



CKFR WEEKLY

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CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 23

BOC Meeting
Admin Office (4pm)

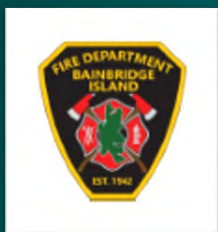
April 25

*Bainbridge Island Fire Dept. will
celebrate the retirement of*

**Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal
LUKE CARPENTER**

*For his 29 years of service to the
Bainbridge Island community.*

Station 23
12985 Phelps Road (3pm)



May 1-4

**Annual Fire Extinguisher
Inspections** have been
scheduled!

May 9

Red Knights Fire Academy
Graduation for our
(3) new FF/EMTs
McGavick Conference Center
(6pm)

May 14

BOC Meeting
Admin Office (4pm)
*SWEARING IN FOR OUR (3)
NEW FF/EMTs!*
FF/EMT Dalle Angelini
FF/EMT Werlech
FF/EMT Monroe

June 2

Kids' Day!
Kitsap County Fairgrounds

Subject: Member Feedback from CKFR Awards Night

From: Serena Prince

Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018

The Awards Committee would like all of our members to take a quick 5-minute survey (maybe less!) about your experience at the CKFR Awards Night on April 3. We are committed to improving this event every year and would like to hear your thoughts on how it went, or if you didn't attend, why you didn't. We also welcome new ideas! There is a comment section at the end.

We appreciate you taking the time to give us some feedback. The submissions are anonymous and the link is here below. This survey will close after Friday next week (4/27/18).

SURVEY LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCTN9JD>

Subject: Fire Academy Check-Up

From: Greg Platz

Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018

A-shift Battalion Chief Greg Platz traveled to the Red Knights Fire Academy in Lakewood, to check-up on our 3 probationary firefighters. PFF Werlech, PFF Monroe and PFF Dalle Angelini are learning a lot of firefighting skills and the importance of teamwork. Graduation is set for May 9 and then they will return to CKFR for 3 weeks of training in district before heading out to their shift assignments in June.



RESPONSE SAFETY

A message from the Safety Committee

As firefighters, we are often confronted with unique challenges in regards to emergency response. Our largest vehicle is well over 60,000-lbs, nearly 12' tall and 41' long. Even our smaller apparatus such as our ambulances are heavy in comparison to the typical passenger vehicle. All CKFR members who operate emergency vehicles receive significant training on vehicle systems, safe operation, laws and regulations unique to emergency vehicles, and defensive driving. This is so that we can ensure the best probability for our responders to arrive safely and expeditiously in order to mitigate the emergencies to which we are responding.

Though we have numerous laws and policies regulating our driving practices, many decisions are left to the discretion of the driver and the officer in the response vehicle. In any circumstance, the driver is expected to operate the vehicle with "due regard for the safety of all persons" (RCW 46.61.035 [4]). Additionally, drivers and officers must make risk management decisions that are reasonable and prudent by appropriately prioritizing personnel and vehicle safety.

In many areas, we encounter unimproved roadways or access roads that are very narrow. In these circumstances it is imperative that the following considerations be made in an effort to minimize vehicle damage and the possibility of personal injury:

- Always consider the urgency of your response in relation to the hazards present to life and property. It may be most appropriate to park the vehicle and walk rather than risk damage or injury.
- During nighttime response, use as much lighting as possible and practical.
- Consider clearance around vehicle and avoid branches and other protrusions that may damage the vehicle.
- If taking the apparatus off of a designated roadway/driveway/access road, ensure that the ground is stable and that the apparatus won't become stuck or unnecessarily damage property (e.g. mud, uneven terrain, septic systems, fences, landscaping).
- Ensure that any bridges are marked appropriately for apparatus weight, before crossing over them.



The [Kitsap Great Give](https://kitsapgreategive.org/) is a 24-hour online fundraising event for local non-profit organizations, taking place on April 24, beginning at midnight (though early giving has already opened).

This is a great opportunity to support and promote non-profits in Silverdale (including the CKFR Medic One Foundation). For a full list, visit:

<https://kitsapgreategive.org/service-area/silverdale>

SPREAD THE WORD! BURN PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE!

