

# Introducing South Snohomish County FIRE & RESCUE



Snohomish County Fire District 1 and Lynnwood Fire Department joined forces on Oct. 1 to form South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue. Voters in Lynnwood and Fire District 1 approved the formation of this regional fire authority in the Aug. 1 Primary Election.

We've combined our work force and resources to create a brand new regional fire department with a firefighting force of 250 uniformed personnel operating out of 14 fire stations. We serve unincorporated south Snohomish County and Lynnwood and our partner cities with service contracts: Brier, Edmonds and Mountlake Terrace.

When you call 9-1-1, you can expect to receive the same prompt response from the same firefighters, fire trucks and medic units operating out of the same neighborhood fire stations that served you in the past. We're still your fire department, and by coming together, we'll be able to work more efficiently, effectively and economically to better serve you.

*We look forward to serving you as  
South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue!*

## Meet the new Fire Chief

Bruce Stedman is the first fire chief of South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue. He was selected after an extensive nationwide search.

Chief Stedman has more than 39 years in the fire service. He previously was Fire Chief of the Arlington Fire Department in north Snohomish County and the Alhambra Fire Department in California. Chief Stedman has a bachelor's degree in occupational studies and a master's degree in emergency services administration, both from California State University, Long Beach.

During his time as a Fire Chief in Arlington, he served two years as the Director of Public Safety, overseeing both the police and fire departments. Chief Stedman also served as the Deputy Operations Chief during the first seven days of the Oso mudslide.

Chief Stedman has been an instructor for college courses on leadership, management and fire service. He has provided instruction and lectures internationally on American fire service, urban search and rescue, tactics and strategies, arson, riot response and other topics.



Fire Chief Stedman

### A message from Fire Chief Bruce Stedman

I am honored and humbled to serve as the first fire chief of South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue. My first day on the job was Oct. 1, the same day your new fire department was officially established. I look forward to serving you as we begin this great journey as a regional fire department.

This is a unique opportunity for all of us to be a part of something entirely new while preserving the best elements of the fire departments that came before us. It's an opportunity to find new ways to do a better job for the people we serve throughout the region, while retaining the community relationships we've established over the years. It's an opportunity to be a part

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*Your fire department  
at a glance . . .*

**We proudly serve**  
the cities of **Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood  
& Mountlake Terrace**

and the communities of **unincorporated  
south Snohomish County.**

**We employ**  
**250** uniformed fire personnel including  
firefighters certified in technical rescue  
& hazardous materials response.

**80 percent** of our calls  
are for emergency medical aid.

All our firefighters are certified as either emergency medical technicians or paramedics with advanced training to respond to the most serious medical emergencies. At least one paramedic is on duty daily at each of our 14 neighborhood fire stations.

**We're here to help when you call, but we'd prefer to  
prevent an emergency  
before it happens.**

That's why public education is an essential part of what we do. Injury prevention programs include custom-fit bike helmets available at fire stations for a small donation, child car seat checks twice a month by appointment, smoke alarm assistance and safe and healthy aging programs. See page 2 for details.

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# BETTER TOGETHER: *Getting to*

*When you call 911*

## Combining fire resources to improve service

Bringing together the emergency response resources of two fire departments to create a new fire service agency will improve operational efficiency and allow us to better meet the emergency response needs throughout our region. By joining forces, we now serve you with:

- 14 neighborhood fire stations with 24/7 staffing including paramedics.
- 250 uniformed firefighters.
- 3 ladder trucks.
- Specialty teams for hazardous materials and technical rescue responses.
- Marine 16 fire and rescue boat based at the Port of Edmonds.



## *Preventing emergencies*

### Helping you stay safe and sound

In addition to providing 911 response when you have an emergency, we offer programs to help you stay safe and sound.

#### Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms save lives by providing the early warning you need to escape in a fire. We want to help you maintain working smoke alarms in your home. We can provide information on types of smoke alarms and placement as well as assistance in testing or changing batteries. We also have a limited number of free smoke alarms for those who can't afford to purchase them. Contact Public Educator Shawneri Guzman for details: [sguzman@SouthSnoFire.org](mailto:sguzman@SouthSnoFire.org), 425-551-1254.



#### Custom-fit bicycle helmets



Bicycle helmets are available at all fire stations for a small donation. Firefighters will teach you how to get just the right fit to help you prevent head injuries. Children must be accompanied by their parents to receive a helmet. Helmets are available between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., whenever firefighters are in the station. Firefighters may be unavailable if responding to emergency calls.

#### Child car seat checks

Most child car seats aren't installed correctly, putting children and babies at risk. We offer free child car seat checks by appointment twice a month:

- Second Thursday of the month at Martha Lake Fire Station 21.
- Fourth Tuesday of the month at Mariner Fire Station 11.

