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NEWSLETTER

Spring 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

By Chief John Oliver



Adequate facilities are part of the formula to save lives and property. We spent two years assessing all of our fire stations to know where we stand. The process showed how we could improve our stations for better community safety and healthier working environments for our firefighters.

\$1,000 of assessed property value and fund our facility needs

for the next 50 years. However, your bank account wouldn’t see much of a change, which is important to us. We planned it this way, and won’t have this chance again.

The cost of the station projects would exceed our daily operating levy, which is why a bond is being considered. We cut non-priority projects to reduce that bond to an amount that would result in a net tax decrease for taxpayers compared to what they were paying the District in 2019. This is possible because a maintenance and operations levy has expired, and the apparatus bond will be paid off before the facilities bond would take effect in 2021.

The next step is to have the Board of Fire Commissioners consider a resolution to place the bond on the August 4 Primary Election ballot. That meeting will take place at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 23 at our administrative building, 5300 NW Newberry Hill Road in Silverdale (98383). If you are unable to attend, we still want to hear from you! Please contact me anytime at joliver@ckfr.org or (360) 447-3566.

I want to be clear: the bond would be a new 32-cents per

BACKYARD BURNING

Spring time means a lot of people are cleaning up debris and other detritus from their yards. Much of the Central Kitsap area has been designated a “NO BURN ZONE” including all of Silverdale and much of the area to the East and Southeast towards Bremerton.

If you live outside of the “NO BURN ZONE”, and are within CKFR’s service area, you can

apply for a burn permit. Please note that a permit is required for all outdoor burning except for recreational fires 3-feet in diameter or less. Please visit our website to learn more or apply for a permit online at www.ckfr.org/information/public-safety/burn-ban/ckfr-outdoor-burning-information. Our Public Safety Division also welcomes your questions at (360) 447-3550. Thank you!



LIFE SAVER ROAD SHOW – WE’RE BRINGING CPR TO YOU!

We believe in CPR and are adding a Saturday morning CPR and AED class at communities throughout our area. To find a class near you, please visit our website at

www.ckfr.org/information/cpr-classes/ for details and to register, or call our office at (360) 447-3550. Classes are in high demand so don’t miss out.



8 OF 11 NEW FIREFIGHTERS: (L to R) Firefighter/EMT Jen Sargeant; FF/EMT Cameron DeSalvo; FF/Paramedic Casey Bizelli; FF/EMT Stafford Smith; FF/EMT Richie Espitia; FF/EMT Aaron Trumbull; FF/Paramedic Zachary Smith; FF/EMT Matthew Patterson

WELCOME, FIREFIGHTERS!

Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue welcomed 11 new firefighters in 2020. Two of our new hires – Stafford Smith and Richie Espitia – come to us after serving in the Navy and Army respectively.

These staffing positions will help respond to increasing call volumes and fill positions left vacant due to retirements. The positions are funded out of the District’s operating levy paid through property taxes.

CKFR funds daily emergency operations through two operating levies. One is a Fire Levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The other is a levy for emergency medical service (EMS) at \$0.50 per \$1,000. A small portion of revenue also is raised by reimbursed costs for ambulance transports. Capital items – like stations, fire engines and ladder trucks – are funded through bonds.