Citizens living outside of our **"NO BURN ZONE"** and within CKFR limits can apply online for a burn permit online at:

<https://www.ckfr.org/information/public-safety/burn-ban/ckfr-outdoor-burning-information/>

A valid email address is required. The guidelines for outdoor burning are located on this page.



Subject: Chief Kastros Leadership and Command Class

From: Greg Platz

Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018

CKFR had a large group of career Firefighters, Apparatus Officers, Paramedics, Company Officer and Chief Officers attend the recent Leadership and Command class taught by Sacramento Metro Fire Battalion Chief Anthony Kastros. Chief Kastros is a nationally-known instructor who delivers an excellent class loaded with real-life examples of personnel situations and emergency calls.

Thanks to the Kitsap County Training Officers Consortium for arranging this class at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino ballroom!

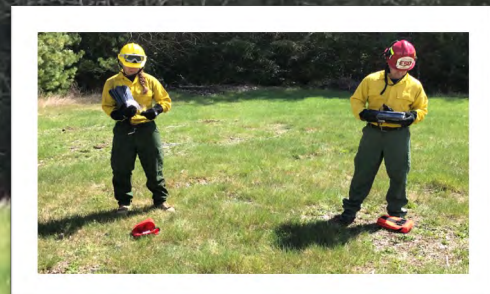
Subject: HR District Tour

From: Greg Platz

Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018

I had the pleasure of taking new HR Director Misty Dieffenbach and HR Generalist Marci Ewing on a tour of the District today. Their enthusiasm was refreshing and they asked plenty of questions!