Contact Public Educator Shawneri Guzman for details: [sguzman@SouthSnoFire.org](mailto:sguzman@SouthSnoFire.org), 425-551-1254.

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1963: Alderwood Manor Fire Station 2 near the site of today's Lynnwood Convention Center.

## *Our roots run deep*

### New department built on a proud legacy of service

Your new fire department is built on a heritage of community service established by the firefighters and fire

departments that came before us in south Snohomish County dating back more than 100 years ago.

It all started in 1904 when the City of Edmonds formed the first fire department in south Snohomish County.

In 1929, long-time residents Carl Eisen and Clarence Crary saw a need for fire service in the unincorporated communities outside the Edmonds city limits and started the area's first volunteer fire department.

In 1945, voters approved the formation of Fire District 1 to serve unincorporated communities including what is now Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood and part of Mukilteo. When the City of Mountlake Terrace incorporated in 1954 and City of Lynnwood incorporated in 1959, Fire District 1 continued to provide them with fire service until each municipality established its own fire department.

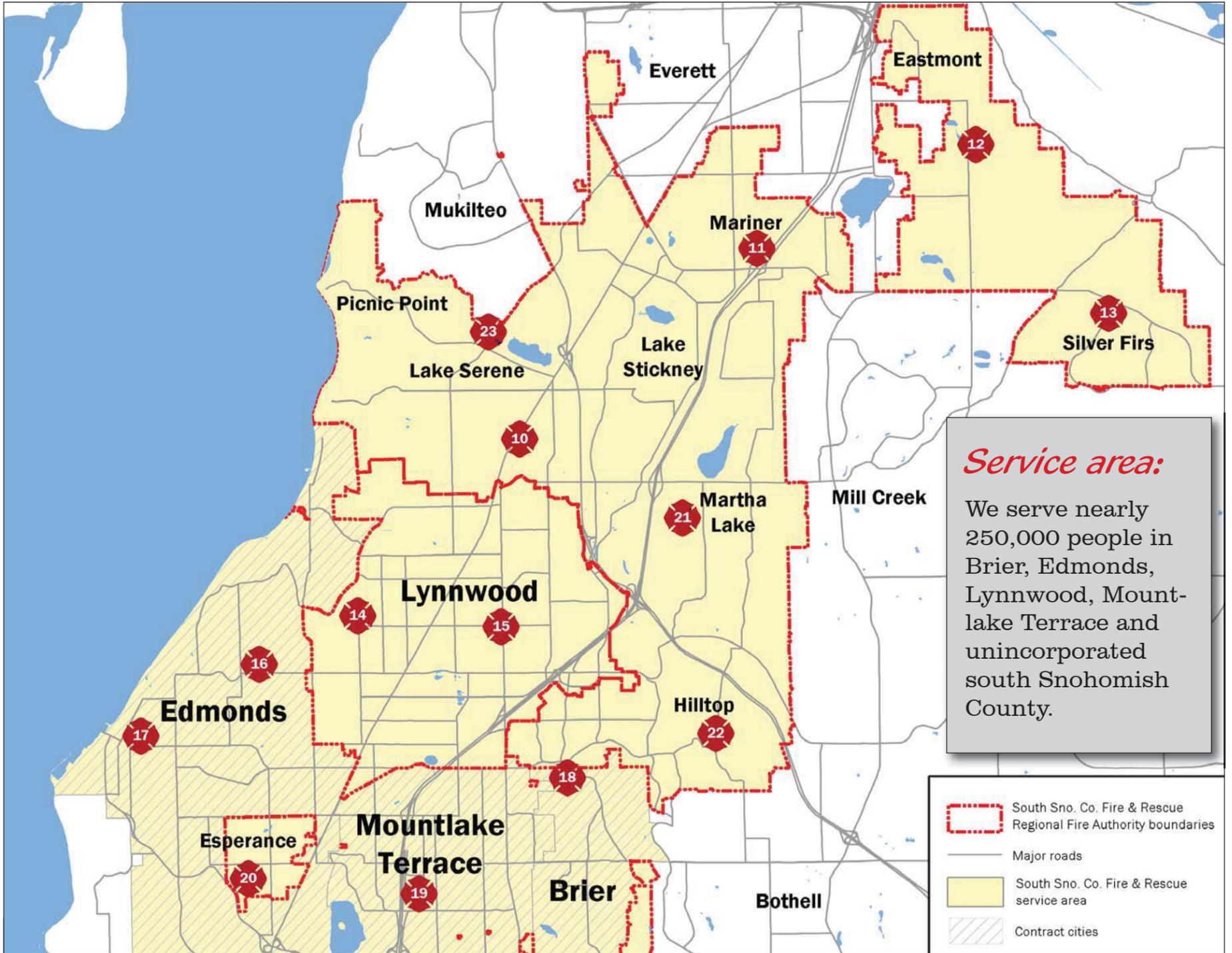
North of Fire District 1 in the unincorporated areas south and east of Everett, residents were also becoming concerned about the need for fire protection. In 1953, voters in these areas approved the formation of Fire District 11, which was known as the Silver Lake Fire Department.

