

CKFR NEWSLADDER

CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE AND RESCUE



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

From the Fire Chief

Over the years, our newsletter has evolved in an effort to meet our long-term goal of improving internal communications. It all started in 2012 under Chief Scott Weninger (some of you may remember the **Weninger Weekly** bulletin.) In 2016, the bulletin was recreated as a newsletter, given the name **CK Weekly**, and would later become the **CKFR Weekly**. During that time, we made some great strides in our design and content. Before we knew it, it grew legs and was gaining a small public following. At the Washington Fire Commissioners Association conference in 2019, our newsletter received the 1st Place Management Excellence Award in Category A (for the largest fire departments in the State). No doubt, this was a high point for us and was recognition that we had met our goal. I want to take a moment and thank our staff, volunteers, commissioners and citizens who have contributed over the years! It has been a great run.

As electronic communications become more prevalent and refined, we want our communication methods to follow suit and be more effective. We have reinvented our newsletter as a focused, bi-weekly e-magazine called the **CKFR Newsladder**. You can expect to receive it on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. If you would like to contribute to it, please email your content to sprince@ckfr.org. Happy New Year, everyone!

A/C PROMOTION



Congratulations to Chief Rick O'Rourke who was just promoted to Assistant Chief!

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AUDIT UPDATE

From the Finance Director

It's hard to imagine, but in the middle of facilitating the agency's capital facilities bond issuance, finalizing the budget and closing year end, CKFR was also under a financial and accountability audit conducted by the Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO). The purpose of this annual audit is to ensure the district is reporting financial information accurately and meeting certain compliance and regulatory requirements.

I am happy to report that the district had a "good audit" and will receive a "clean audit" as recently affirmed to me by the SAO. This is a significant accomplishment and I could not be more proud of the entire team for helping to make it happen – especially during the other challenges we are facing. Special kudos to Heidi Robnett, Joe Calkins and the HR team as they bore the brunt of the SAO's informational requests this year.

The Finance Committee will be conducting an exit interview with the SAO next week and we should have a final report issued thereafter. Again, great job team CKFR!

DRS WEBINARS

The **Department of Retirement Systems'** Education & Outreach team has updated the webinar schedule for January – March, 2021. To review the schedule, and how to join a live DRS Zoom webinar, please select **Webinars**. As an FYI, the DRS website is not compatible with Internet Explorer. We recommend you use Microsoft Edge or Chrome when accessing the website. If you are unable to attend a live webinar, **webinar video recordings** can be viewed at your convenience.



What's happening at Kitsap Regional Library:

- **Online Accounts:** Fear not! If you don't have an account, during the pandemic you can get one in minutes and use it to check out physical items.
- **Curbside Printing:** Did you know you can print up to 100 free pages per day?
- **January Book Club Pick:** Did you know each month, KRL provides unlimited access to an e-book that they think will spark conversation? If you are planning ahead, February will feature *The Art of Falling*, by Kathryn Craft.
- **Book-A-Librarian:** Did you know you can reserve a 30-45 minute online session with a librarian for help with Library services, resources, outreach opportunities, reference questions and more?





PXT ACADEMY

CKFR's Captain Matt Porter, Lieutenant Kevin Bernt, Firefighter Jamie Monroe and Firefighter Joey Werlech recently attended the PXT Extrication Training presented by Puyallup Fire. This intensive 3-day course covers a variety of auto-extrication tools and rescue scenarios. These life saving evolutions are complex, time sensitive and require immense teamwork.



TRAINING DAY

A-Shift probationary firefighters DeSalvo and Patterson completed their 3rd quarter BC Evaluation in a downpour at the Bremerton Training Center. Hose deployments, ladder raises and search techniques were some of the areas tested.



Upcoming Events

January 11

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
visit ckfr.org for meeting access

January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Admin office closed

January 25

Board of Commissioners
Study Session
visit ckfr.org for meeting access

February 8

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

February 15

Presidents Day
Admin office closed