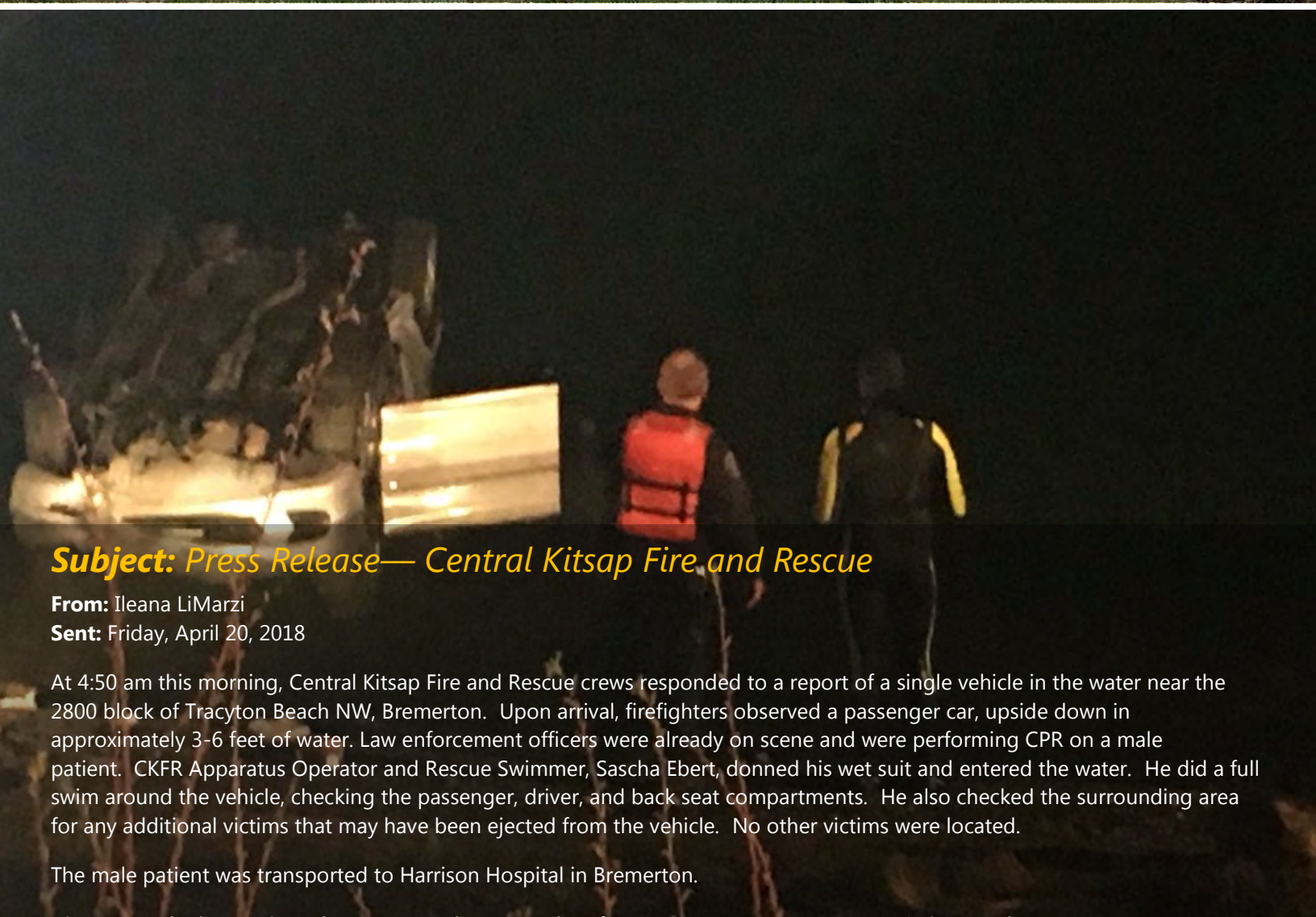


Subject: Field Day

From: Bill Green

Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Over the last four days, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue trained Career and Volunteer members in Wildland Training. Upon completion of the "field day," members will be certified as a Type 2 Wildland Firefighter and could be requested to assist other agencies within Washington and Oregon. Captured in these photos are crews practicing digging a fireline and fire shelter deployment.



Subject: Press Release— Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue

From: Ileana LiMarzi

Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018

At 4:50 am this morning, Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue crews responded to a report of a single vehicle in the water near the 2800 block of Tracyton Beach NW, Bremerton. Upon arrival, firefighters observed a passenger car, upside down in approximately 3-6 feet of water. Law enforcement officers were already on scene and were performing CPR on a male patient. CKFR Apparatus Operator and Rescue Swimmer, Sascha Ebert, donned his wet suit and entered the water. He did a full swim around the vehicle, checking the passenger, driver, and back seat compartments. He also checked the surrounding area for any additional victims that may have been ejected from the vehicle. No other victims were located.

