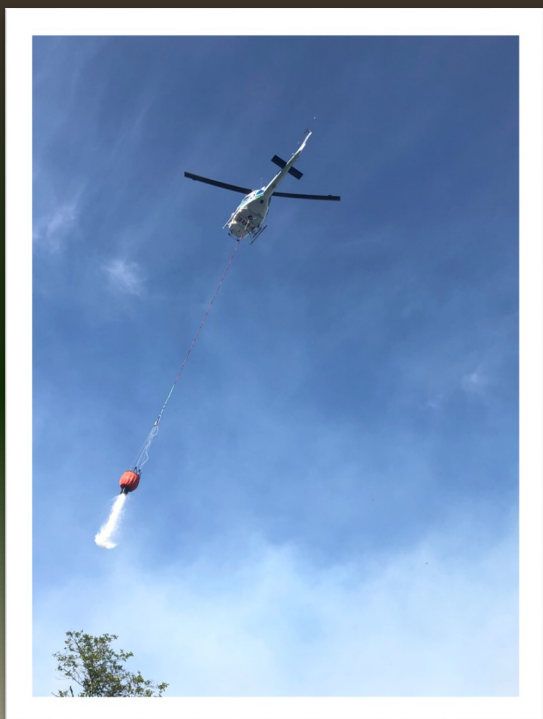




CKFR WEEKLY

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CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE



This week, CKFR crews responded with Mason County Fire and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to a 25-acre brush fire out in Tahuya. No structures were damaged, but a large area of timber was burned.

Kitsap Sun Article: 25-acre fire near Panther Lake contained

<https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/news/2019/06/10/fire-burning-private-timber-land-kitsap-county/1415978001/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

There is a Sale and Use Ban for the following fireworks:

- ⇒ Ground Spinners
- ⇒ Aerial Spinners (aka Helicopters)
- ⇒ Roman Candles
- ⇒ Multi-Shot, Battery, and Chain-Fired Shells
- ⇒ Firecrackers
- ⇒ Sky Rockets and Missiles
- ⇒ Bottle Rockets

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)

Remaining Station Inspections



June 19 — Station 56
June 24 — Station 64
June 27 — Station 45

The Real Value of \$100

In today's world, it seems that families can't go anywhere without spending \$100. Whether it's to the grocery store, movie theater, or a dinner out in town, \$100 is in your hand one second and then gone the next. To some, \$100 doesn't mean very much anymore.

As many of you know, my family experienced the sudden and unexpected loss of the matriarch in our family. While on an extended visit, my mother-in-law suffered a tragic medical event and ultimately lost her life. Though this tragedy struck our family hard, there was a silver lining; my wife and I experienced firsthand the professionalism, compassion and solidarity of this great organization. Both my wife and I have had seasoned careers as medical professionals, and we can honestly say that the level of compassion and care that we experienced from CKFR during our time of need was unparalleled.

After receiving my mother-in-law's grim diagnosis at the ER, in one of many acts of kindness that we were touched by last week, a \$100 gift card was handed to me by one of our visiting duty crews. With abounding gratitude, I tucked that card away in my wallet. That night as our family drove up from Portland to visit their dying grandmother for one last time, that gift card began to work its magic. Grandchildren, tired from the abrupt long drive received coffee and replenishment. The next morning, it bought meals for great grandchildren and continued to reenergize those that wanted to spend every last second with their grandmother before she left this world. Every time I opened my wallet and used that gift card, I was reminded of the unwavering support system that we have at CKFR.

So what does a \$100 dollars mean? For my family, it meant more that evening than I could have ever imagined. That token of support provided my family with comfort and helped carry us through a very difficult time. On behalf my wife and my family, I want to personally thank all of you for your support, and let you know that this small token spoke volumes and gave us more mileage than you probably realize. Even though we expended it completely, it will always be with me.

John Oliver
Fire Chief

CKFR NEWS

RIGHT: During the Board meeting on Monday, Chief Oliver presented Captain David Stebor with his certificate for completion in the National Fire Academy's Managing Officer Program! This is a multiyear curriculum that introduces emerging Fire/EMS leaders to personal and professional skills in change management, risk reduction and adaptive leadership. Congratulations, David! Pictured with his wife, Fay Stebor.



