



# CKFR WEEKLY

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CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE



**SPOTLIGHT:**  
**GIRLS ON THE RUN**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 27**

**Memorial Day**

Admin Office Closed

**May 28**

**BOC Meeting (Tuesday)**

Admin Building (4PM)

**June 1**

**CKFR Kids' Day!**

Kitsap County Fairgrounds (10AM)

*Free event for the whole family!*

**June 10**

**BOC Meeting**

Admin Building (4PM)

**June 14**

**AO Henry Henneman's Last Shift**

*Come out and celebrate with Henry at Station 51! (12:30PM)*

**June 24**

**BOC Meeting**

Admin Building (4PM)

**July 4**

**Independence Day**

Admin Office Closed

**July 8**

**BOC Meeting**

Admin Building (4PM)

**July 17**

**Fill the Brewery for MDA**

***Muscular Dystrophy Association***

Cash Brewing (6-10PM)

Hosted by Kitsap Fire Fighters

Union, IAFF Local 2819 and 437

**July 22**

**BOC Meeting**

Admin Building (4PM)



Typically, we think of wildfire season as late summer (August and September), but due to the driest March yet, we have already seen 50 wildfires in Western Washington, several of those right here in Kitsap County.

The nice weather provides more opportunity to work out in the yard. Consider these tips to protect your home from wildfires:

## What can I do to protect my home?

- **Clean the gutters and the roof:** Remove all dead leaves and pine needles from your gutters, roof, and from around your home. These debris are highly combustible and can act like a fire starter for your home.
  - **Clean up the brush:** Reducing brush appears to be the most important factor for success. You want to have a zone with at least 30 feet of space immediately around your home (defensible space) that is free from ignition hazards presented by vegetation and combustible construction.
  - **Mow the lawn:** The grass around the house can tend to grow tall and unruly during the wet winter months. These grasses dry out and provide a path for the fire that can lead directly to your house.
  - **Stack firewood away from the house:** If a spark or an ember lands in your wood pile it could ignite your house. Make sure you stack wood at least 30 feet away from structures to help protect them from wildfire.
  - **Rake the leaves:** Leaf accumulation provides fuel for wildland fires.
  - **Clean under the deck:** Keep the surface and area beneath decks and porches free of debris and leaves.
  - **Trim trees and brush back from structures:** Remove all dead or overhanging branches. During the windy conditions that exist during a wildland fire, flames, sparks, and firebrands could travel from your trees to the roof of your home
  - **Limb trees up to 10 feet from the ground:** Limbing your trees up will help reduce the chances that a fire on the ground will spread into tree tops – this is especially important if your property has lots of trees.
- Dispose of cuttings and debris properly:** Dispose of your yard waste properly, and make sure you don't leave it piled near the house in the back yard. That defeats the purpose of all the work you did! Here is a list of [Yard Waste Drop-Off Sites](#).

Source: Kitsap County News Release  
Department of Community Development  
Fire Marshal David Lynam





## GIRLS ON THE RUN

On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, C-Shift crews attended the **Girls On the Run** event hosted at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. There was an enormous turnout with over 1,200 runners plus friends and families reported for this 5K!

**Girls on the Run** is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams! Their goal is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident by using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. There are many ways that you can get involved, and they've got some great stories and information on their webpage: [www.girlsontherunwestsound.org](http://www.girlsontherunwestsound.org)

E41's AO Fassett and PM Backus and A45's PM Bekenyi and FF Llewellyn were there to support the cause. Some of our CKFR families also participated in the 5K, including Olivia (daughter of PM Wildes) and Kylie (daughter of EVT Denton)! Way to go, girls!





# CKFRNEWS

**RIGHT:** IT Manager Bob Morley is this month's *Slam Dunk* trophy recipient! Bob has been doing a lot of work behind the scenes to arm our computers and devices against cyber threats like phishing scams and ransomware attacks. He recently ran a training for our staff using [Google's Phishing Quiz](#) that was very enlightening—if you haven't taken this quiz yet, then you probably should. Phishing is an attempt to trick you into giving up your personal information by pretending to be someone you know—and it's harder to identify than you think, which is why these scams are so prevalent and are getting more sophisticated. Thank you Bob for educating us in this area and for all the work that you do in the background to protect our systems! Go Bob!



**ABOVE:** On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Volunteer FF Connor Shelton graduated from the South Sound Volunteer Academy on Vashon Island! FF Shelton was administered the Firefighter Oath of Office and received his IFSAC Firefighter 1 Certificate in addition to a HazMat Awareness Certificate. The South Sound Academy is a five-month commitment that involves all-day training every Saturday as well as evening trainings every Tuesday and Thursday during the program — and for our personnel, that includes a commute by ferry to Vashon. We appreciate FF Shelton taking on this huge commitment and helping to make CKFR great!



**BELOW:** Along with FF Shelton, PM Vince Muscolo's son, Dominec also attended the South Sound Academy and was sworn in and graduated with the same certificates. Dominec put himself through the Academy and plans to continue on with Vashon Island Fire & Rescue in a part-time position. This is a great accomplishment and commitment by both individuals and a job well done! Congratulations to both Connor and Dominec!



**RIGHT:** On May 16<sup>th</sup>, the County Technical Rescue Team completed confined space rescue training at Station 41. The drill incorporated the ladder truck and the hose tower using 18 people from 5 different County fire agencies!





**RIGHT:** On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Training Division and B-shift used Hillcrest Church (home of Chaplain Brian Compton) to simulate a realistic structure fire drill. The church was full of smoke from two smoke machines and simulated multiple rescues using mannequins. The building fire alarm was activated and bystanders were on scene to report people trapped inside. Great work by B-shift to return the building to order! This drill would not have been successful without the help from Chaplain Compton, BC Twomey, LT Davison, LT King, DC Danskin, AO Smith and AC Tague. Thank you all!



May 12, 2019

## The SheenaBear Project

Our family and dear friends are donating 225+ new teddy bears to put smiles on the faces of children who are not feeling well, scared, or just need a little surprise. The Central Kitsap Fire Department is receiving 150 bears who in turn will deliver them to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital on their monthly visits. Bears are also going to Oklahoma EMT services as well as other local non-profits.

These bears are in honor of Sheena Rae Martin. Born and raised in Kitsap County, we called her SheenaBear. She was joyful and touched many lives. At age 18 she had bear paw prints tattooed down her back. We lost our Sheena in May of 2018 at age 32 when, at the most happy time of her entire life, she fell ill and passed away unexpectedly on her honeymoon in Egypt. She wanted to have children right away, she adored her nieces and all kids.

As we mark this one year of her passing, we wanted to honor and memorialize her life with something to help children smile. Children don't need to know the story, but we know and we will never forget.

Ileana and the Central Kitsap Fire Department adore their community and we appreciate that they took interest in the SheenaBear Project. How comforting to know that the SheenaBears have been placed in the care of loving hands.

*Sweetest memories and lots of love to our SheenaBear from: Jari Arin, Mama, husband Eslam Mostafa, brother Andru & Brianna Martin, grandparents Larry and Maxine Johnson. We can't thank our family and friends enough for all their support during this difficult year and for helping to make the SheenaBear project happen.*





**FROM: PIO LiMarzi**

CKFR had a very special visit from Jari Arin (in pink) and her family ... making a donation in memory of Jari's daughter, Sheena, who passed away last year. Since Sheena was affectionately known as SheenaBear - Jari generously donated 150 new teddy bears to CKFR. Most of these bears will go with CKFR Firefighter Crosby on his monthly visits to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital where they'll find loving homes with the patients there. We are honored that Jari chose us to receive such a gift.

