



## FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Call volumes have continued to climb for Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue. We attribute this to our state reopening, higher vaccination rates, warmer weather, and community members feeling more comfortable about travel. Regardless of the reason, CKF&R has seen calls increase 10.42% compared to the first five months of last year.

Emergency medical service (EMS) accounted for almost 68.68% of all these calls. That equates to a 15.87% increase in EMS calls alone compared to the same time period last year.

EMS is funded in part by a 6-year levy paid through property taxes. The EMS levy is capped at \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, or approximately \$200 per year for the owner of a \$400,000 home.

The EMS levy guarantees residents a 24-hour Paramedic response to medical emergencies. Paramedics are trained to provide Advanced Life Support, which is the highest level of care possible.

It's important to point out that the assessed value of your property is lower than its market value. The market value is the amount someone would pay for your home. The assessed value is determined by Kitsap County and used to determine the calculation for levies.

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Voters last approved the EMS levy in 2015, which means it expires at the end of the year if not renewed. CKF&R is asking the Central Kitsap community to continue the EMS levy at the same rate and time period as before. The measure will be on the August 3 Primary Election ballot for voter consideration.

We are planning some public meetings in a few weeks to answer questions you may have about the EMS levy renewal. In the meantime, visit our website [www.ckfr.org](http://www.ckfr.org) to learn more about this life-saving program. As always, feel free to contact me with questions as well at [joliver@ckfr.org](mailto:joliver@ckfr.org). Thank you again for your support of emergency services.



## Battalion Chief Promotion

**Please join us in congratulating Tom Sullivan on his promotion to Battalion Chief!** BC Sullivan's dedication to the organization, his character and his competence have been demonstrated time and again during his tenure with CKFR. Congrats on this career achievement, Tom!

## Phase 1 Burn Ban starts Saturday, June 26

Under the Phase I Fire Danger Burn Ban, all outdoor burning permits are suspended until further notice and all burning is prohibited except for recreational or cooking fires in approved devices and locations. For more detail about what's approved and what's not under the ban, see [Outdoor Burning Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Local fire districts have seen recent increases in wildland fire responses, and an early start to the wildland season throughout the west has already put pressure on available regional resources. Unusually hot weather is forecast for the coming weekend. **Higher than normal temperatures are likely** to continue and **lower than normal amounts of rain are predicted** over the next two weeks, worsening fire risk in a landscape that's already dry. Escaped outdoor fires are the leading cause of wildland fires, sparking nearly 85% of all vegetation blazes.

"We're asking the public to be aware of the sharp increase in fire danger and work with us to prevent dangerous wildland fires from outdoor burning as well as other causes," says Kitsap County Fire Marshal David Lynam. He urges caution with all potential ignition sources.

A more stringent Phase 2 Fire Danger Burn Ban may be imposed if conditions continue to deteriorate. It will not be lifted until there is a marked improvement in wildfire risk across the region as well as significant and sustained rainfall.

This ban and others that are imposed due to fire danger are not the same as the air quality burn bans implemented by the [Puget Sound Clean Air Agency](#).

