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Deputy Chief Selection

From: John Oliver

Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018

Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue just completed an exhaustive selection process for the Deputy Chief position, which included an outside panel interview/presentation and an internal stakeholders panel. All three candidates performed very well and, over the last three days, I personally toiled over the final decision.

Though this was a very difficult decision and all of our candidates were highly qualified, based on a combination of his past performances, the recent selection process results, and his personal fit for the future of the organization, **Division Chief Jeff Sorenson** has been selected to be our next Deputy Chief.

The transition plan will be forthcoming but for now, please take a moment to congratulate not only Jeff, but BC Mike Tague and DC Brian Danskin for their dedication and professionalism that have displayed throughout their careers and spotlighted through this competitive selection process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 23

BOC Meeting
Admin Office (4PM)

July 27-29

Whaling Days
Old Town Silverdale

August 13

BOC Meeting
Admin Office (4PM)

***BADGE PINNING FOR CAREER
LIEUTENANT: KARA PUTNAM***

August 27

BOC Meeting
Admin Office (4PM)

August 22-26
Kitsap County Fair
KC Fairgrounds

September 3

Labor Day
Admin Office Closed

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

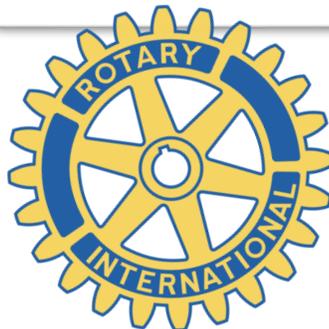
Is your beneficiary designation up to date?

Most of us designate a beneficiary at the time we begin with public employment. But, as life events happen over the years, it becomes necessary to make updates. Perhaps your beneficiary passes away, or you would like to add a new family member to your beneficiary information. If this happens, be sure to keep your information up to date. You can self-manage your DRS beneficiary by logging into your online account.

Annual Leave Cash-Out Requests

HR is now accepting Annual Leave Cash-Out Requests through August 1. Please forward your request to Marci Ewing (mewing@ckfr.org). The form is on the new CK Share under Form 1035.

Duck Tickets Now on Sale!



The 25th Annual Silverdale Rotary Duck Race will be held on July 29, 2018 during the Whaling Days!

Chief Weninger and Chief Oliver have Silverdale Rotary Duck Race tickets for sale. The going rate is **\$5/1 ticket** or **\$20/5 tickets**.



THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KNOWING THE BUDGET AND SPENDING THE BUDGET.

It's hard to believe, but we are more than half way through the year. Now is the time to review your planned 2018 budget expenditures and make sure they are purchased—and paid for—before year end. June variance reports are available on SharePoint to help you see what you planned in your budget line item(s), how much you've spent so far, and what's remaining.

Give yourself plenty of lead time when ordering equipment or supplies. Even if you place an order before year end, **invoices must be paid before year end too in order to avoid losing your budget appropriation.** Please check with Finance if you have any questions!

Chainsaw Maintenance: The Strange and Unexplained

From: Jeffrey Wallis

Sent: Saturday, July 14, 2018



This starts with an "Atta boy" to Lt. Green and AAO Dan Martin for recognizing that the saw on E45 was having issues. It would start and idle, however, it wouldn't get up to speed. I got a call, we got them a spare saw, and life went on. Upon getting to work on the saw, it was obviously having a fuel supply problem, however the filter and fuel line were fine, and the case was still air tight. Before ordering a new carburetor, I took the current one apart, to find a fairly large piece of material lodged in the high speed jet in the top of the carburetor. I don't know how it could have gotten that far, without being caught in the fuel filter, the carb filter, or the needle valve. Long story short, the obstruction was removed, the jet inspected, everything put back together, and the saw runs well again. Thank you all for being diligent and flexible in keeping our saws in top shape!

The Takeaway:

Please be careful when refueling the saws. If you do happen to have to refuel in a particularly dirty area, or in the rain or other area where water may be introduced into the tank, please let me know, and I will take a look at the saw, possibly change out the fuel and the filter and try to prevent a similar occurrence from happening in the future.

