

CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE AND RESCUE



# CKFR NEWSLADDER



**KIDS' DAY**  
**SAT. JUNE 1**

10:00 am-2:30 pm  
at the Kitsap County  
Fairgrounds!

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## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LID LIFT FOR CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE

Emergency call volumes for Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue have climbed 39 percent in the past six years. Sixty-eight percent of those calls are for emergency medical service. That's why the fire district filed paperwork for a lid lift asking voters to return the fire levy to the previously voter-approved rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The proposal will be on the August 6, 2024 primary election ballot.

The lid lift would hire up to six firefighter/paramedics over the next six years. This would allow the district to staff two additional stations (Lake Symington and Olympic View) 24 hours a day and reduce response times district-wide. It also would fund advanced firefighter/paramedic training programs, which are critical for save rates.

The lid lift would replace an ambulance that has reached the end of its usable life and refurbish three fire engines. Refurbishing the fire engines will save taxpayers up to \$2 million as opposed to buying new ones.

The lid lift would cost the owner of a \$500,000 home an additional \$6.67 per month or \$80 per year. Find more information at [www.ckfr.org](http://www.ckfr.org). Fire Chief Jason Christian also welcomes your questions at [jchristian@ckfr.org](mailto:jchristian@ckfr.org) and 360-447-3550.

# Congrats

Join us in congratulating Paramedic Jen Murphy on the birth of her daughter, Harper, last month!  
~BC Sullivan



Congratulations to A-shift FF Amy Juliano on completing her Engine Driver Taskbook and final BC Evaluation to qualify as an Acting Apparatus Operator! Special thanks to all the crews who supported her with training time to prepare for this important role in the fire service.  
~BC Platz



Congratulations to FF LaFave for completing his AO Practical! I am thrilled to see the success of our two year firefighters and I have no doubt that they will continue to make a positive impact.  
~BC Shaffer



Congratulations to Karl Fenster for passing his AO Exam today and Ian Dandridge last week! Thanks to all who have stepped in with your willingness to help during this current round of AO qualification and prep. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.  
~BC Shaffer

Congratulations to PFF/PM Matheny and PFF Danskin for a successful completion of their BC Midterm #2. Also a thanks to OPS and Training for being a part of this important exam. This is a huge milestone you should be proud of and your hard work does not go unnoticed.

~BC Shaffer



Once again, a congratulations is in order for FF Johnston as he successfully completes his AO Exam. A big thanks to FF Johnston for being prepared to take his AO exam and for the crews who got him there. Job well done!

~BC Shaffer



Volunteers Henry & Judy Henneman working on Rehab41 at the Water Festival at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds! (April 2024)

Spring is in the air and so are firefighters! What a beautiful day to work firefighter emergency bailouts. PFFs Matheny and Danskin work on perfecting the art of an emergency ladder bailout. (April 2024)

~BC Shaffer



Bremerton Fire Department and Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue jointly training for the upcoming wildland fire season (May 2024). They practiced back burning, fire control and hazard identification!



## CKFR ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

CKFR held its annual awards banquet this week! Fire Chief Christian recognized recipients of 9 different awards, all of which were nominated by their peers. Please join us in congratulating each of these members on their accomplishments. We thank them for their exceptional service and dedication to CKFR and our community.

### 2024 Life Saving Award

Corey Davies, Cody Davies, Haley Rollins, Richie Danskin, Chad Gillespie and Carl Tesch

In March 2024, CKFR Firefighter/EMTs were dispatched for a medical call. Upon arrival it was difficult to tell what was wrong. As crews were evaluating, the patient turned blue and went unresponsive. Crews started CPR, secured the airway, and applied defib pads within seconds while a Paramedic was dispatched. Within minutes the patients pulse returned and crews switched to “care mode” readying the patient for transport. These types of calls are difficult for even a seasoned Paramedic, but these EMTs worked together, relying on their excellent training and experience to provide critical care that saved a life.



### 2023 Letter of Commendation

Jesse Graham

In December 2023, CKFR was dispatched to a fire at the Village Fair Apartments, down the street from Station 41, but 41s crew was already on scene of another fire and the closest units were more than 15 minutes out. Paramedic Jesse Graham is assigned to days on our CARES Unit. He heard the call and responded in an SUV, arriving less than 7 minutes after dispatch. Heavy smoke was coming from a 2nd floor apartment. He evacuated the building, used multiple extinguishers on the fire, and successfully kept it confined until other units arrived. His actions prevented significant loss (especially 3 days before Christmas) and ensured no residents were harmed.