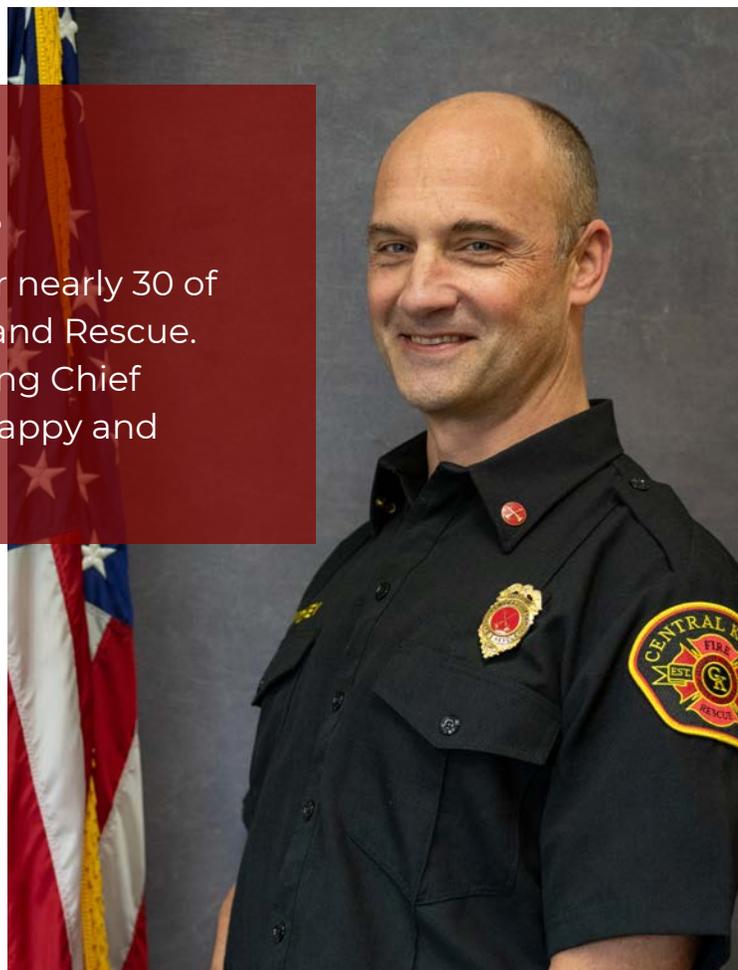
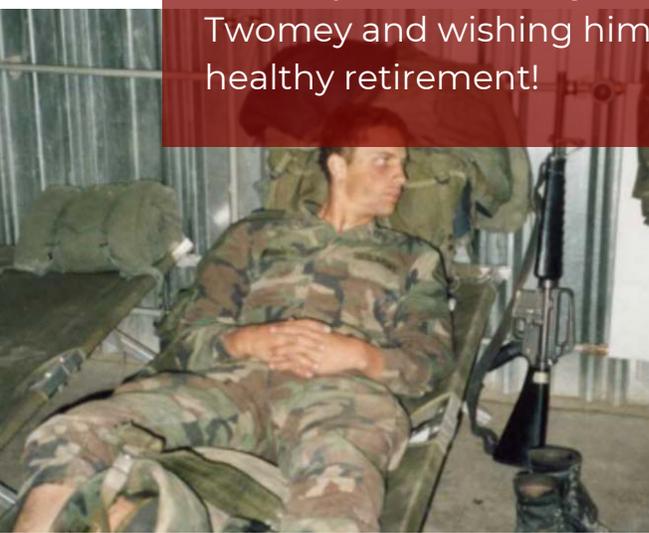
For additional information, contact the [Fire Marshal's Office](#) at 360.337.5777 or your local fire department.



## CKFR Battalion Chief Brett Twomey Retires

BC Brett Twomey retired after nearly 30 of service at Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue.

Please join us in congratulating Chief Twomey and wishing him a happy and healthy retirement!



BC Twomey was hired in 1992 as a Firefighter-Paramedic after two years of service in the U.S. Army Infantry (hired by Fire District #1, Chief Dick West). He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2003, and Captain in 2012. In 2014, BC Twomey was promoted to the role of Battalion Chief where he served until his retirement.

During his tenure here, BC Twomey was recognized multiple times for his continued exemplary contributions to the organization, including the honor of receiving the Fire Chief's Excellence Award in 2019 for his outstanding work leading the District's Training Division.

Congratulations, Battalion Chief Brett Twomey on your retirement and thank you for your many years of service to our community and organization!



*Thank you for your service, Chief Twomey!*

## Recognition for Lt. Steve Davison

Last week, Chief Oliver presented Steve with a Fire Chief's coin for his off duty assistance at a major traffic incident in South Kitsap recently.



"On June 8th, South Kitsap Fire and Rescue was dispatched to a reported serious MVA on State Highway 16. While units were enroute, the MVA was upgraded to a rescue because of the severity. When the first unit arrived (E31), they were met by Steve.

Evidently, he was on his way to a doctor's appointment when he came across this MVA. He was already helping to provide care and assisted our crews with the scene. The officer on E31 let me know that Steve gave a clear passdown of the injuries to both patients and even helped with grabbing some equipment. The officer, Lieutenant Ryan Auston, expressed to me how much Steve had helped on the scene.

I wanted to let you know of the caliber of individuals that you have in your organization and that he exemplified what it is to be a true professional. Please pass on my gratitude and appreciation for his help.

Respectfully submitted,  
Battalion Chief Cody Goodwin (SKFR)"

# TRAINING

New A-shift probationary firefighters Collins and Rettberg receive instruction from Lt. Bigelow about pulling hose from the rig to the door. Reinforcing the basics and setting expectations are important during these first shifts!