**Kudos to PM Jeff Wallis for knocking the district's chainsaw program out of the park!
This email is just the most recent example of his diligence, expertise, and positive communication.**

KUDOS

From: David Brisbon

Sent: July 12, 2018

Last night at drill we were also testing hose. While we were starting to roll hose and load the engine, Dan Martin came out and jumped in to help us. We had 1000 feet of hose on the ground. He stayed and helped until the engine was ready to roll. We greatly appreciate his help and wanted to pass on to you this fine example of teamwork that he exemplifies.

kitsap fire fighters
benevolent fund



KFFBF Takes Action After Townhouse Laundry Room Fire

The Kitsap Firefighters Benevolent Fund jumped to action after a recent laundry room fire in a townhouse in Central Kitsap. The 7 members of the family were awakened early in the morning by their smoke detectors and found a fire in the laundry room. The family called 911 immediately after evacuating to report the fire, then set out to alert their neighbors in the same building.

Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue firefighters quickly had the fire under control. Damage was kept mostly to the laundry room, with some smoke damage to items upstairs. The cause is under investigation by the Kitsap County Fire Marshall's Office.

The Kitsap Firefighters Benevolent Fund returned to the townhouse shortly after the fire was out with \$225 in VISA gift cards and morning snack supplies (milk, trail mix and cereal bars) to assist with the immediate needs of the family as they work through the insurance recovery process.

For more information on the Kitsap Firefighters Benevolent Fund visit www.kffbf.org.

Ground Ladder Service Testing

Recently, Underwriters Laboratories came to St. 51 to perform scheduled annual ground ladder service testing. The process took two days to accomplish, measuring 892 total feet tested. This testing allows CKFR to be compliant with the National Fire Protection Association 1932 standard on use, maintenance, and testing of fire department ground ladders, as well as maintain our safety and effectiveness to our members and the public.

A big thank you to our new fleet manager Tony and the shop for getting ladders in and repaired in a moment's notice so they could be re-tested while the UL Tech was here, and for crews being flexible, making it in to get tested while juggling calls! In all, only two ladders needed to be re-welded, and one folding ladder failed with a bent rung, which I'll be repairing. Questions about how the testing is done? Please email A/O Crosby. Thanks!



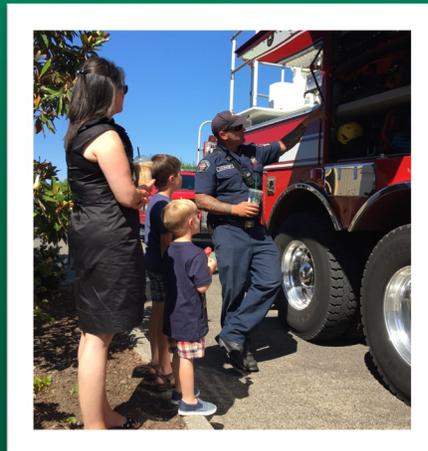
HDR Update

The cab of our new Heavy Duty Rescue just received its first coat of paint!



51-A Shift at Starbucks Opening

CKFR Station 51 A-shift helped celebrate the opening of Starbucks' newest store in Silverdale on Saturday, July 14. Engine 51, Ladder 51, Medic 51 and Battalion 51 rigs were on hand to give kids (and adults!) tours of rigs. It was a beautiful day to meet some new people and show off our cool equipment! **Thanks to the Silverdale Starbucks and James, the manager, for the autographed apron!**





Station 41 Medic Crew Goes the Extra Mile

The Medic Crew out of Station 41 was recently dispatched to a leg injury after a woman's leg went through a rotten deck board. Crews checked her out and she was ok, but there was still the problem of the hole in the deck...

Firefighter Connor Bitterman and Paramedic Alex McCracken asked the homeowner if she had any lumber. After locating a few boards in the garage, along with some nails and a saw, the guys went to work. Afterwards, the homeowner treated the crew to carrot cake and stories of growing up in post-war East Germany. FF Bitterman and PM McCracken report that she was very entertaining and they were happy to help.

Nice work, guys!



“The pessimist complains about the wind.
The optimist expects it to change.
The leader adjusts the sails.”

~ John Maxwell