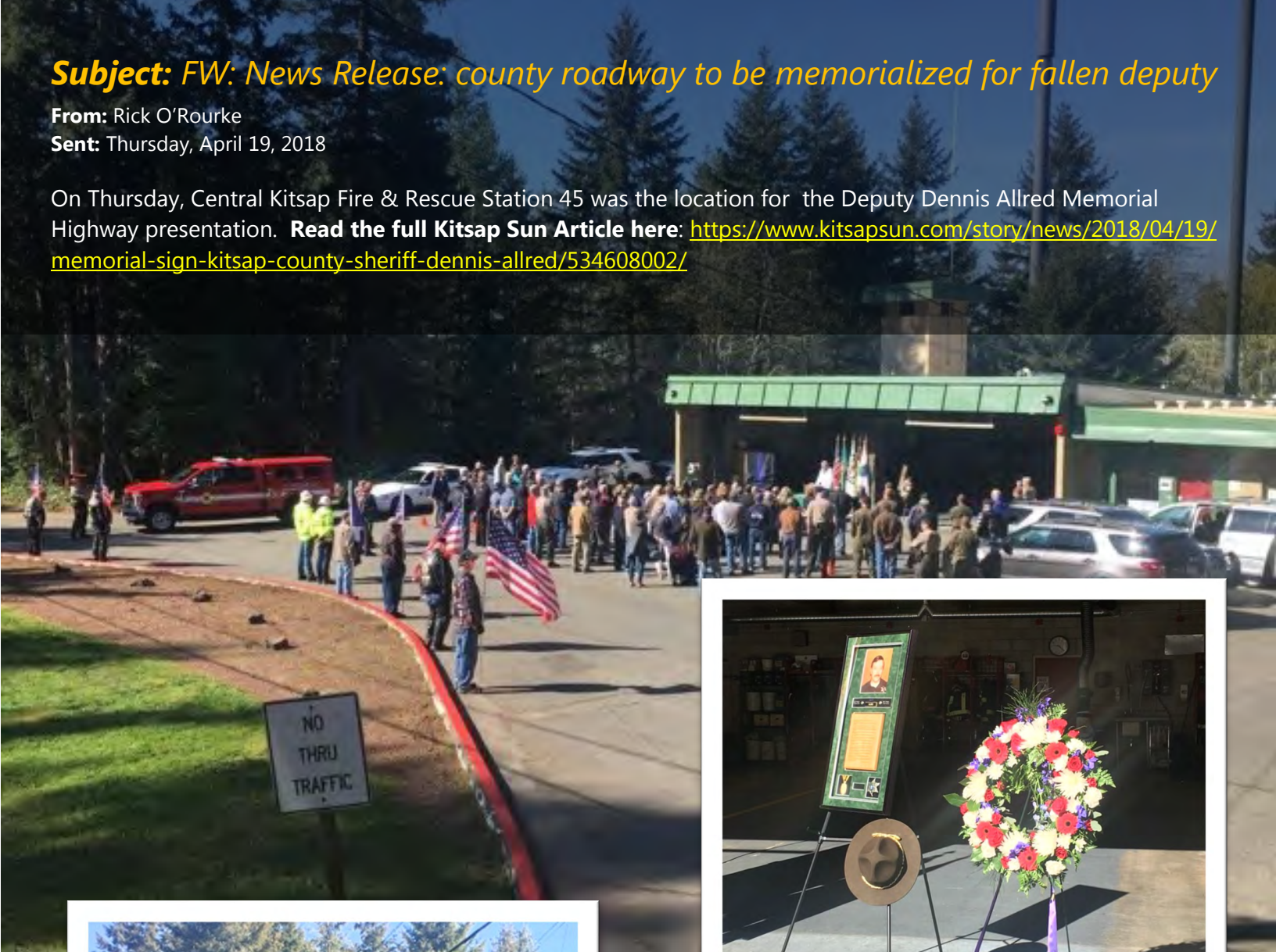
The male patient was transported to Harrison Hospital in Bremerton.

Subject: FW: News Release: county roadway to be memorialized for fallen deputy

From: Rick O'Rourke

Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018

On Thursday, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue Station 45 was the location for the Deputy Dennis Allred Memorial Highway presentation. **Read the full Kitsap Sun Article here:** <https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/news/2018/04/19/memorial-sign-kitsap-county-sheriff-dennis-allred/534608002/>



Pre Fire Orientation Walk-Through at the Holly Ridge Center

Dedra Miller (Human Resources Specialist at the Holly Ridge Center) gave E64, LT Thomas, and FF/PM Chamberlain a tour of the facilities at Holly Ridge. The crew went over the Knox box location, fire alarm location, sprinkler riser room along with other items during the tour. Dedra Miller is very proactive with the safety program group at the Center.



Pictured Above: Staff at the Center learn from FF/PM Eric Chamberlain the difference between smoke detectors and heat detectors. That is a heat detector—got it!



Pictured Left: FF/PM Eric Chamberlain does a courtesy check of the emergency lighting in the copy/admin room of the Center. Dedra knew they would work because their safety program group checks them monthly!

Girl Scout Tour

Pictured Right: A girl scout tour led by LT Rhodes!





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3-15-18

Just a quick thank you to
Ryan Madison & Jeff Rye
for their participation in
our event, "Together in Uniform."

It was our intent to honor
those in our community
who serve us, but today
that worked in reverse.
Our residents felt honored
by your presence and the
warm personal conversations
in which you engaged.

Thank you for all you do,
& for going above and beyond
today on our behalf.

Sincerely
Peggy Reece
Activity Director

Just hopping by...



to say,
Thank-You!

