address the City's long-term General Fund structural deficit, the 2027-2028 Proposed Budget reduces the department's overtime budget by $7.1 million per year, approximately 2% of the total annual SFD budget.

TOTAL BUDGET ($000s)	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	2028 Proposed
General Fund	$349,217	$346,241	$354,004
Other Funds	$1,475	$0	$0
FTE	1,220.85	1,232.28	1,232.28

Significant Reductions

1. Reduce Operating Overtime by -$7.1M

- This change reflects the City's budget constraints while maintaining the department's ability to provide necessary emergency response services.
- This reduction requires the department to manage staffing within available resources, including implementing planned unit outages. Even if units are temporarily out of service, the department will continue to maintain core fire and emergency response capabilities through the apparatus that remain operational and fully staffed.

($000s)	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	% Change (Adopted to 2027 Proposed	2028 Proposed	% Change (2027 Proposed to 2028 Proposed)
General Fund	$40,788	$33,727	(17%)	$33,727	0%
Other Funds	--	--		--	--
FTE	--	--		--	--

Significant Additions



2. Increases to baseline budget $1.02M

- $450,000 in utility baseline budget that supports our 33 fire stations and administrative buildings.
- $570,000 to support inflationary maintenance costs for our equipment, fleet, boats and buildings.
- This ongoing increase is based on historical actual expenditures and recognizes the impact of inflation on the cost of maintaining SFD's equipment and facilities.

($000s)	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	% Change (Adopted to 2027 Proposed	2028 Proposed	% Change (2027 Proposed to 2028 Proposed)
General Fund	$2,078	$3,099	51%	$3,099	0%
Other Funds	--	--		--	--
FTE	--	--		--	--

Related Significant Additions

3. Fire Station 25 Renovations $8.7 million

- Add a new CIP Project and add $8.7 million over the biennium in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services' (FAS) budget to increase funds for renovations to Fire Station 25
- This includes the HVAC, Roof, and Hood Project, which replaces and upgrades outdated and failing systems
- This is funded using $3 million of the FAS Operating Fund balance and $5.7 million will be limited tax general obligation (LTGO) bond financed



4. Repair Fireboat Leschi $2 million in 2026 Year-End Supplemental Budget Ordinance

- Funding to begin repair to the Leschi fireboat that is currently out of service



Position Changes



10 FTEs - Firefighter positions dedicated to Mobile Integrated Health (MIH)

The MIH program was created in 2016 as a partnership with SFD and HSD, providing a broad scope of support to clients experiencing mental illness, behavioral crisis, homelessness, substance abuse disorders and more.

Since 2019, the success of the program has expanded to include multiple Health One units and Overdose and Post-Overdose Response Teams. Establishing dedicated position authority will provide the organizational structure and alignment needed to manage the program's growth.

Funding to support these positions already exists in our budget.



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