The legacy of public service established by these fire departments lives on today in South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue. Our work force brings together firefighters who started their careers at the Edmonds Fire Department, Lynnwood Fire Department, Mountlake Terrace Fire Department, Fire District 1 and Fire District 11 (Silver Lake Fire Department). This proud history provides a strong foundation for our new department.



1974: Lynnwood Fire Department

# know your new fire department



**Service area:**  
We serve nearly 250,000 people in Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and unincorporated south Snohomish County.

- South Sno. Co. Fire & Rescue Regional Fire Authority boundaries
- Major roads
- South Sno. Co. Fire & Rescue service area
- Contract cities

## What is a regional fire authority?

It's a special purpose district created by voters to fund fire and emergency medical services. Our regional fire authority (RFA), South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue, was approved by voters in Fire District 1 and Lynnwood in the Aug. 1 primary election.

An RFA allows cities and fire districts to consolidate while retaining local control. The idea may be new in our area, but our state has more than 10 RFAs.

Our RFA boundaries encompass the City of Lynnwood and unincorporated communities previously served by Fire District 1.

The Cities of Brier, Edmonds and Mountlake Terrace are not part of the RFA, but receive fire and emergency medical services from South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue under service contracts that transferred from Fire District 1 to the RFA.

## Leadership Board of Commissioners and Chief lead new fire department

**South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue is governed by a 7-member Board of Commissioners** representing residents within the regional fire authority boundaries. Our initial board is made up of all five Fire District 1 Commissioners and two Lynnwood City Council members. This allocation of seats reflects the population of each jurisdiction. In the future, the board will be directly elected by voters: five commissioners elected in 2019 and two in 2021. Commissioners are responsible for defining the department's long-term vision and for adopting the budget and policies to be implemented by administrative staff.

**The Fire Chief serves as the chief executive officer** for the department, overseeing administration and operations of all aspects of the department. He reports to the Board of Commissioners and implements the budget and policies adopted by the board.

### Board of Commissioners Meetings

First and third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at Headquarters, 12425 Meridian Ave. S, Everett.

All meetings are open to the public.

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From left: Commissioner Bob Meador, Commissioner Benjamin Goodwin, Commissioner David Chan, Fire Chief Bruce Stedman, Commissioner Jim Kenny, Commissioner Jim McGaughey, Commissioner M. Christopher Boyer and Commissioner Richard Schrock.

**South**  
Snohomish County  
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RESCUE**

**Headquarters**

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*Serving Brier,  
Edmonds, Lynnwood,  
Mountlake Terrace and  
unincorporated South  
Snohomish County*

**Commissioners**

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Benjamin Goodwin, *Vice Chair*  
M. Christopher Boyer  
David Chan  
Jim McGaughey  
Bob Meador  
Richard T. Schrock

**Fire Chief**

Bruce Stedman

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**Fire Stations**

**Fire Station 10 / 156th Street SW**

3922 156th Street SW  
Lynnwood WA 98087

**Fire Station 11 / Mariner**

12310 Meridian Avenue S  
Everett WA 98208

**Fire Station 12 / Hilton Lake**

3525 108th Street SE  
Everett WA 98208

**Fire Station 13 / Silver Firs**

13611 Puget Park Drive  
Everett WA 98208

**Fire Station 14 / Lynnwood Blue Ridge**

18800 68th Avenue W  
Lynnwood WA 98037

**Fire Station 15 / Lynnwood Civic Center**

18800 44th Avenue W  
Lynnwood WA 98036

**Fire Station 16 / Edmonds Maplewood**

8429 196th Street SW  
Edmonds WA 98026

**Fire Station 17 / Edmonds Downtown**

275 Sixth Avenue N  
Edmonds WA 98020

**Fire Station 18 / Brier**

21206 Poplar Way  
Brier WA 98036

**Fire Station 19 / Mountlake Terrace**

5902 232nd Street SW  
Mountlake Terrace WA 98043

**Fire Station 20 / Edmonds Esperance**

23009 88th Avenue W  
Edmonds WA 98026

**Fire Station 21 / Martha Lake**

16819 13th Avenue W  
Lynnwood WA 98037

**Fire Station 22 / Hilltop**

20510 Damson Road  
Lynnwood WA 98036

**Fire Station 23 / Lake Serene**

4323 Serene Way  
Lynnwood WA 98087

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 South Snohomish  
County Fire & Rescue

**BRIEFLY**

**Crews sent  
to help with  
wildfires**

This has been a devastating year for wildfires in the West. Your firefighters joined in the effort in our state as well as Oregon and California.

