# **CKFR WEEKLY**

#### **CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE**

## **BOND PROPOSAL**

by Chief Oliver

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Ballots will be mailed to all voters in approximately a week. By way of reminder, we have a bond proposal on your ballot to improve emergency facilities for the health and safety of the central Kitsap community and its firefighters.

We recently held several virtual town halls for different neighborhoods to discuss facility improvements in their specific areas. We're doing two more virtual meetings closer to the election for all community members who might still have questions.

These events will take place Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 20 at 12 noon. I plan to do a brief presentation on the bond proposal and take questions. Meeting access information is available on our website at <u>www.ckfr.org</u>. It would be great if you could join us. If you can't, I'll cover some of the key points briefly here.



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Many of the fire district's stations are 60 years old, and community safety is an issue. None of the stations are up to current seismic standards and some could collapse in an earthquake. Some are located in remote areas, which delays emergency response times. Older stations also are too small to shelter modern emergency apparatus, which leaves expensive equipment vulnerable to weather and reduces its lifespan.

The health and safety of emergency personnel is another reason behind the decision to ask voters to improve our facilities. Cancer is a leading cause of firefighter deaths, and stations lack effective diesel exhaust removal systems to eliminate this known carcinogen. COVID-19 also has shown deficiencies with station decontamination areas for firefighters returning from medical calls. Other stations lack effective security systems, sprinklers and fire alarms.

Now for the financial part. The fire district timed the bond request after two other taxing levies for emergency services will have expired. If the bond is approved, property owners would pay less in taxes to the fire district for all emergency services than they did in 2019.

Here's how a tax comparison looks for property owners. Please note that amounts listed are per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The 20-year bond would fund the community's emergency facility needs for the next 60 years. More information on the facilities bond proposal, including a comprehensive list of projects, can be found on the fire district's website at <u>www.ckfr.org</u>.

2019	2020	2021*
\$1.90	\$1.76	\$1.73
\$0.19	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.16	\$0.11	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.32
\$2.25	\$1.87	\$2.05
		*Projected based on current data.
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We appreciate you considering our request. As always, I am available to answer questions at any time. Feel free to reach out to me at **joliver@ckfr.org** or (360) 447-3566.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

October We are promoting Cancer Awareness all month long!

October 12 Virtual BOC Regular Meeting 4:00 PM on MS Teams

October 14 Virtual Bond Q&A with Chief Oliver 6:00 PM

October 20 Virtual Bond Q&A with Chief Oliver Noon

October 26 Virtual BOC Study Session Meeting 4:00 PM on MS Teams

> October 31 HALLOWEEN



#### Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue Open Positions:

- Entry Level Firefighter-EMT (0-3 Years Experience)
- Entry Level Firefighter-Paramedic (0-3 Years Experience)
- Lateral Firefighter-EMT (3+ Years Paid Experience)
- Lateral Firefighter-Paramedic (3+ Years Paid Experience)

## Our Crews are headed home!

by PIO LiMarzi

Stopping for a bite, they met Victor of the In-N-Out in Eureka, California. He was excited they were there and took good care of them.

#### WE APPRECIATE YOU VICTOR!



A group picture from our California crew in the town they were protecting.

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### **Pump Academy Recap**

#### by Lt. Putnam

CKFR hosted their annual Pump Academy. Members of Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue, South Kitsap Fire and Rescue, and North Kitsap Fire and Rescue attended the four day class. The academy consisted of classroom and drill ground training on apparatus readiness, field hydraulics, emergency scene basics, pump components, pressure controls, relay pumping, and dual pumping. CKFR is planning on hosting 2021's academy in April or May of next year.



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## Station 51 Receives Critical Asphalt Repairs!

by AC Tague

This week at Station 51, the North East access and a portion of the West Side parking lot received much needed repairs. The existing asphalt had completely deteriorated in some areas and was providing unstable driving surfaces for our apparatus as well as regular vehicular traffic.

This project had been in the planning stages for many months. After going through a competitive bid process, the work was awarded to Agate Asphalt located in Poulsbo.

The improved areas had extensive excavation, with the subgrade being substantially improved and reinforced to provide adequate base for 4-inches of asphalt. With the gross vehicle weight of Ladder 51 around the 70,000 lb. range, these heavily used areas will be able to stand up to this increased weight.

A special thanks goes out to our Finance Director, Tim Maule, and our Purchasing Agent, Joe Calkins, for their work in putting together the completive call for bids for this project.

I would also like to thank Agate Asphalt for providing another quality job for our Department. They have always provided quality work in a professional manner.









## SEPTEMBER VLUNTEER EVENT COVERAGE

#### Sept 4, Station 56 Standby

David Brisbon Valerie Quill Judy Henneman Henry Henneman Seth Sullivan Shane Gonzalez Devonte Short Ted Fry

#### Sept 11, Station 56 Standby

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#### Sept 18, Station 56 Standby

David Brisbon Valerie Quill Ted Fry

#### Sept. 20, Rapid Intervention Teams Training <u>at Bremerton Training Center, Rehab</u>

Henry Henneman Judy Henneman Joe Nededog

#### Sept. 21, Rapid Intervention Teams Training <u>at Bremerton Training Center, Rehab</u>

Henry Henneman Judy Henneman Ed Scholfield

#### Sept. 22, Rapid Intervention Teams Training <u>at Bremerton Training Center, Rehab</u>

Henry Henneman Judy Henneman Ed Scholfield





Kitsap County Department of Community Development and the Fire Marshal's Office joins the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in acknowledging Fire Prevention Week (FPW). This year's fire safety theme is Serve Up Fire Safety In The Kitchen. We invite you to visit the Kitsap County Fire Marshal's Office website page and the County's Facebook page for daily fire safety tips throughout the week!

#### <u>Let's Start Here</u>

Did you know that cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries? Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen. Read on for more NFPA good-to-know tips that will help keep you, loved ones, and your home safe.

#### <u>Kitchen Safety Saves Lives</u>

- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Thanksgiving is the leading day for fires involving cooking equipment.
- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Always stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, remembering to stay in the kitchen to keep an attentive eye on your cooking.
- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it's cool.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Please put these safety measures into practice and click below for more insights and tips to fire safety.

#### With your safety in mind,Kitsap County Fire Marshal's Office

**CLICK FOR MORE TIPS FORE FIRE PREVENTION WEEK!** 

#### Serve Up Fire Safety In The Kitchen!

**2020 Fire Protection Week** 



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