

STAGE 2 BURN BAN IN EFFECT IN KITSAP COUNTY

FROM KITSAP COUNTY NEWS: (Port Orchard, WA) - A stage two burn ban begins Friday (8-17-17) at 8:00 a.m. in Kitsap County. "Elevated temperatures for extended periods, and our lack of precipitation has created a high fire danger in Kitsap County, and across the region," according to David Lynam, County Fire Marshal.

During a stage two burn ban no outdoor fires of any kind are allowed. This includes recreational fires as well as the use of backyard fire kettles, chimneys, or fire pits.

"Light fuels including grass, dead brush, leaves, and pine needles, are extremely dry and susceptible to ignition from any type of spark. Even residential fires can ignite light fuels which readily spread to heavier items," Lynam said. "Conditions are just too dangerous to continue any outdoor burning – and resources to respond to a fire if one breaks out are very limited," he added.

No major change in weather conditions are forecasted. County fire districts and departments are regularly responding to small fire incidents daily – all with the potential of spreading to a major incident.

Resources from surrounding communities are extremely limited and help from state and federal agencies are not immediately available. Similar bans are already in effect throughout all lands protected by the Department of Natural Resources and throughout Mason county. Changes to burning restrictions are likely to continue into the fall when the seasonal rains return.

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CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE

A firefighter in full gear is shown from the side, spraying a powerful stream of water from a hose onto a fire in a field. Another firefighter is visible in the background, also working on the fire. The scene is set in a field with tall grass and some trees in the distance. The text 'CKFR WEEKLY' is overlaid on the right side of the image in large, bold, orange letters with a white outline.

CKFR WEEKLY

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 27
BOC Meeting
Admin Office (4PM)

August 22-26
Kitsap County Fair
KC Fairgrounds

September 3
Labor Day
Admin Office Closed

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

A message from the WFC Health Care Manager:

We all need shots (vaccines) to help protect us from serious diseases. This protection is called immunization. Shots can prevent serious diseases like the flu, measles, and pneumonia. It's important to know which shots you need and when to get them.

Check out the resources below to ensure you and your family are well protected.

Everyone age 6 months and older needs to get a flu vaccine every year. Other types of shots work best at specific ages or life stages.

- If you have a child age 6 or younger, [learn which shots your child needs](#).
- [Find out which shots you need as an adult](#).
- [Use this chart for adults to see if you are up to date on your shots \[PDF-156KB\]](#).
- If you are pregnant, [check out this recommended immunization schedule \[PDF-255KB\]](#).

Talk to your doctor or nurse to make sure that everyone in your family gets the shots they need.

HR CORNER

Please review the revised Daily Activities Calendar policy by clicking here: [Daily Activities Calendar](#)

IT CORNER

IT sent out several helpful emails regarding technical issues that some of you may be experiencing. Check your email if any of these are applicable to you:

- **Issues with logging into multiple computers**
- **Okta Plugin for Microsoft Edge on Windows 10**
- **CKFR Policy Updates going into "Other" folder on Outlook App**

HDR UPDATE

Week 7 Production on our Heavy Duty Rescue:

- The truck is in staging to be shipped to the IPP facility to continue assembly.
- The body was in a paint booth at the time photos were taken.

Our team travels back to Pierce Sept. 10-12 for the mid-build inspection.



Helmet Shield - Company Officer

The first helmet shield was developed by the Cairns brothers in 1869. It was mostly used for identification purposes and was originally called a badge. The eagle crest holding the original badges came from a sculpture designed for a firefighter's grave. The figure on the grave was that of a firefighter, emerging through the flames holding a child in one hand and a trumpet in the other. The figure wore a helmet with an eagle on it. The eagle signified pride, courage and valor.

The white officer's shield represents the fact that you are a leader in our department. The color "white" is significant in that it represents purity: purity in morals, purity in ethics, and purity in character. As a leader at Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue, you are called to represent our core values of Integrity, Loyalty, Duty and Respect whether on or off duty. Place our mission at the forefront of everything you do while leading your crew.

The red officer's helmet is also a symbol of your position. The color red exudes strong and powerful energy. While wearing your red helmet you are rightfully recognizable as the leader of your assigned crew. You are called to be a servant leader standing in front of the brothers and sisters you serve while mentoring those around you so that we may continue to grow as department to better protect and preserve life, property, and the environment.

