



CKFR WEEKLY

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CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE

WHALING DAYS PARADE

Last Saturday, we had many CKFR members volunteer in the Whaling Days Parade! We also had the opportunity to debut our Engine 50 and our SEALEGS Boat for the community.

Thank you to all who volunteered!



Fire Chief Weninger announces his retirement

On Tuesday, Chief Weninger celebrated his 5-year anniversary with Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue! He has just announced his retirement for mid-December of 2018.



ACADEMY GRADUATION

PFF Tyler Horner received the first bulldog award of the Academy and a leadership award.

PFF Ivan Semerenko received the engine company award and a leadership award as well.

Congratulations to our graduates!



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 12-13

Crosby Days

Monday, August 14

BOC Regular Meeting
Admin Building (4 PM)

August 23-27

Kitsap County Fair & Stampede

Monday, August 28

BOC Study Session
Admin Building (4 PM)

JULY EVENT COVERAGE

July 29: Whaling Days Parade

Tony Stewart

Ed Scholfield, Jeffrey Scholfield

Felix Crisotomo

Steve Atkinson

Carlos Suazo

Ruben (Ira) Farley

Aurelia Buhler-Flores

Judy Henneman

Whaling Days Bike Team

David Brisbon

Ruben Farley

Kyle Fields

July 29: D-Derby, Aid Crew

Ted Fry

Tony Stewart

Daniel Ide

Valerie Quill

Christina Bigelow

**July 30: Whaling Days
Duck Washing, Tender 53**

Daniel Ide

Valerie Quill

Ed, Jeffery, James Scholfield

Rick Schulgen

IT Tech Position Announcement Closing Soon: August 21

We are still accepting applications an IT Technician. This is a great opportunity to work with the District's IT Manager to provide technical support to the District. Please share the below link to the position announcement and job description with friends and family. > [IT Technician Position Announcement](#) <

SAFETY TALK

From: DC Sorenson

Subject: High temperatures this week

The National Weather Service has issued a high heat warning for our area this week. Please take precautions to prevent heat related medical emergencies and be prepared for heat related incidents. Preparation, training, and pre-planning improve safety.

CKFR Members:

- Hydrate. That means being hydrated when you arrive at work, it's difficult to play catch-up once the day begins.
- Avoid overexertion whenever possible. Conduct outside training evolutions in the morning or evening when it is cooler and take frequent breaks and allow members to cool off and hydrate.
- Ensure apparatus are supplied with abundant cold drinking water.
- Review protocols for heat stress and heat stroke.
- Consider calling for Rehab 41 earlier than normal
- People often try to "beat the heat" by partaking in recreational activities on the water. Try and review surface water rescue FOG's and check on courtesy life jacket boards in your "first due" area.

Community:

- Caution them to make sure pets have enough water.
- Don't leave children in cars.
- Don't leave pets in cars.
- Check in on the elderly and infirm and ensure that they are doing okay.

Thanks to Lt. Davison and the Safety Committee for the suggestion!

EMSCORNER

CKFR PulsePoint

STATISTICS FOR

JULY 2017

As of July, CKFR has **4,821 followers** on PulsePoint! We are so close to reaching 5,000 and need your help getting the word out to sign up for the PulsePoint application!

