

CKFR NEWSLADDER

CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE AND RESCUE



News from The Den:

The Kitsap Fire Academy Wolfpack spent Week #4 learning about different tools and tactics used in forcible entry. They trained in rain, snow and sunshine on Gig Harbor Fire's drill ground, gaining confidence in their technique. The recruits finished the week strong by completing their first firefighter combat challenge. Thank you, CKFR Recruit Haley Rollins, for the report!



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CKFR NEWS

Please welcome CKFR's newest team members!

Meet Caleb!



Caleb Bryant
Mechanic

Hello! My name is Caleb Bryant. I was born in Seattle, and was raised in Kingston, Washington. I am 23 years old, and currently live in East Bremerton. My education includes being homeschooled until graduation from high school, and then I attended Skagit Valley College for a two-year degree in Diesel Power Technology. After four years of automotive experience, I found myself looking for a career in the heavy-duty vehicle industry, thus Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue. I am proud to be working alongside great people in the organization, and I am excited for what's yet to come.

For fun, I find myself at the gun range, driving off-road in my Toyota or on a dirt bike, playing video games with friends or family, hiking, and just hanging out with good friends. I am glad I live in Kitsap County, and plan on continuing to find more adventure with God at my side.



Casey Krenzer
Fleet Logistics Technician

Meet Casey!

Hi, my name is Casey Krenzer, and I was recently hired as the Fleet Logistics Technician at the CKFR Maintenance Shop. I am originally from Billings, Montana. After finishing college in 2012 at Montana Tech in Butte, Montana, I spent the next eight years in oil and gas drilling, fracking, and production field operations in North Dakota, Texas, and Oklahoma. My wife, three-year-old son, and I had the opportunity to relocate to Washington in 2021 and haven't looked back after settling in Silverdale. I am excited for the opportunity to incorporate my previous experiences in providing service to the organization and personnel responsible for keeping safe the community our family is establishing roots in.

I spend most of my free time working on projects around the house. I also enjoy reading, podcasts, and spending time outdoors. I grew up backpacking and trout fishing in the Beartooth Mountains and surrounding wilderness areas of south-central Montana. Looking forward to pursuing these same activities around the Olympic Peninsula for years to come.



Oath of Office: Bryant and Krenzer

On April 14th, our new Mechanic, Caleb Bryant, and new Fleet Logistics Tech, Casey Krenzer were sworn in to CKFR by Chief Jay Christian down at the Maintenance Shop.

Both were accompanied by family for the ceremony. Welcome, Caleb & Casey!



Shout out to PIO LiMarzi!

We'd like to take a moment to recognize our Public Information Officer, Ileana LiMarzi, for her stellar work on CKFR's social media accounts.

Recently, CKFR took the County's top spot for the largest presence on Facebook! We are proud to report that we have over 11,400 Facebook followers. Her efforts and dedication to building our social media program over the last decade is a testament to this milestone.

From breaking news, to safety tips, to engaging stories and CKFR events, she is able to connect us with our community in so many meaningful ways. Thank you PIO LiMarzi for all the good work you do for our community - you are awesome!



Thank you!



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OPERATIONS



C-Shift is getting ready for another Wildland season using a technique called counter-fires (back fires). Sometime fire can be used to combat a larger fire. This technique uses a controlled prescribed burn to starve a fire of the fuel it needs to spread. The fire is eventually sucked back toward the original fire. Thanks to our CKFR Wildland team who are valuable resources locally and regionally.

From: BC Brock Shaffer



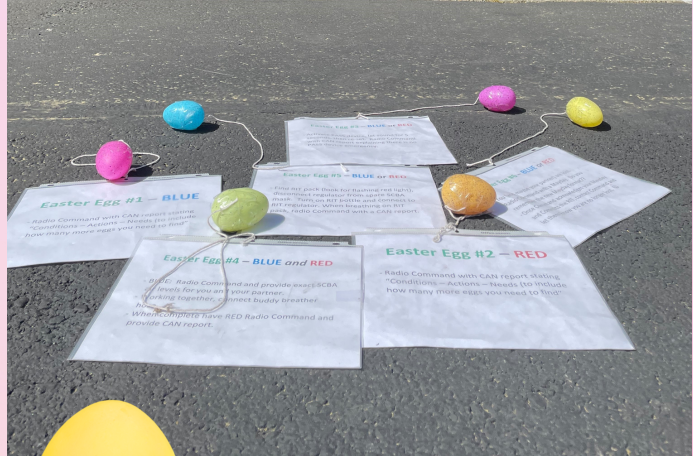
The NewLife Touch a Truck/Easter Egg Hunt was packed! Rescue 64 and Medic 51 interacted with hundreds of kids, gave away all of the helmets provided (2 boxes!!), plus coloring books and stickers. B-shift Acting Lt. Nick Morgan, AO Lee Pennington (pictured kneeling with kid), PM Austin Backus and PFF Alex Myers were on hand for the event. From: BC Greg Platz



A-shift Battalion Chief Platz is known for his special "holiday" drills. For the 3rd time in the past 5 years, A-shift has experienced an Easter Egg Hunt drill. Crews of two don their bunker gear and SCBA to enter the smoked-up back shop in search of 6 Easter Eggs. Each one has instructions pertaining to radio communication or SCBA procedures.

This year's winning team was L51 with AO Whitish and FF Patterson (Captain Stebor stayed outside as moral support to keep it fair since others were teams of two!).

Training is always great, but even better with a little fun sprinkled in!



Upcoming Events

April 25
Board of Commissioners
Study Session

May 9
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

May 10
**Seabek Virtual
Community Meeting**
Meeting access on ckfr.org

May 23
Board of Commissioners
Study Session

June 4
CKFR's 35th Annual Kids'
Day at the Fairgrounds