CKFR WEEKLY

CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE

MARCH 20, 2020

Temporary Closures

Firefighters and Paramedics in our community are on the front lines of the Coronavirus battle. Our first responders are unable to use the recommended social distancing techniques due to the lifesaving care that they provide. It is in the best interest of our community that our first responders are healthy and safe around our most vulnerable population.

In an effort to better protect our first responders and patients, Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue will temporarily suspend all public access to its fire stations, administration building and support facilities until May 1, 2020. This includes CPR classes, fire station visits, and use of multipurpose rooms at the Meadowdale Community Station (41) and Seabeck Highway Community Station (56).

Though we are limiting public access, we will continue to perform routine blood pressure checks and respond to emergent life safety questions if the first responders are at the stations. Please feel free to knock on the door or ring the doorbell so that we can assist you. If you have further questions, please contact our administrative office by calling (360) 447-3550.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- <u>March 21</u> YMCA MASS CPR TRAINING CANCELLED
- <u>March 23</u> BOC MEETING Admin Building 4:00 PM
- March 24 COFFEE WITH CHIEF OLIVER AND SHERIFF SIMPSON Kitsap Regional Library CANCELLED
- <u>March 25</u> AWARDS BANQUET CANCELLED
- <u>April 12</u> EASTER
- <u>April 13</u> BOC MEETING Admin Building 4:00 PM

Public Meeting Update

The Board of Fire Commissioners is scheduled to hold the regular meeting on March 23. A copy of the agenda can be found on the District website at www.ckfr.org.

In the interest of public health and safety, the District has closed its facilities to prevent the spread of COVID-19. However, to adhere to the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30, the District will temporarily open its board meeting room at 5300 NW Newberry Hill Road (Suite 101) in Silverdale from 4-4:30 p.m. that day.

Community members who do not want to attend the meeting in person are encouraged to write, email or call Chief John Oliver about any agenda item of interest:

Letters: 5300 NW Newberry Hill Road (Suite 101), Silverdale, WA 99383

Email: joliver@ckfr.org Phone: (360) 447-3566

All communication is welcome and becomes part of the public record.









Adult CPR AED Classes

Due to the evolving situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Adult CPR AED Classes are canceled through May 1, 2020. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

If you have any questions, please contact our Administrative Office at (360) 447-3550.

- CANCELLED: March 19th
 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Station 41
 7600 Old Military Road NE Bremerton
- CANCELLED: April 4th
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Station 55
 314 Kingsway NW, Bremerton
- CANCELLED: April 16th
 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Station 41
 7600 Old Military Road NE Bremerton

Shop: Circle of Safety

By Jeff Denton

In effort to increase situational awareness and reduce accidents, a "Circle of Safety" should be completed before driving.

Annual Awards Banquet

In light of current events around the COVID-19, the Annual Awards Banquet on March 25th has been postpone. New date to be determined.



Prior to entering the cab and starting the vehicle, make a circle of safety around the vehicle to see that all equipment is secured, that all compartment doors are securely closed and any movable physical obstructions are moved out of the way. During the circle of safety, encircle the vehicle and visually inspect all four sides and top of the vehicle before entering the cab. Also verify right side and rear clearance with the person riding in the officer position. Look for items like the mechanic's wrench that he has been missing for a week, or Chief Danskin's coffee cup that may have been placed on the bumpers or steps. Check to ensure hose lays are secured and discharge caps are installed on the discharges and snug. While walking around, make a mental note of physical barriers such as curbs, poles and posts that may not be viewable form the driver's compartment.

Last, but not least, always use a backing assistant. If you lose sight of them in your mirrors, **STOP** and do not move the apparatus until they are back in your view and they direct you that it is safe to move again.

Always perform these tasks prior to moving the vehicle regardless of whether or not the vehicle is about to leave to a call.



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Community Connect 🖳

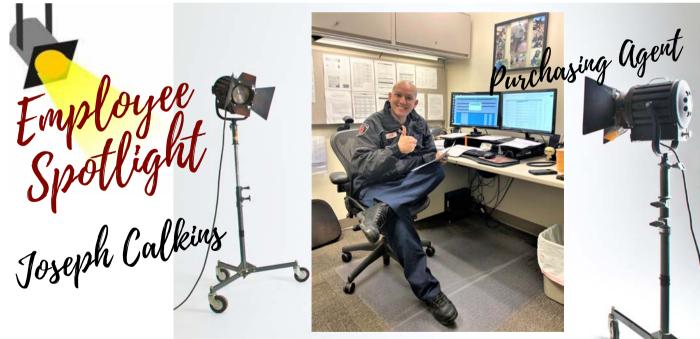
Community Connect enables residents to create household life safety profiles including functional needs, pets, access information, and emergency contacts, to provide First Responders with the details that matter most in a major emergency.

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PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY FROM GETTING AND SPREADING COVID-19. HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV



Most of you already know me by now, however we are always growing and expanding so I would like to take this time and reintroduce myself (Joseph Calkins Purchasing Agent). I have had the privilege of working at CKF&R for over eight (8) years and started my journey as your Central Supply guy (which now is through Pat Busby, and you should know, you're in good hands). I'm now and have been your Purchasing Agent for the past year, with my primary job to properly purchase items for you using the proper methods (Bid Laws, Contracts, Policy). Please don't ever hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions. I'm only here to help and support you and the District. 360.447.3562 jcalkins@ckfr.org

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