

CKFR WEEKLY

CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE

MARCH 6, 2020





TRAINING IN CAMBODIA

Firefighter/Paramedic Trevor Stanley and his twin brother, Seattle Firefighter Travis Stanley, are currently in Battambang, Cambodia training first responders.

Teaching everything from emergency medical care to skills required for complex incidents such as auto extrication.

They trained 10 students in their first week. Those students are now instructors and are training 39 additional students under the guidance of the Stanley brothers.

We are so proud of their work and fortunate they're part of our teams here at home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7

CPR Class North Perry Station 45 10:00 AM - Noon

March 9

BOC Meeting Admin Building 4:00 PM

March 12

Stop the Bleed Community Program Station 56 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM









STATION CHALLENGES UPDATE IIBy Chief Oliver

Thank you in advance for reading our update. Last week I shared challenges we are having with some of our fire stations. Specifically, none of them are up to current seismic standards and could collapse in an earthquake. Others are located far away from our population centers, which increases response times. You can find that update **here**.

This week, I want to share examples of how we want to make our facilities healthier and safer for our firefighters.

Cancer is a leading cause of death for firefighters because of exposure to smoke and other hazardous materials. I've lost several friends in the fire service because of cancer, so this issue is close to my heart.

Please note that we do everything possible to provide our firefighters with a safe operating environment. However, the facility systems we have in place were current for their time and need to be updated. I'll provide you with some examples here.

Firefighter Health & Safety



Station 51 in Silverdale is one of the busiest fire stations for the District.

Fire apparatus is located near where firefighters wash their gear, and releases diesel exhaust fumes as they are dispatched to calls.

Some of the District's 60-year old stations lack effective diesel exhaust removal systems and decontamination areas to reduce firefighter exposure to carcinogens and infectious diseases.

Station 51 (Silverdale) is well-known to many of you, and is one of the busiest for the District. In this facility, our apparatus is parked at a location where diesel exhaust creeps into living areas as rigs are dispatched.

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A thief broke through the side door at Station 55 (Lake Tahuyeh).

Security of our firefighters and facilities is also a concern. Station 55 (Lake Tahuyeh) is in a remote location and has been subjected to

several break-ins. Many of the District's stations lack proper security systems to protect the facilities and personnel who use them.

Conclusion

I have more examples or stories to share if you would like them. Give me a call at (360) 447-3566 or send an email to joliver@ckfr.org. I'll be organizing tours later this spring and summer, as well.

As you know, our Board of Fire Commissioners is considering asking voters to approve a bond to fund station improvement projects. Capital facilities are too expensive to fund through the District's regular operating levies without cutting service levels, which no one wants.

The bond would be 32 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The good news is that – even with the bond – the average homeowner would still see a net decrease of \$24 per year in the taxes they pay to the District compared to what they paid in 2019. This is because an excess levy has expired and an old bond for

apparatus will be paid off before the new bond would take effect in 2021.

We have an opportunity to fund our facility needs for the next 50 years while reducing impacts to taxpayers. Just as important, the bond proposal would improve community safety and provide a healthier work environment for our firefighters.

More information on the proposed bond can be found on the District's website at **www.ckfr.org**. The Board of Fire Commissioners will consider a resolution on March 23, 2020 to place the bond on the August Primary Election ballot. The meeting will take place at 4:00 pm at 5300 NW Newberry Hill Road in Silverdale (98383). We encourage you to attend and ask questions.

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PulsePoint

All totals for the month of February 2020

Total number of followers	12738
Total number of followers with CPR alerts enak	6206
SCA incidents	11
SCA incidents in public location	0
CPR Alerts sent	0
Number of devices alerted to CPR needed	
events	0
Total number of incident notifications	56
Total number of incidents appearing in	
PulsePoint	665

Followers by notification type (EOM February 2020)

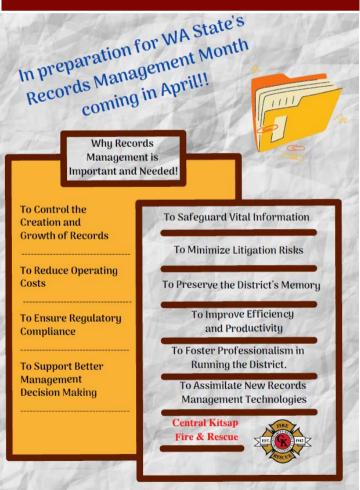
Structure Fire notifications enabled	2878
Working Structure Fire notifications enabled	2872
Vegetation Fire notifications enabled	2152
Working Vegetation Fire notifications	
enabled	2188
Traffic Collision notifications enabled	2859
Traffic Collision Expanded notifications	
enabled	2956
Technical Rescue notifications enabled	1326
Hazmat Response notifications enabled	2079
Water Rescue notifications enabled	1432
NEWS notifications enabled	1915
CERT notifications enabled	1580
DISASTER notifications enabled	2529



February Volunteer Event Coverage

- **7**: Shane Gonzalez, Connor Shelton, Valerie Quill, Judy Henneman, Henry Henneman, Billy Garrison and Ted Fry
- **14**: Shane Gonzalez, Connor Shelton and Valerie Quill
- 17: Shane Gonzalez and Valerie Quill
- **21**: Shane Gonzalez, Valerie Quill, Tony Stewart, Billy Garrison and Ted Fry
- 28: Shane Gonzalez, Valerie Quill and Billy Garrison

 Thank you!



If you have any questions, please contact your PRO Tammy Kamphaus at TKamphaus@ckfr.org



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