CKFR WEEKLY

CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE

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"Declaration of Emergency Approved"

By PIO LiMarzi

Fire and Emergency Medical Services are essential to society and cannot falter, even as a historic pandemic strikes the heart of our country. Resiliency and maintaining these lifesaving services are the direct responsibility of your elected board of Fire Commissioners and the Fire Chief. The entire administration has worked behind the scenes to identify core support functions of the Fire District and put in place functions that ensure we continue to provide the service levels our citizens deserve.

The final act to put these measures in place was a Declaration of Emergency approved unanimously by the Board of Commissioners on March 23rd. This act provides unique and temporary powers onto the Fire Chief to take all necessary action, within legal requirements, to ensure the health and safety of employees and the public in response to the emergency caused by COVID-19 in Central Kitsap.

This includes waiving certain contracting and budget requirements, authorizing staff to implement emergency purchasing requirements, and take other steps in response to the emergency.This proclamation remains in effect until modified by the Board of Commissioners.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- <u>April 12</u> EASTER
- <u>April 13</u> BOC MEETING Details to be announced



Fire Chief's State of the District Address

Chief Oliver addressed the District with live video messages.

Links: April 2, 2020 March 25, 2020 March 19, 2020



DURING THE "STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY" ORDER, OUR STAFF CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FRONTLINES FROM HOME

MEET YOUR



Serena Prince Executive Assistant (and Swanson)

"Remotely reporting for duty from Poulsbo! Mainly, my role at CKFR provides administrative support for the Fire Chief and the Board of Commissioners. A perk of working from home: Every day is "Pet Day". Meow!"





Sandy Schneider Administrative Assistant - HR Division

"During this time to stay at home, I'm available to support the District and Citizens, including making sure my internet connection is strong so I can communicate without issue. It may be a bit cold out here but the wireless service is incredible! Even though we are working remotely for the most part, our main line is staffed Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM for questions, concerns and anything relating to CKFR. Take Care!"

Joseph Calkins Purchasing Agent

"Working hard to support you while taking care of me. Be safe, healthy, and try to have a little laughter. They say laughter is one of the best medicines especially in times like these. Self-care/shelter in place."





Ileana LiMarzi Public Information Officer (PIO)

"I handle media relations and public education for CKFR as well as organize our annual Kids' Day event. During this time though, I'm focused primarily on press releases, safety tips for the community, and our social media accounts. My back-up PIO, Roxy, monitors the scanner during the day. I love being home with my family, but I miss my fire family. Stay safe, everyone!"



Tammy Kamphaus Budget & Records Assistant

"I work in the Finance Department and assist in the annual budget process as well as monthly financial reporting. I am also the Public Records Officer and work with records management and public records requests. I am the primary contact person with regards to risk management and liability insurance needs."



Medina Crawford Administrative Assistant - Operations Division "My primary role is to provide administrative support to divisional and program areas. This week, in my "home office", I'm focusing on updating items in our "Training" software as well as completing the CKFR Weekly. Remember, put distance between yourself and others! Social distancing!"



Heidi Robnett Accounting Specialist, supporting Payroll & Accounts Payable

"Working hard, whether at home or in the office, to make sure the employees and the bills all get paid."



PFF/PM Graham 3rd Quarter BC Eval

A-shift Probationary FF/PM is nearing the end of probation. He recently completed his last Battalion Chief Evaluation. Next stop ... final probationary practical and written exams!



C-Shift Heavy Lifting Training with Social Distancing

C-shift R64 personnel practicing proper training social distance while doing coordinated lifting using Paratech Hydra Fusion struts.











Station 45 Open for Service With a New Floor! By AC Tague

This past week Facility and Central Supply Team members worked hard to complete the North Perry Fire Station 45 flooring project. This project involved removing the old carpet and tile in the day room and dorm hallway areas, and replacing with a hard surface Pergo.

This new floor will be more resilient to daily wear and tear and will also provide a cleaner and healthier environment for our personnel. Station 45 opens for service today, April 3.

Thank you to everyone for their patience during this project and especially to the Support Services personnel, Alex Olson, Pat Busby, and Roger Short, who worked hard to complete it on time.



"Help Your Local First Responders Fight COVID-19 Through Self-Reporting in Community Connect

We will always respond when you need us. With COVID-19 cases present in our community, there's a new opportunity for you to help your first responders stay safe when responding to your home. Community Connect bridges the information gap before 9-1-1 is called, allowing you to share specific information about your household so that we may better serve you during an emergency.

Now, there's a special section for COVID-19. By answering a few questions regarding the health of members in your household, our crews will know what precautions they need to take when responding while also gaining visibility into how this Health Crisis is affecting our community as a whole. This information remains private and is only accessible when responding specifically to your address.

To begin, just visit https://www.communityconnect.io/covid-19 and enter your address. The program will make sure you're directed to the correct fire department that serves your location.

You may already be familiar with Community Connect if you have already completed your home's profile or even if you've applied for a burn permit online. If so, the same login will give you access to fill out different sections such as pet information, functional needs in the household, where the gas and water shutoffs are located, and more. If not, everyone nationwide now has access to self-report their COVID-19 related information in addition to the Community Connect instances already up and running in some districts such as Kitsap County, many departments in Pierce County, Lacey, and Eastside.

Community Connect comes to you after more than a year of collaborative work between Kitsap County's public safety agencies and First Due, a provider of cutting edge technology for our first responders and builders of Community Connect programs around the country.

So please, take a few minutes to visit https://www.communityconnect.io/covid-19 to #selfreport. Beating COVID-19 will take everyone's help, and your First Responders are already thankful for yours.

APRIL IS RECORDS MGMT MONTH!!



Free Mental Wellness under **Quarantine Course**

By now, COVID-19 has impacted most of our lives in one way or another. These disruptions, whether WE



monumental or slight, can cause us WASHINGTON COUNTIES to 'lose it' a little (or in some cases a INSURANCE FUND

lot!). The future of COV-19 (and corresponding selfisolation) remains unknown, and that itself can be stressful – luckily, a great deal is known about how to help individuals navigate stressful situations skillfully and build resilience through the process!

Course Enrollment

WCIF has partnered with HealBright to help ease anxieties, fears, and stresses caused by the uncertainties & inconveniences of COVID-19. This new course is FREE to the public through April 30, 2020!

Check Out The FREE Course Here!

Explore the HealBright course with those close to you. This can include: parents, kids, roommates, pets (no judgements here!), or any other living thing that you're getting to know just a wee-bit better during these days spent at home.