All totals for the month of July 2017

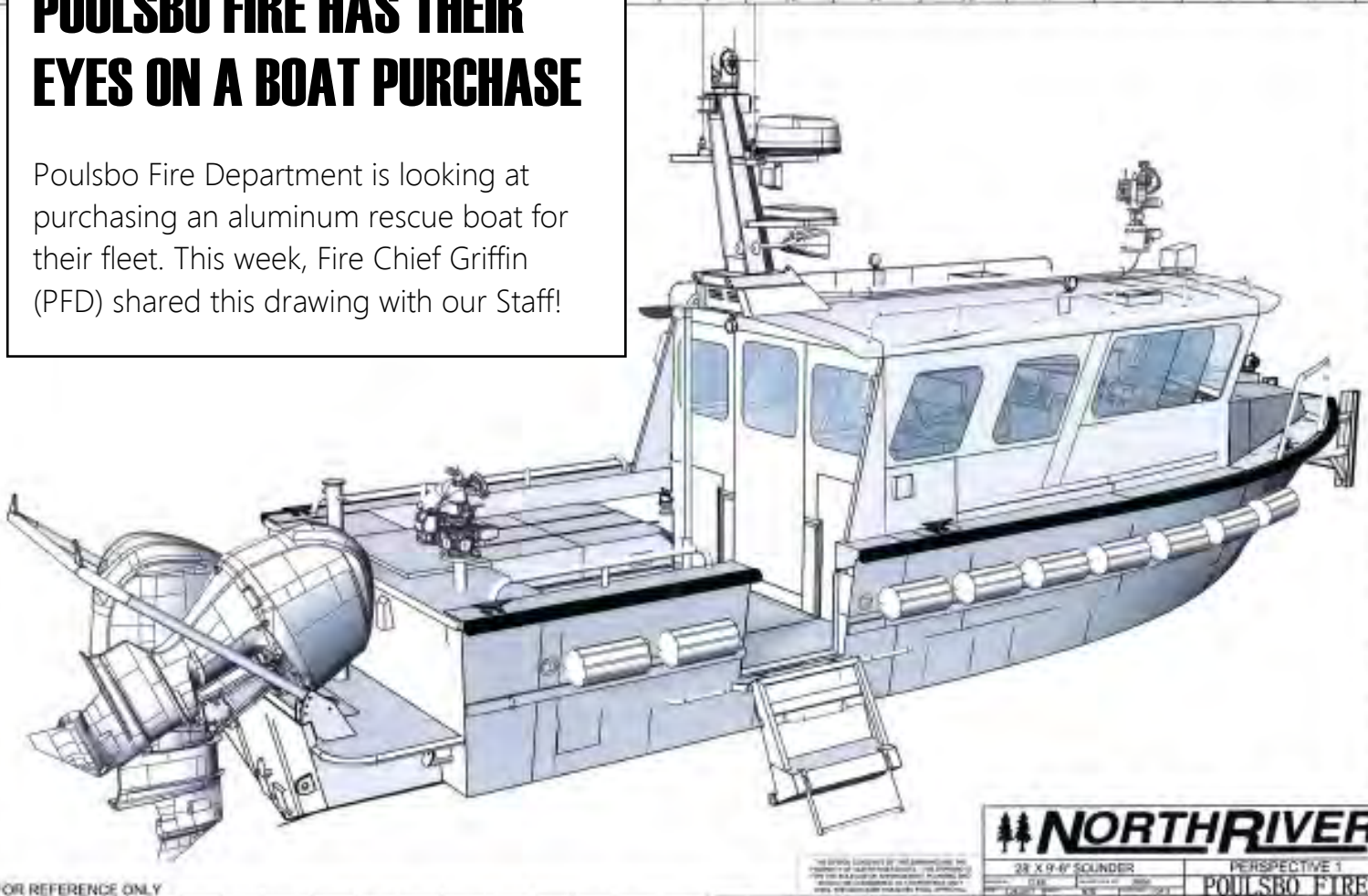
Total number of followers	4821
Total number of followers with CPR alerts enabled	2693
SCA incidents	13
SCA incidents in public location	3
CPR Alerts sent	2
Number of devices alerted to CPR needed events	24
Total number of incident notifications	92
Total number of incidents appearing in PulsePoint	755

Followers by notification type (EOM July 2017)

Structure Fire notifications enabled	1318
Working Structure Fire notifications enabled	1346
Vegetation Fire notifications enabled	958
Working Vegetation Fire notifications enabled	1008
Traffic Collision notifications enabled	1254
Traffic Collision Expanded notifications enabled	1322
Technical Rescue notifications enabled	1053
Hazmat Response notifications enabled	942
Water Rescue notifications enabled	1167
NEWS notifications enabled	900
CERT notifications enabled	729
DISASTER notifications enabled	1321

POULSBO FIRE HAS THEIR EYES ON A BOAT PURCHASE

Poulsbo Fire Department is looking at purchasing an aluminum rescue boat for their fleet. This week, Fire Chief Griffin (PFD) shared this drawing with our Staff!



