

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

## **FIRE**

Our mission is to assist the public in the protection of life and property by minimizing the impact of fire, medical emergencies, and potential disasters or uncontrolled events.

Our Office of Emergency Management works to empower city employees, the public and regional stakeholders to prepare for, mitigate, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters.

- **Did You Know?** Bellevue's Office of Emergency Management can host disaster preparedness classes that are specific to people with disabilities. We can help you or your group learn the specific things that you may need to think about to keep yourself safe in an emergency and how those needs might differ from those who are able-bodied.
- **Did You Know?** Sheltering in place can keep you safe! Bellevue Fire in partnership with the Office of Emergency Management and the City Manager's Office created materials for people with disabilities who may not be able to exit a building in a fire because elevators don't function. They also created a graphic for staying safe in an earthquake for those with accessibility challenges?
- **Did You Know?** Bellevue partnered with the City of Redmond to develop modifications to the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) curriculum to ensure all volunteers are able to participate regardless of ability.
- **Did You Know?** The Office of Emergency Management follows universal design principles by teaching disaster preparedness classes for all types of learners by incorporating visual, auditory, and kinesthetic approaches.
- **Did You Know?** All Bellevue Firefighters are trained according to the Travis Alert Act standards, which requires all firefighters to be familiar with and understand how to respond to emergencies that involve those with disabilities, so they can best provide for their needs.

To view a full list of accessibility and inclusion highlights from various city departments, visit BellevueWA.gov/ada-30th-anniversary