

# CKFR NEWSLADDER

CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE AND RESCUE



## PROBATIONARY FINAL EXAMS

### From the CKFR Training Division

Congratulations to FF Stafford Smith, FF Matt Patterson, FF Richie Espitia, FF Aaron Trumbull, and FF Cameron De Salvo for successfully completing their final probationary examinations!

These five firefighters have spent the last 14 months studying, training, responding to emergency calls, and becoming highly skilled CKFR firefighters. The Training Division would like to thank these individuals for their hard work and dedication throughout their busy year.

The Training Division also recognizes the crews, company officers, and battalion chiefs for their mentorship, leadership, and commitment to developing CKFR's newest firefighters. *(Continued.)*

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## PAYROLL REMINDER:

Payroll changes are due by the 12th of every month. Changes submitted after the 12th will be included in the following month's payroll.



## PROBATIONARY FINAL EXAMS

### From Deputy Chief Sorenson

I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate PFF's DeSalvo, Smith, Patterson, Trumbull and Espitia on successfully completing their 12 month practical exam. Once again, I am proud of where we are as an organization. These members were only able to complete about half of their academy, yet overcame that challenge to complete a very demanding probation here at CKFR. Well done!

I also want to thank all of the tenured members who's time and energy were instrumental in the success of these five probationary employees. Your effort and professionalism do not go unnoticed.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the Training Division for their work on making this process better. Lt Putnam, in particular, has poured herself into this project, helping make it what it is today. Her work and dedication to the probationary process has yielded a product to be proud of. I would be willing to place our probationary process against any other, anywhere. Well done Kara!

Use the next several weeks to take a deep breath before the next six get back from the academy.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Visit the [Kitsap County Public Health District](#) page for information on the vaccine, eligibility and to sign up for updates.

## OATH OF OFFICE, BADGE PINNING FOR A/O JEFF RYE

On Friday, February 26, Chief Oliver led A/O Jeff Rye in his Oath of Office at Station 64 with his wife Danielle, and daughter Leanna by his side. Jeff also received his resuscitation award! Congratulations Jeff!



## THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPT. OF WASHINGTON 2021 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

### Terry Fassett

We are honored to announce that A/O Terry Fassett has been recognized by the American Legion as Washington's Firefighter of the Year! Way to go Terry!



## We need your 2020 Award Nominations!

The CKFR Awards Committee is seeking nominations for 2020 awards! Please cast your award nominations using **CKShare**

**CKShare** > go to the **Annual Awards Nomination Form** under "Quick Links"

**SOP 2-05 Recognition & Awards**



# IT Division Update

Bob Morley, IT Manager

**It seems like every day we see some new big tech hacking report or data breach. What can I do to protect myself? Here is a simple checklist of things you can do to help secure your online presence.**

- **Keep all of your devices updated.** Hackers are constantly finding vulnerabilities in the software that runs on our devices. In response, companies like Microsoft, Apple, Samsung etc. continue to provide updates to your devices. This doesn't just apply to your iPhone and laptops, make sure your home internet routers are up to date as well. IoT (Internet of Things) devices such as internet-connected doorbells, cameras, TV's, game consoles, media devices (Roku, AppleTV, GoogleTV), Amazon echo's, Google home - all of these need to be kept up to date as well. Many times, the devices' apps will have a firmware update option, use that to keep them up to date.
- **Use Anti-Virus.** If you have a Windows laptop or desktop at home, make sure you have some sort of malware software. Windows Defender is included with Windows and keeps up with the competition in testing. There are many others as well, just make sure they are up to date. I have seen many computers where the owner thinks they have MacAfee or Norton's because it came with the computer. In actuality, those were just trials, they had not paid for renewal and it wasn't protecting them from new viruses. There is malware for other platforms as well, do some research and make an informed decision as to whether you need anti-virus for your mobile phones or non-Windows devices.
- **Passwords and MFA.**
  - This is a struggle for everyone. You have so many passwords and get frustrated at having to deal with them. So what do you do? You make them all the same! It's ok because my one singular password is ten characters long, right? Or maybe you attach an exclamation mark to one password and an asterisk to another. *Password!*, *Password\**, *Password\$*. Those hackers got nothing on such an elegant solution! If you ask a security expert, they are going to say to never use a password twice, and all passwords should be 16 characters at least with some combination of upper and lowercase characters, numbers, and symbols. Admittedly this is difficult. There are solutions though, they are called "password managers." Companies such as Lastpass, 1Password, and others provide you with a much easier solution to manage all of your passwords and keep them complex.