# Bond Projects Update: Q2 2021

## Capital Projects Division

In May, we held Station 52 design meetings for each shift and the volunteers. Thank you to those who joined in! We hope that you found the session informative. Please contact Chief Tague with any questions or feedback.

We continue to meet regularly with our Rice Fergus Miller design team, Norm Olson (Civil), and mechanical, electrical, structural and landscape consultants. By now, some of you may have met Shannon Thompson (Barker Creek Consulting). Shannon's role as our "Owner's Rep" is to represent the district's interests during the design and construction phases of the projects. He's been touring our facilities with Chief Tague every other Friday, so if you're around, say hello and make him feel welcome!

### **Station 52**

The Olympic View station design has undergone some notable changes since the last update in May. When we started out, we were looking at a 3-bay design that could potentially be expanded to 4-bays in the future. After multiple iterations, the 3-bay design was presenting several challenges around the cost, drainage, limited mezzanine area as well as high walls on the North and East sides of the apparatus bay.

Since we expect a lot of growth in this area, we decided to plan on a 4-bay design up front. Additionally, we reversed the slope of the roofline over the apparatus bay. The new roofline allows for more room in the mezzanine for utilities, alleviates the drainage concerns, and brings the high walls closer to the ground, which will significantly reduce costs.

- [LINK to most recent elevations](#)

For the site design, we've had to adjust the building some to accommodate code requirements for setbacks. We've also widened the apron to accommodate the turning radius for our larger apparatus like L51 and R64. Hard surface walkways are provided to all exterior access points around the building. We have also provided a combination of slopes and retainage walls to handle the grades on the North and East sides.

- [LINK to site design submitted w/ permits](#)