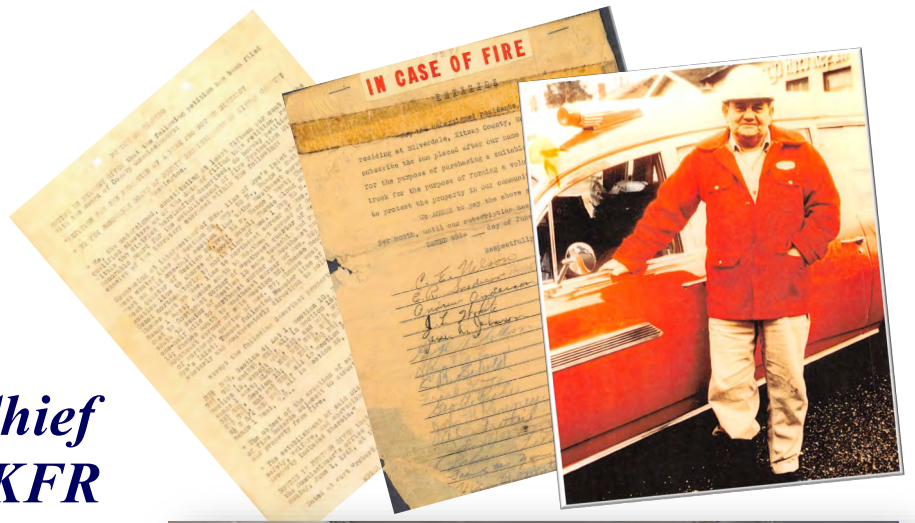
CHARLES SNEDICOR

Family of the first Fire Chief of Fire District 1 visits CKFR and donates records!

This week, the family of Fire District 1's first Fire Chief, Charles Snedikor (served from 1942-1956), was kind enough to stop by and drop off historical records of our Fire District. What a coincidence that this year is our 75th Anniversary! Thanks for the visit!

Family Members:

- Terry Scheschy (Grandson)
- Jodene Martinson (Granddaughter)
- William Gosnell (Grandson)
- Tyler Gosnell (Great-Grandson)



IMPROMPTU E41 TOUR

Christopher Bigelow, Lieutenant

While out training during the evening of August 2nd, a motorhome pulled into Station 41. I made quick contact with them to ensure all was well. That led to an impromptu tour of E41 and some fun hands on for our visitors! The family in the picture is from Chugach, Alaska. They had driven down through Canada and had to be detoured 2 hours to avoid the wildland fires causing all the smoke in our area. I am very proud of 41 A and the professional customer service they provide regardless of fatigue or time of day!





SUN REPORTER TAKES ON DRYER CONDITIONS

This week, Kitsap Sun reporter Christian Vosler joined CKFR again for a story on the dry conditions, threat of brush fires, and what homeowner's can do to protect their property (story is below). Christian even put on some wildland gear and practiced using a Fire Shelter!



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Kitsap fire crews prepped for risky blaze conditions

Published 5:30 PM—August 2, 2017 by Christian Vosler

As a wall of smoke settled on Kitsap this week, local fire agencies began preparing for increased fire danger that comes with the high heat and low humidity.

While the calls for brush and wildland fires haven't been above average this summer, fire officials say the conditions are ripe for wildfire. State Department of Natural Resources lists Kitsap's fire danger as "moderate."

The Haines Index for in Kitsap is currently a 5, indicating "moderate" potential for large fire growth. While there are currently no large wildfires in the county, the index — which measures how likely it is that fires will increase in activity — is an indicator to local fire departments to be prepared.

"We very rarely go to a 6, which is the highest," said John Oliver, Deputy Chief for Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, on Wednesday. "Starting tomorrow we will be at a Haines Index 6, which is very unusual."