- **Passwords and MFA. (Cont.)**
  - In addition, use MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication) whenever you can. Usually, MFA will send you a passcode via email or text to login to your web application. This is an effective way to secure your account from hackers.
  - Your account and passwords may have already been compromised. There have been many high-level attacks from companies such as Target and Experian. Hackers already have huge databases of leaked account credentials. You can check if your accounts have been breached at <https://haveibeenpwned.com>. If you get a positive hit, make sure you change your passwords ASAP!
- **Home filtering.** Another way to secure your home is to filter the internet. My favorite suggestion to people who are looking to add an extra layer of security is to point them to a DNS service (for example, OpenDNS.com). When you go to google.com, how does your browser know how to get there? It's all in DNS, or Domain Name Resolution. This is like a phone book for the internet. You type in google.com and a DNS server out on the internet points you in the right direction. With OpenDNS, this server can look at the website you are trying to go to, and if that website happens to be in a category you want blocked, it will prevent you from going there. You can choose to block anything from malicious websites, anonymous proxies, and a ton of other categories. They have help on how to set it up in your home (on your internet router). The great thing is that anyone connected to your home wifi will automatically get filtered.
- **One last thing. Lock. Your. Computer!** Such a simple thing, but so effective. You should do this at home, but more importantly at work. All it takes is pressing the Windows Key and L at the same time. Prevent prying eyes from accessing your emails or even sending them on your behalf. Don't let private documents get out in the open. So when you need to walk away from the computer, lock it. Your email and documents will be ready for you when you get back.

**This world is getting more and more complex, breaches and hacks are now a common and daily event. Do your best to keep yourself safe by controlling what you can.**



# Please be vigilant!

# PulsePoint

## AGENCY STATS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

Total number of followers: **16,233**

Total number of followers with CPR alerts enabled: **6,754**

SCA incidents: **36**

SCA incidents in public location: **2**

CPR Alerts sent: **0**

Number of devices alerted to CPR needed events: **0**

Total number of incident notifications: **52**

Total number of incidents appearing in PulsePoint: **700**

### FOLLOWERS BY NOTIFICATION TYPE

Structure Fire:	<b>3,751</b>
Working Structure Fire:	<b>3,771</b>
Vegetation Fire:	<b>2,931</b>
Working Vegetation Fire:	<b>3,023</b>
Traffic Collision:	<b>3,776</b>
Traffic Collision Expanded:	<b>3,825</b>
Technical Rescue:	<b>1,831</b>
Hazmat Response:	<b>2,742</b>
Water Rescue:	<b>1,955</b>
NEWS:	<b>2,583</b>
CERT:	<b>2,083</b>
DISASTER:	<b>3,202</b>

# Kids' Day 2021

## CANCELED

CKFR's Annual Kids' Day event has taken place in Kitsap County for decades and has grown to such popularity that citizens "just know" to be at the fairgrounds on the first Saturday of June.

"The event is 100% free and we pride ourselves on offering life safety messages while providing entertainment and educational opportunities with our amazing community partners," said Ileana LiMarzi, PIO and Kids' Day Coordinator for CKFR. "Canceling Kids' Day for the second year in a row was a difficult decision."

Approximately 4,000 people attend the nearly 5 hour event each year and are treated to live fire and car extrication demonstrations, over 40 booths, bounce houses, hot dogs grilled by firefighters, watching Airlift Northwest land, an opportunity to get a free, properly fitted bike helmet, and much more.

"This event means the world to me and is important to the department and community as well. It's not something that we are going to let fade away. I feel positive we'll get back on track. We have 35 years of Kids' Day to celebrate! The celebration is just postponed," said PIO LiMarzi.

Kids' Day 2022 will take place on June 4, 2022.



## Upcoming Events



**March 17**  
Saint Patrick's Day

**March 20**

1st Day of Spring!



**March 22**

Board of Commissioners  
Study Session

[www.ckfr.org](http://www.ckfr.org) for meeting access

**April 12**

Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting

**April 26**

Board of Commissioners  
Study Session