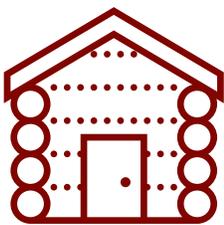
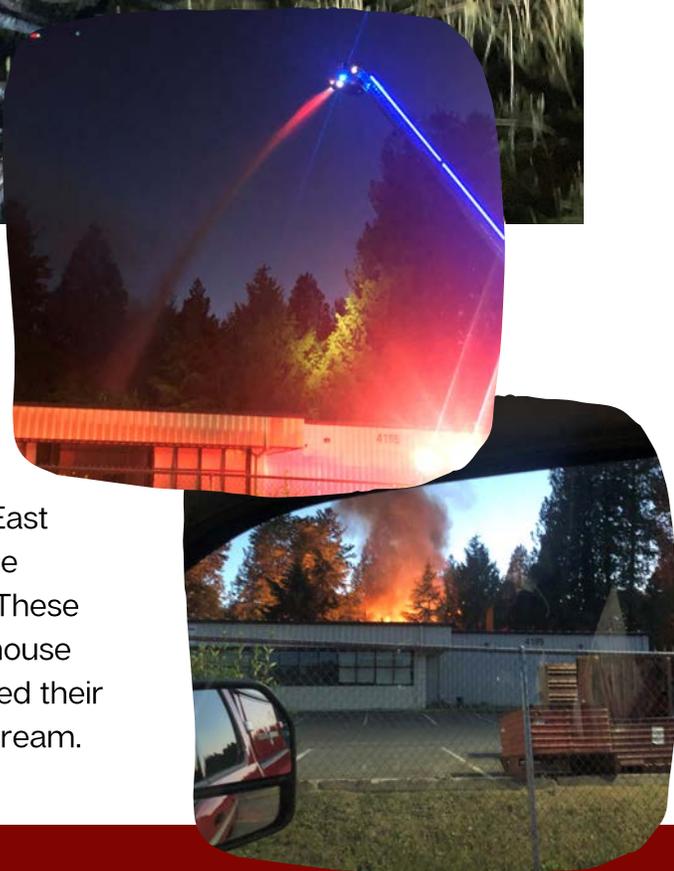
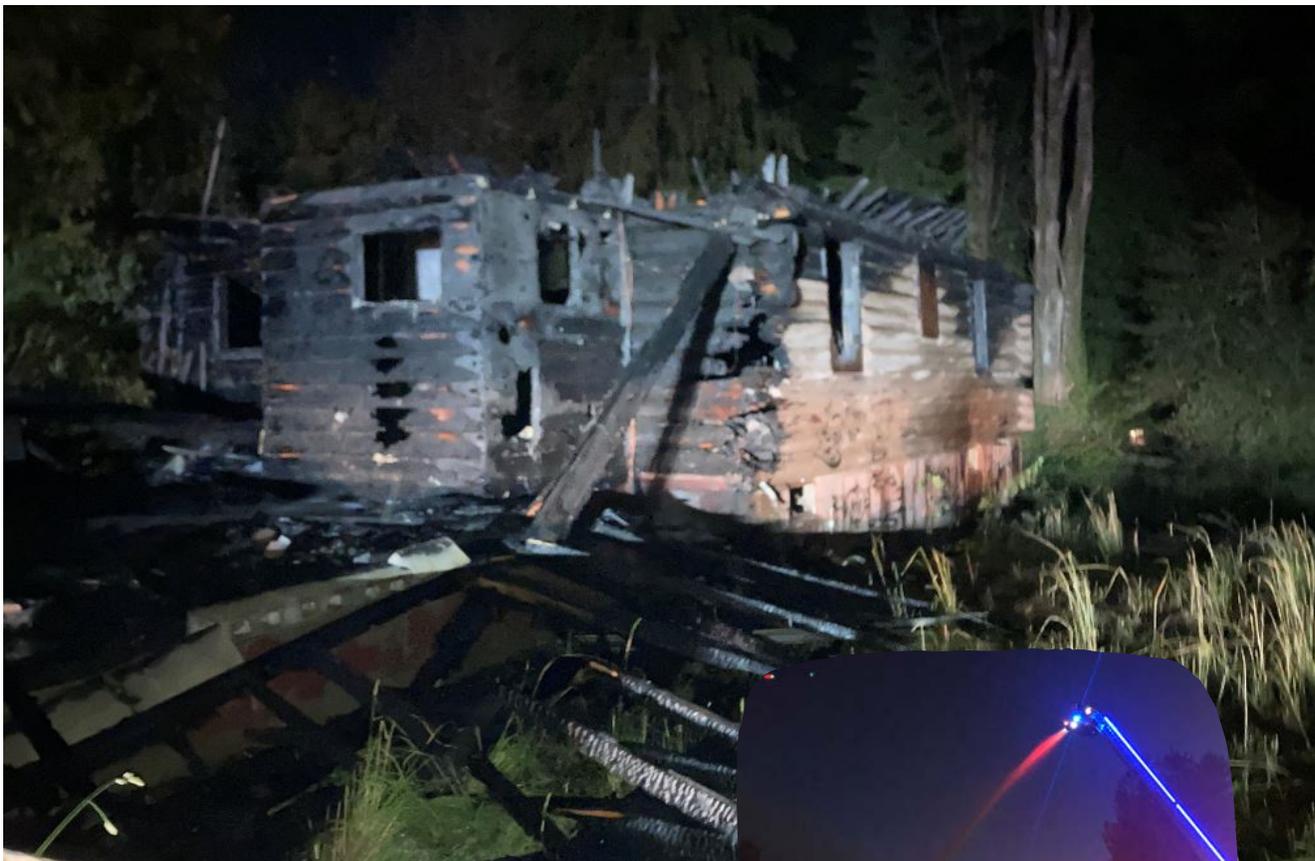
We recently submitted our Station 52 ACUP/SDAP permits to Kitsap County. Now that those are submitted, we have pretty much finalized the design development (DD) phase for 52, and our consultants are busy completing their specific designs. Once completed, this will bring everything together for a construction document (CD) building permit submittal, scheduled for the week of August 2nd.

### **Station 45**

The North Perry station's site and building plans are underway. With the skinny, rectangular shape of this lot, along with grade and slope issues, we are battling some unique site constraints. We are currently planning around a 2-bay, 5 dorm station and will schedule design meetings very soon with the crews and volunteers.

### **Station 57**

Chief Tague is working closely with Norm Olson and Puget Sound Energy on the power pole locations at the Lake Symington site. This will need to be resolved before much of the design planning can commence.



# SFR

Here are some photos of the house fire recently in East Bremerton. It was a large, abandoned log home. The smoke and flames were visible from blocks away. These pictures are from the Wheaton Way side, with the house burning behind Kitsap Applied Technology. L51 raised their ladder platform and provided an elevated master stream.



## Upcoming Events

**June 28**  
Board of Commissioners  
Study Session

**July 4**  
Independence Day



**July 5**  
Admin Office Closed

**July 12**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting

**July 23-25**  
Whaling Days Festival