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CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE

This week, our IT Tech Levi Cook braved the climb up Ladder 51! *WAY TO GO, LEVI!!* 

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 23 BOC Meeting Admin Building (4PM) Swearing in for FF/EMT Joe Connelly!

September 28 Kitsap Fire Fighters Benevolent Fund

@ Cash Brewing (3-10PM)

OCTOBER We are promoting Cancer Awareness all month long! And yes...now is the time to find your pink CKFR t-shirt.

> October 5 CKFR's Annual Chili Feed & Open House! Station 51 (12-2 PM)



<u>October 6</u> BOC Meeting Admin Building (4PM)

<u>October 14</u> Seattle Sounders FC First Responders Day vs.. Minnesota United CenturyLink Field (1PM)



### Meet our newest member, Firefighter/EMT Joe Connelly!

#### From Joe:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all of you at CKFR. My name is Joe Connelly and I am joining you after spending the last four years at the Spokane Valley Fire Department. I grew up in Tacoma and lived there for most of my life until college where I attended Western Washington University up in Bellingham. I moved to Spokane in 2015 to pursue the job opportunity at SVFD before my wife, Hollie, and I realized the importance of being close to our families who are mainly in the Gig Harbor and Tacoma areas and decided to move back closer to home. I am incredibly grateful to have found a home at CKFR. CKFR has a good reputation among everyone I talk to, I feel my values align with the department values, and I have made positive personal connections at every step of the hiring process.

I am a hard worker who understands the importance of proving myself and working hard to earn a positive reputation, which I strive to maintain in all aspects of my life. I have a passion for health and wellness with an emphasis on fitness and nutrition and I have been a Peer Fitness Trainer through the IAFF for the last three years. I enjoy this role and love working with my peers to help them achieve their physical goals. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and am excited for my time here at CKFR to begin.

#### From all of us at CKFR: Welcome to the family!

# **CKFRNEWS**

**RIGHT/BELOW:** Congrats to PM Eric Chamberlain! It's a boy!! Please welcome Thomas "Tommy" Howard Chamberlain to the world, born September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1350 weighing in at 6lbs 15oz, and 19.5in long. The family is doing well!

**RIGHT:** BC Platz held the A-Shift quarterly evaluation drill this week, which focused on engine company rope rescue evolutions. The crews were up to the task and demonstrated excellent teamwork!

**BELOW:** Amy's been hard at work helping to perform an inventory spot check at central supply after Joe and Pat completed the significant task of entering all of central supply's stock into Operative IQ.





#### CKFR Members at Bremerton Elks Lodge First Responders Night

The Bremerton Elks Lodge BPOE 1181 held their annual First Responders Night on September 12th. This year, they honored our very own EMT Tara Burger with a "Medal of Service for First Responders" for her actions at an incident that occurred on August 10<sup>th</sup> on Bangor. Yay Tara! Congratulations on a well deserved honor.

In addition, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for our service to the community, which Captain Stebor received on the District's behalf.

In attendance representing CKFR were: EMT Tara Burger and her husband, LT Carlos Suazo and his wife, Captain Val Quill, FF Connor Shelton, Captain David Stebor, E41 LT Scott Deschryver and A/O Billy George, A45 Paramedic Jeff Wallis and FF Jeff Stanley, and L51 LT Chris Bigelow and A/O Jason Reed.

Photos from Bremerton Elks Lodge Facebook.







#### Kitsap Co. woman suffers medical event while mowing lawn, so firefighter finishes job



litsap County firefighter jesse Graham finishes mowing the lawn for a homeowner who suffered a medical emergency. (Photos: Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue)



SILVERDALE, Wash. - A Kitsap County firefighter went above and beyond the call of duty recently after a homeowner suffered a medical event while mowing her lawn.

After Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue medics took the homeowner to the hospital for

**LEFT:** KOMO News got ahold of one of our social media posts this week. PFF Jesse Graham was caught in the act doing what CK folks do best... and I don't mean just mowing lawns.

Read the full story here! https://komonews.com/news/local/kitsap-cowoman-suffers-medical-event-while-mowinglawn-so-firefighter-finishes-job



**RIGHT/BELOW:** CKFR crews participate in Rope Rescue Technician training last week! Some shots from Harrison Hospital, Silverdale.







