



CKFR NEWSLADDER

CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE AND RESCUE

EMS LEVY RENEWAL

Fire Chief John Oliver

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) at Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue is funded through a recurring 6-year levy paid through property taxes. Voters last approved an EMS levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in 2015. It will expire at the end of the year.

Our Board of Fire Commissioners will meet on Monday, April 26 to consider a resolution placing an EMS levy renewal on the August 3 Primary Election ballot. The ballot measure would ask voters to renew funding at the same rate and for the time period of six years.

The meeting will take place virtually at 4:00 p.m., and can be accessed through CKFR's website at www.ckfr.org. Community members are welcome to attend virtually and provide public comment.

EMS is the emergency service our community relies on most. In 2020, EMS accounted for 64 percent of all CKFR's 8,827 emergency calls. The number of EMS-related calls has increased 24 percent since voters last approved funding for the levy. *(Cont.)*



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(Cont.) We are fortunate that community support means CKFR can provide the highest level of emergency medical care possible. This is called Advanced Life Support (ALS) using nationally certified paramedics with 1,800 hours of life-saving training. These firefighters are trained to start IVs, do surgical procedures to clear airways and stop serious bleeding, and administer advanced cardiac life support.

CKFR runs one Basic and three Advanced Life Support transport units 24-hours a day. That means you or a loved one are receiving the highest level of care all the way to the hospital.

The total cost of the EMS levy for the owner of a \$400,000 home (an average for the area) is \$200 per year for a 24-hour paramedic response. We will continue to share information about our EMS program in the months ahead. As always, feel free to contact me with questions at joliver@ckfr.org.



Welcome, Nathan Silves!

Meet CKFR's new Facilities Lead and former Volunteer Firefighter.

I am a Washington native and currently reside in beautiful Kitsap County. After graduating from Bremerton High School I went directly into the construction industry where I have spent 17+ years developing my skills and growing my knowledge in multiple trades. For the last 8 years, my wife and I have been self-employed and the owners of a general contracting company specializing in residential remodel and new construction.

I also spent 10 years as a Volunteer FF/EMT with CKFR. Three of those years I was a Resident at Station 64, and shortly after I was promoted to Lieutenant at Station 42.

In our free time my wife and I enjoy camping, hiking, taking day road trips to explore the Pacific Northwest, and traveling to new places.

I thoroughly enjoyed my experience with CKFR and missed being a part of such a progressive and dynamic organization. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of this department again, just in a new role, and looking forward to connecting with the many familiar faces.

Nathan will start with CKFR on April 12th.



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



Volunteer Aid Coverage

February & March

Feb. 20 @ 1:00pm, Olympic Football Aid Coverage

Joe Nededog, Tony Stewart, Shane Gonzalez and Rachael Leahy

Feb. 20 @ 6:30pm, Klahowya Football Aid Coverage

Daniel Ide and Reuben Farley

Feb. 20 @ 7:00pm, CK Football Aid Coverage

Valerie Quill and Ed Scholfield

Mar. 5 @ 6:00pm, CK Football Aid Coverage

Valerie Quill and David Brisbon

Mar. 13 @ 1:00pm, Olympic Football Aid Coverage

Tony Stewart and Rachael Leahy

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Mental Health Articles:

- "EMS mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic"
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- "First responder mental health resources to help you move forward"
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Training Opportunities:

- "Essential Sleep: Why 1st Responders Need Sleep and How to Sleep Well"
on April 30, 9:00am-10:15am (1st Responder Conferences)

CKFR NEWS

FF DESALVO'S PROBY DINNER

RIGHT: FF Cameron DeSalvo celebrated the end of his firefighter probation by cooking a fantastic meal of smoked brisket, potato salad, homemade mac 'n cheese, salad and chili. Of course, no dinner is complete without cheesecake for dessert! The 41-A shift crew and BC Platz need to hit the gym after this meal!



KUDOS TO A/O ROB PIERSON!

"Acting A/O Rob Pierson and I were returning from a cancelled mutual aid call with Bremerton. While returning on Trenton Ave Rob suddenly/aggressively slowed to a controlled stop. Out of the darkness two deer jumped in front of the engine and crossed the road from left to right and then stood in the ditch. Rob started to creep forward slowly and one of the deer suddenly jumped back right in front of us again and then took off running. I have little doubt that if not for Rob's excellent attention to detail that we would have struck one or both of those deer."

Well done Rob, your attentive driving prevented injury and damage! Thank you to LT Davison for submitting this **Near Miss Report**. If you have an event/issue that could have resulted in damage or injury, please submit a Near Miss Report and forward to AC O'Rourke.

OATH OF OFFICE, BADGE PINNING FOR EMT RACHAEL LEAHY

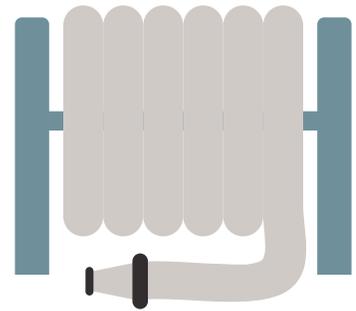
On Wednesday, March 31, Chief Oliver led EMT Rachael Leahy in her Oath of Office at Station 42.





PRIDE & OWNERSHIP

LEFT: FF Mike Smith showing pride & ownership on Monday as he cleans and reloads 500 feet of hose on one of our reserve rigs.



TECH RESCUE TRAINING

BELOW: A-shift's R64 and Station 41 took advantage of the beautiful spring weather to conduct some tech rescue training using the Arizona Vortex Tripod and Aztek system. Lt. Rhodes was first to be lowered over the edge.



HR CORNER

Health Observance

April is Cancer Control Month, a reminder to take charge of reducing your cancer risk.

Check with your health care provider to make sure you're current on screenings for breast, colon, skin and other common cancers and learn how to lower your individual cancer risk factors (e.g., smoking, lack of exercise and excess weight). Also share any family history of cancer. Learn more at cancer.org. Screenings can catch cancer early, when it's more treatable.

Preventive Care Reminder!

Birthdays are a good way to schedule your annual check-up, along with other preventive care screenings! WFCA's medical plan covers 100% of Preventive Care Screenings/ Immunizations (when using in-network providers).

Click here for a general list of covered screenings: [Preventive Services PDF](#)

If you have questions about whether a service will be covered as "preventive," please call TPSC Customer Service at the toll-free number listed on your medical ID card.



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.

PulsePoint

AGENCY STATS FOR MARCH 2021

Total number of followers: **16,515**

Total number of followers with CPR alerts enabled: **6,813**

SCA incidents: **16**

SCA incidents in public location: **3**

CPR Alerts sent: **2**

Number of devices alerted to CPR needed events: **19**

Total number of incident notifications: **47**

Total number of incidents appearing in PulsePoint: **709**

FOLLOWERS BY NOTIFICATION TYPE

Structure Fire:	3,823
Working Structure Fire:	3,842
Vegetation Fire:	2,980
Working Vegetation Fire:	3,067
Traffic Collision:	3,844
Traffic Collision Expanded:	3,884
Technical Rescue:	1,860
Hazmat Response:	2,790
Water Rescue:	1,990
NEWS:	2,620
CERT:	2,118
DISASTER:	3,242



Upcoming Events

April 20

KITSAP GREAT GIVE 2021
www.kitsapgreatgive.org

May 10

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

April 12

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

April 26

Board of Commissioners
Study Session

May 31

Memorial Day
Admin Office Closed