Thank you for partnering with us @ the
Eggstravaganza for the Extraordinary on
the 31st! The kids loved getting an up-
close look @ the trucks & meeting all the
CKFR personnel! We are looking forward
to doing it bigger & better next year & hope
you'll join us again! Mary Phipps/CKCC

March 28, 2018

Dear central kitsap Fire and Rescue,

Thank you so much for your donation to our Spring
Auction. Some things we are able to provide through
this support are...outdoor education, art supplies,
professional development for teachers, an art
specialist, and technology, among others. We really
appreciate you supporting the TEAM Program at Silver
Ridge Elementary! We couldn't do what we do without
generous support from people like you.

Sincerely,

Cooper



**Correspondence
received from
members of our
wonderful
community!**

Restoration of CKFR's Regular Fire Levy

Ballots will be mailed out on October 19, 2018. Election Day is November 6, 2018.

In November, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue (CKFR) voters will be asked to restore the Regular Fire Levy to the \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (AV). This tax will replace the Maintenance & Operations Levy (M&O) that was passed in 2015.



Background

CKFR's regular property tax levy is the primary funding source for the maintenance and operations of the fire district. CKFR's current M&O Levy expires on December 31, 2019. The M&O Levy currently contributes \$1.8 million each year toward staffing and operations (currently at \$0.21 per \$1000 AV). If successful, based on a conservative five-year estimate using average changes in AV, the Lid Lift will produce revenues similar to that of the M&O Levy.

CKFR Quick Facts

Service Area:	115 sq. miles
Population Served:	71,167
2017 Total Calls:	7,982
2017 EMS Calls:	4,881
2017 EMS Transports:	4,567
Career Employees:	110
Volunteers:	42
Elected Officials:	5

Why a Lid Lift?

CKFR formed an internal stakeholder economic summit committee to recommend potential solutions to future budgetary shortfalls. This committee included the District's Fire Commissioners, management team, IAFF Local 2819, and CKFR volunteers. After evaluating the current and future revenue and expense trends, the committee concluded the District should seek a Permanent Lid Lift for the Regular Property Tax Levy up to the \$1.50. This recommendation was presented to CKFR's Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Board of Fire Commissioners.

What will this cost?

Much of this levy restoration is the current rate that citizens are already paying today (\$1.32). Using the 2018 AV and the median CK home value (\$296,680), the Lid Lift is estimated to cost \$4.38/month or \$52.58/year for a CK homeowner.

What does this additional revenue mean to CKFR?

Due to the accelerated demands of and increasing costs of providing fire and emergency response services, restoring the levy lid to \$1.50 will allow CKFR to maintain adequate service levels. This Lid Lift replaces the funding for the fire district after the expiration of the M&O Levy beginning in 2020.

If successful, during 2019 only, the District would collect on the final year of the M&O Levy and Levy Lid Lift. Additional funds received during 2019 will be earmarked for purchasing two new transport medic units (with equipment); a new water tender; a new fire engine; equipment for earthquake emergency management and operational preparedness; and critical infrastructure earthquake evaluations, engineering, and imminent repairs.

What if the Lid Lift fails?

This Levy Lid Lift must be voter-approved and requires a fifty percent (50%) majority for approval. If the measure does not pass, the District will need to seek an alternative funding source to replace the M&O Levy at an election in 2019, which would be more expensive depending on which election.

A failure of the Levy Lid Lift would mean a reevaluation of the District's budget and priorities. Without a replacement funding source for the M&O Levy, the District will not be able to maintain its current service levels. CKFR will be forced to consider reductions in staffing, maintenance to fire and EMS vehicles, fire station and capital facilities improvements, as well as in training programs for personnel. These reductions will impact the level of service to CKFR citizens and cripple the District's response times.



The Central Kitsap community continues to experience tremendous growth, evident by the expansion of Harrison Hospital's campus in Silverdale, a multitude of new housing developments, and the new commercial center at the Trails. From 2016 to 2017, the demand for service increased by 6.5%. Additional funding is needed if CKFR is to continue providing adequate service in the future.