Furthermore, the badge you wear differs from those you represent in the fire station. A single bugle adorns your badge. The bugle is representative of one of the five bugles on our Fire Chief's badge. It is a bugle you have earned and marks your transition from "buddy" to "boss". Live this fact and place the department at the forefront of your decisions and actions.

This shield, helmet, and badge have weight—weight that most people never feel. It means something, it has history and tradition behind it. It should be woven into your moral fabric. Never forget that you are a firefighter and an officer. You represent our profession and department whether you are on or off duty. You've earned this right, so respect that fact and carry yourself with pride, courage, and valor, just like those that came before you.

Congratulations to LT Kara Putnam!



Pictured Above: Chief Sorenson presents LT Kara Putnam with her helmet shield.



Pictured Above: Chief Oliver, Margo (Kara's wife), LT Kara Putnam, and Chief Weninger after the badge pinning during the BOC Meeting on 8/13.



Pictured Above: Chief Oliver, our new HR Assistant Manager Sam Luisi, and Chief Weninger.



Pictured Above: Captain Valerie Quill, Glenna & Bill Lamatry, and Captain Dave Brisbon during the BOC Meeting on 8/13. Bill & Glenna provided public comment thanking the crews that responded to their house fire several weeks ago.

Fred Waters Memorial Poulsbo Sons of Norway - August 12

Thank you to all who represented Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue at the Celebration of Life for our former Volunteer, Fred Waters. We'd like to extend a special thanks to LT Vay and the Poulsbo Fire Department for attending the service and showing the family support from our combined fire department family. The family of Fred Waters was very appreciative.



LET'S HELP REESE!

To make a donation to Reese's family, please visit:
<http://www.letshelpreece.com/>

The Heart of a Fire Fighter



Fourteen years ago this coming December, Reece Chambers was hired as a firefighter with Jefferson County Fire District 6, which merged to become East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR), District 1. Prior to joining EJFR, Reece spent two years as a resident firefighter at North Kitsap Fire & Rescue.

He became an Emergency Medical Technician with Intermediate Life Support credentials (EMT/ILS), and in 2015 was promoted to the position of Lieutenant.

For the past 16 years, Reece has responded to house fires, car wrecks, technical rescue calls, water rescues and medical transports at all hours of the day and night.

He is one of those people whose kindness, temperament and overall personality garner praise from all those he has worked alongside through the years.

Today, Reece is not on duty. He is at the University of Washington Medical Center in the cardiac unit waiting for a new heart. He was number one on the list for a heart transplant and a received word on August 2 that a compatible donor had been found. He was scheduled for surgery the following day.

Last year, Reece spent three months at the fire academy as a company officer. The work he did there contributed to previous health conditions. In January of this year, the non-stop work involved while responding to a structure fire exacerbated his health issues and he was put on light duty at EJFR. On July 18, he was admitted to the hospital.

The realization that the job he loves is the cause of such serious health issues has been an additional blow to this man and his family.

Reece and his wife, Trina celebrated fourteen years of marriage this week. They have four children, Jaden, 12, Kaia, 11, Isaiah, 10 and Kingston, 10. Trina, a high school teacher and the children travel from their home in Gig Harbor to Seattle to spend as much time as they can with Reece at the hospital.

After 16 years of unselfishly giving to the community there has never been a better time to show appreciation for Reece's dedication to helping others than by giving back to help this young family.

While it doesn't happen often, there are times when a firefighter is overcome by smoke or otherwise injured while fighting a fire. A call will go out with the message:

Firefighter down—additional resources needed. This moment in time is when those resources—in the form of donations—are needed for this firefighter. Already the trips from Gig Harbor to UW Medical Center several times a week are impacting the family's budget. Expected additional costs can only be estimated.

The International Association of Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 2032, worked with Unions America to set up a website where donations can be sent to assist Reece and his family in the coming months. The website can be accessed by going to www.LetsHelpReece.com. Updates on Reece's condition will be regularly uploaded to the site. Donations can also be sent to BECU for the Reece Chambers Benevolent Account. *Thank You!*

UPDATE: As of 7:30PM Friday, August 3, Reece was out of surgery and according to his wife, Trina, "doing better than expected."

BRUSH FIRE

CKFR A-shift E51 & L51 tackle a small brush fire near the Pete Ross ballfields.



HARRISON SITE TOUR

Earlier this month, Chief Weninger, Chief Sorenson, and KCEMS Staff toured Harrison Hospital's new acute expansion project. See the photos [HERE!](#)