LEFT: Also during the Board meeting, Chief Oliver recognized Paramedic Vince Muscolo for his work on our recent WSRB evaluation with a newly minted Chief's Coin! Vince put in a tremendous amount of time for this evaluation and played an important role in the District's protection class rating.



RIGHT: Boston Bound!

A-shift Battalion Chief Greg Platz and his wife, Lynly, recently qualified for the 2020 Boston Marathon. Long-time runners, the couple is looking forward to returning to this iconic race. "The race atmosphere, course and energy in Boston on Patriot's Day is amazing," said BC Platz. Of course the weather in Boston in April can be unpredictable. Lynly ran the race in 2007 during a Nor'easter, and the last time they went as a couple in 2012 it was a scorcher with temperatures in the 90s. Regardless, they look forward to every mile and the new memories created.



HDR 64 Push-In Ceremony

An In-Service Ceremony took place this past weekend (June 8th) for our new Heavy Rescue. Chief Sorenson and Captain Elliott spoke about how it will serve our community, Chaplain Melendez provided the blessing, the Kitsap Fire Fighters Union Honor Guard presented colors, and everyone came together to give it the first bath and push it into its new home.

TENDER 64





LEFT/BELOW: More shots from the Tahuyah brush fire this week.



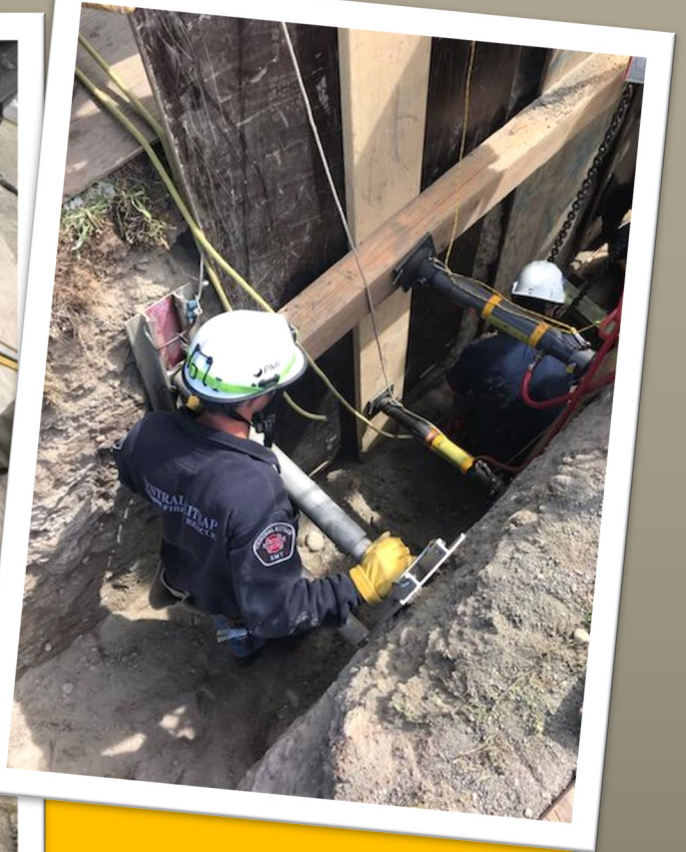
LEFT: Diaper Derby Results: 5,543 diapers and 152 pull-ups!

Thank you to all who donated to our Diaper Derby challenge against the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. We loaded the diapers into Ladder 51 and the PIO Mobile on Friday and dropped them off at Eastside Baby Corner - West Sound. Suspiciously the Sheriff's Office has not dropped off their diapers yet but it's all in good fun and for a GREAT CAUSE! ~PIO LiMarzi



ABOVE/RIGHT: On a beautiful Monday morning, CKFR and Bremerton Fire rescue swimmers gathered for joint training. The teams practiced search techniques, rescue scenarios and patient packaging.





LEFT/ABOVE: CKFR members Lieutenant Brown, AO Tesch and AO Stack attended Trench Rescue course last week in Kirkland.

RIGHT: RE: Station 51 Inspection

DC Sorenson,
Thank you for taking the time to thoroughly complete the Chief's Inspection at Station 51. As hopefully you could see, the crews have put a lot of effort into the station and rigs. The auto deployment of Shop Dry absorbent that dusted your shoes was my personal favorite.

Respectfully,
Captain Shaffer