**Sept. 2:** Our crews joined a county strike team to assist on the Jolly Mountain fire in the Cle Elum area. We provided one fire engine staffed with Capt. James Curtis, Capt. Don Welch and Firefighter Corey Palmer. On this 9-day deployment, the crew was assigned to protect the town of Roslyn.

**Sept. 8:** The State of Oregon asked us to provide two structural fire engines and crews to the Eagle Creek Fire. Our two fire engines were staffed by Capt. Chris Karg, Acting Capt. Josh Peterson, Firefighter/Paramedics Pat Curran, Phil Pons, Scott Fitzpatrick and Firefighters Moi Castellon, Scott Johnston and Pat Moore. During the 6-day deployment, our crews were assigned to protect structures, including the historic Multnomah Falls Lodge.

**Oct. 13:** We had an engine company join a county strike team for



Firefighters Paul Stead, Danielle DeVos, Capt. Micah Gaston and Keith Bien at the Atlas Peak in Napa Valley.

a week-long deployment to the Napa Valley fires in California. Our engine was staffed by Capt. Micah Gaston and Firefighters Keith Bien, Danielle DeVos and Paul Stead.

During mobilizations like these our department maintains all normal staffing within our area. The state reimburses the department for the cost of the crews, apparatus and overtime costs for the crews filling in here for the firefighters who are deployed.

Deployments provide a tremendous learning opportunity for our crews. Our firefighters can take lessons learned on these large-scale events to better prepare them for future emergencies in our own area.

*Prevention programs*

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**CPR training**

You can become a lifesaver by learning CPR. Bystander CPR provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double a victim's chance of survival. We offer hands-only CPR training at community events throughout the year. We also provide CPR certification classes – check our website for schedule and registration information: [www.SouthSnoFire.org/CPR](http://www.SouthSnoFire.org/CPR) or contact Community Resource Specialist Kristen Thorstenson, [kthorstenson@SouthSnoFire.org](mailto:kthorstenson@SouthSnoFire.org), 425-551-1240.

**A message from  
the Fire Chief**

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of something larger and longer lasting than ourselves. This will be a team effort involving our firefighters, chiefs, commissioners, administrative staff, volunteers and you, the people we serve.

I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you my leadership philosophy:

**Our teammates are our ultimate source of energy, inspiration and support:** I believe we must respect, mentor, encourage and

**Safe and healthy  
aging programs**

**Falls prevention:** We respond to more than a thousand fall injury calls to 911 each year. Falls are a major threat to the health and independence of people age 65 and older. That's why we have a program dedicated to preventing falls in the home. If you have a trip, slip or fall, don't be surprised if we call and ask if we can help with follow-up services.

**File of Life:** The File of Life is a red plastic pocket where you can keep a list of your current medications and other information that will be

challenge each other daily to live our values. This means investing in our people and providing opportunities for professional development. Whatever successes we achieve are our successes together.

**Lead with honesty and integrity:** The people we serve and work with deserve that we hold ourselves to the highest standards. Acting in alignment with our words preserves trust and credibility. We will learn from mistakes and become better.

**Open, honest, effective communications:** Keeping each other informed is key to creating an agile and adept agency in an increasingly unpredictable world.

**Lt. Peck honored  
for 50 years  
in fire service**

Congratulations to Lt. David Peck, who recently celebrated 50 years in the fire service.

Lt. Peck began his fire service career with the Evanston Fire Department in Illinois in 1967. He joined Snohomish County Fire District 1 as a volunteer firefighter in 1978 and rose to the rank of lieutenant in 1979.

The Board of Commissioners honored Lt. Peck with a resolution thanking him for the countless hours of service he has provided to our citizens, responding to emergency scenes at all hours of the day and night and serving as a leader in our volunteer firefighter program.

Lt. Peck is an ophthalmologist in Edmonds.



Lt. David Peck, left, receives a framed copy of the Board's resolution honoring him for 50 years in the fire service presented by Commissioner Jim McGaughey.

helpful for firefighters to know if they ever respond to your home for a medical emergency. All you need to do is fill out the File of Life form inside, place it in the magnetic red pocket and post it on your refrigerator door where firefighters can find it. Firefighters will be handing out the free File of Life packets on medical calls. They're also available at all 14 fire stations in our service area.

**Blood pressure checks:** Blood pressure checks are available at all fire stations when firefighters are in quarters. They may be unavailable if responding to emergency calls.

**Education, experience and training:** We can enhance our effectiveness by focusing on these three.

**Be innovative:** Think outside the box and be receptive to new ideas.

**Be inclusive:** Be benevolent to each other and other agencies.

**Determine your legacy:** How will you be remembered after you leave? Be a positive force.

**Have fun!**

I truly believe we can come together to provide world-class service to our communities and become a leader, not just in the county, but in the nation. I am committed to working toward this objective every day.