### 2023 Unit Commendation

Roger Short, Nathan Silves, Pat Busby & Joe Calkins (not pictured)

These members make up our Facilities, Central Supply & Purchasing team. We recognize them for their hard work and dedication in opening our new stations. The station projects have been a monumental lift for our organization, each one presenting its own unique set of challenges. These staff members have dedicated so much time, attention, specific skill sets, and personal commitment throughout the process to provide turn-key stations for our firefighters.



## 2023 Unit Commendation

Jesse Graham & Kloe Tran

Formed in 2023, CKFR's CARES (Community Assistance, Referrals, and Education Services) Unit is represented by Paramedic Jesse Graham and Social Worker Kloe Tran who quickly made it a successful and beneficial service to our community. In 2023 they helped 315 clients referred to them by firefighters. Their work helps reduce repeat 911 calls while ensuring community members are getting help and access to the correct resources they need.



## 2023 Fire Officer of the Year

Mark Giannobile

Captain Mark Giannobile was an integral part in making sure Station 52 was ready to open last year. He's also recognized for always putting his crew members above himself, dedicating time to whatever their needs are. He's heavily involved in both probationary and 2nd-year employee training, taking initiative to ensure drills, training, and task books are completed. Mark is always a calm and knowledgeable presence, and is a great example of a true leader.



## 2023 Firefighter of the Year

Jamie Monroe

Jamie is an exemplary Apparatus Operator. Every day, he puts the needs of everyone else above his own, whether that is helping someone with their project area, training new members on AO duties, probationary firefighter training, or helping with AO test prep. He also volunteers his time outside of CKFR. He does this with the Major Taylor Cycling Club Los Angeles ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles and for the Neighborhood Clinic in Tacoma.



## 2023 Rookie of the Year

Cody Davies

Firefighter Cody Davies holds himself to a high standard in his performances at the station, on scene, and on the drill ground. Firefighters are impressed with his work ethic and diligence. He is thorough from rig check in the morning to pass down the next morning. He never misses an opportunity to do work and to do it very well. He has made himself a knowledgeable resource for the newer firefighters through his constant studying and has made himself an expert on any rig he is on.



## 2023 Staff Employee of the Year

Joe Calkins

Purchasing Agent Joe Calkins has customer service at the forefront of everything he does, and he always has a positive attitude to go with it. Joe finds the most efficient way of obtaining goods and services for the district while having the best value/least cost always in mind. Joe should be recognized not only for the great job he does in the finance division, but also for what he does for CKFR outside of the workday – participating in our department outreach events – the Fair, Santa Runs, etc.



## 2023 Volunteer of the Year

Tony Stewart

Volunteer Captain Tony Stewart is always willing to put in extra time with the department, covering community events like the D- Derby, dog show, CK Run, football games, and Friday night aid calls and BLS transports. He has devoted many years as a volunteer and has helped other volunteers further their knowledge and help where needed. He improves our service delivery to our community.





CKFR has  
90 EMTs  
and  
27 Paramedics

# EMS WEEK MAY 19-25, 2024

While we share statistics from CKFR ... we'd like to thank all our partners who provide emergency medical services to our community!



In 2023 we responded to  
11,323 emergency calls

7,738 were EMS calls

## SERVICE PIN RECIPIENTS

We would like to take a moment to recognize these members for their years of service to CKFR and the community!

April



Jeff Wallis  
Firefighter/EMT  
20 years



Mark Giannobile  
Captain  
20 years

May



Chris Starkey  
Captain  
15 years



Jeff Rye  
Apparatus Operator/FF/EMT  
15 years



Snapshot from the fire on Sandy Ln (May 2023). The structure was unoccupied, and there were no injuries reported. Navy Region Northwest, Bremerton Fire Department, and Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue responded.



Chief Business Officer, Tim Maule, represented Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue expertly on the panel at the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) "Meet the Agencies" event in April. Way to go, Tim!



## Upcoming Events

**June 1**  
**CKFR Kids' Day!**  
@ the Kitsap County  
Fairgrounds

**June 10**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting

**June 19**  
**Juneteenth**  
Admin Office Closed



**June 24**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting

**July 4**  
**Independence Day**  
Admin Office Closed