Kitsap doesn't have a big wildfire problem, Oliver said, but this year is unique. High heat, low humidity and wind are a perfect mix for a blaze. An extremely wet winter helped low to the ground vegetation to grow quickly. Those shrubs — or ladder fuels, as Oliver calls them — dried out rapidly over the hot summer months. Flames can jump easily from those low shrubs to taller trees. [Continue Reading](#)

T64 REVIEW

RIGHT: This week, C-Shift crews were reviewing T64 operations in preparation for hot weather and potential brush fires.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

LEFT: On Tuesday, Chief Weninger, Captain Stebor, and Battalion Chief O'Rourke helped out at our booth for the National Night Out at the Haselwood YMCA! This community event was put on by Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. It educates our public on county resources and building a stronger and safer community.

REIGNING CHAMP

RIGHT: Later this month, EVT Brandin Skovald will be defending his title at this year's Kitsap County Fair Executive Pie Eating Contest! Last year, he elected to have the proceeds go to the Medic One Foundation. Let's hope he can bring it home again! Go Brandin!



MEMORY LANE

LEFT: This week, someone left a Birthday present in Chief Oliver's mail basket at Admin. Unfortunately Chief Oliver already had that **Captain and Tennille** album and decided to "re-gift" the 8-Track to Serena as a wedding gift. Evidently, some of our employee have never seen one!



KIND LETTER RECEIVED FROM A PATIENT'S FATHER

From: Scott Weninger

Subject: REPLY: THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF KITSAP COUNTY FIRE / SEATTLE FIRE

Hi Rich,

Thanks for the note and kind words.

Our members are awesome. They impress me every day!

It was also nice meeting you when you traveled to our Admin Building.

I hope your son is doing well during his recovery.

Take care and yes, I will share your letter.

Scott Weninger, Fire Chief

Hello All,

While I rarely, if ever, have written an email to everyone in 23 years, I need to thank many of you for your support, thoughts and prayers for my son and express our family's deepest gratitude.

On July 17th, my son was involved in a single vehicle motorcycle accident. He laid down his motorcycle down to avoid some vehicles and slid in to a ditch. An off-duty Kitsap County Fire Lt., Steve Davison was behind him and was one of the first on scene. Lt. Steve Davison then stabilized and assisted the incoming crews with medical care. [PORTION REMOVED DUE TO MEDICAL INFORMATION]. We truly believe that Lt. Davison and his crews are directly responsible for this incredible result and cannot express enough our gratitude (I did have the opportunity to meet, hug, and thank each one of them). They deserve the highest recognition of true HEROS and I will make sure they are recognized by their Department and Fire Chief.

To add to everything, Lt. Davison went above and beyond his scope and contacted Seattle Fire/union and our local 1285. Thank you, Eric Littman, Angelo Aragon, James Suarez, my Captain Erik Jones and 42B crew. A huge thank you to the following for their support and assistance: Seattle Fire Patti Mann immediately came to hospital to see if we needed anything and to offer their quarters and day room, as well as the kitchen if needed. Seattle local 27 President Kenny Stuart, Vice President Liam Roney, Seattle Benefit assoc. Andy Sapier and crews that stopped by. YOU ALL really made me realize how incredibly deep our brotherhood and compassion is! Despite all the different challenges, good or bad, we face in our department's, they will never break the brotherhood, the bond, and friendships we have made.

To my Brothers and Sisters new and old, please maintain your commitment, integrity and honor. There are citizens that truly need heroes like YOU! While we have seen many changes and challenges in our careers that sometimes make you wonder if you made the right decision, you did! Sometimes it takes life changing events to open your eyes. I (we) have been truly blessed and cannot express enough gratitude to the City, the union 1285, past and present members for allowing me to learn, serve and provide for my family. As bad as it may seem at times (sleep deprivation, transports, 90% non-sick patient in our rescues, reports, training etc...), please take a second to reflect on this! We truly have the GREATEST career EVER and I would do it all over again! God bless you all and your families, take care and keep the brotherhood alive!

R. Diaz

WHALING DAYS PARADE 2017

