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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

By Chief John Oliver



I think it’s fair to say that we’re all tired of hearing about COVID-19. However, as your fire chief and district, we have a professional duty to share information with you about everything related to emergency services. And the pandemic is one of those issues.

The good news is that your support means we are ready to respond to any emergency. We train for this, and will be there when your family needs us. The bad news is that it appears the virus will be around for a longer time than anticipated. This limits our non-emergency interactions with our community and means our board meetings will continue to be held online.

Another issue we had been working on before the pandemic hit was improving our community fire stations. We had planned to ask voters to consider a facilities bond in August, but delayed that request to the November General instead.

The purpose of the bond is to improve community safety and firefighter health and safety. None of our stations are up to current seismic

standards. Many are also located away from population centers, which delays response times.

The pandemic has shown that we need facilities with better decontamination areas for firefighters returning from COVID-19 calls. Many of our stations also lack effective systems to remove diesel exhaust from areas where firefighters work.

The timing of this funding request was strategic. The bond is estimated to be 32 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value over 20 years (or no more than \$96 a year for a \$300,000 home). However, the bond would take effect in 2021 after two other funding measures have expired. This means we can meet our facility needs and property owners would still pay less in taxes to the fire district than in 2019.

We appreciate you considering our request. More information on the facilities bond proposal can be found at www.ckfr.org. I also welcome your questions at joliver@ckfr.org or (360) 447-3566. Thank you.

THANKING OUR VETERANS

November 11, 2020 is Veterans Day. Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue is fortunate to have retired and active military members in our ranks. We want to acknowledge and thank these individuals and their families for their sacrifices and service to our community. Thank you!

EMT Phil Barry

(MM1/Navy)

Firefighter/EMT Connor Bitterman

SSGT/Air Force

Captain Dave Brisbon

(DT1/Navy)

Assistant Chief Jason Christian

(DC2/Coast Guard)

IT Tech Levi Cook

(Spc/Army, Army Reserve)

Lieutenant Steven Davison

(FT1 (SS)/Navy)

Firefighter/EMT Richie Espitia

(E-5/Army)

A/O Terry Fassett

(NCCS(SW)/Navy)

Captain Ted Fry

(HMC/Navy)

Firefighter/EMT Dan Fye

(TSgt/Air Force)

Rehab William Garrison

(MA2/Navy)

A/O Billy George

(Senior Airman/Air Force)

Rehab Samuel Gonzalez

(BM2/E-5/Coast Guard)

A/O Kyle Good

(SGT/Army National Guard)

Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Johnson

(Spc/Army Reserve)

Finance Director Tim Maule

(STS3(SS)/Navy)

Commissioner Bob Muhleman

(SGT/Air Force)

A/O Marcus Oliver

(Spc/Army)

Chaplain Bradley Page

(Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class/Navy)

A/O Amanda Rohr

(SFC/Army Reserve)

A/O Jeff Rye

(Cpl/Army, Army National Guard)

Firefighter/EMT Jen Sargeant

(SGT/Army National Guard)

Fleet Manager Tony Schroeder

(1st Class Machinist Mate/Navy)

Firefighter/EMT Connor Shelton

(MT2/Navy)

Firefighter DeVonte Short

(ABH3/Navy)

EVT Tech 3 Brandin Skovald

(LCpl/Marine Corps)

A/O Adam Smith

(SGT/Marine Corps)

Firefighter/EMT Stafford Smith

(Logistics Specialist/Navy)

Captain Tony Stewart

(MAC(SW)/Navy)

Firefighter Seth Sullivan

(SN/Coast Guard)

Battalion Chief Brett Twomey

(SP4/Army)

Firefighter Brian Voss

(E-8 Sonar Tech Sr. Chief/Navy)

Firefighter/EMT Craig Wellbrock

(Spc/Army)

Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Wildes

(Command Master Chief/Service Coast Guard Reserves)

EMT Rowdy Wilkinson

(Master at Arms, Petty Officer 2nd Class/Navy)

**A/O – Apparatus Operator/Firefighter/EMT*

SERVE UP FIRE SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN

Fire Prevention Week (October 4-10, 2020)

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the U.S. We want to provide some simple safety tips to help prevent fires and injuries before they could happen in your home.

- Never leave cooking food unattended. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- Use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.