



CKFR NEWSLADDER

CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE AND RESCUE

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Above: 41 A-shift enjoyed the Christmas holiday in the rain, having fun training!

After Christmas Safety Tips

Happy Holidays! Now is the time we recommend getting rid of your Christmas tree, especially if it has dried out. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Don't forget to bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

We wish you a safe and happy new year!

GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE LAKE SYMINGTON COMMUNITY FIRE STATION

On December 14th, CKFR broke ground (or should we say snow?) on our third station project! Thanks to everyone who joined us to celebrate this milestone! You can check out the highlights [here](#).



CAPTAIN MADISON'S LAST SHIFT "ON THE LINE"

Congratulations to Captain Ryan Madison, A-shift Ladder 51 Officer, who will be promoted to Assistant Chief on January 1st, 2023. He worked his last shift "on the line" in which the crew shared many stories, a fantastic meal and lots of well wishes!



Thanks for your 22 years of service to the citizens of Central Kitsap running calls as a firefighter/paramedic, Lieutenant and Captain. We look forward to your continued service on the Administrative side of CKFR!

MORE STORIES FROM THIS MONTH >

Left: During the recent ice event, 51-C incorporates some technical rescue rope techniques to aid a crew moving a patient and gurney up an extremely icy hill, ultimately getting them safely to the hospital.

Below: After enjoying the Christmas holiday in the rain training, 41-A had a big family meal prepared by FF Graham and FF Patterson.



Below: Sometimes in the midst of an ice and snow storm, it is important to wash all the grime off the rig to improve safety and visibility. Kudos to the 41-A crew for paying to wash their rig at the local Brown Bear car wash! What a great example of pride and ownership! A big Thank You to Brown Bear Car Wash for being open, de-iced and big enough to fit Engine 41. Thanks to Edgar, Brown Bear employee, ensuring the water was warm and their facility was open for all.





Left: Chief Christian getting sworn in at the Kitsap County Fire Chiefs and Fire Commissioners annual holiday brunch held at the Clearwater Resort on December 12th.

Below: BC Greg Platz, Shop Supervisor Joe Eberle, Captain Kevin Bernt and Apparatus Operator Adam Smith traveled to Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin, this week to complete the pre-build process for CKFR's newest fire engine. The Pierce Arrow XT PUC fire engine will be similar to our other frontline rigs, except that its wheelbase is 12" shorter. Expected delivery should be in the summer of 2023. The spec team will travel back to Appleton two more times for mid-build and final inspections.



Right: Shop Supervisor Joe Eberle providing awesome internal customer service to CKFR crews. On December 26th, Engine 41 broke down with a busted radiator hose leaving E41 on the side of the road. Without hesitation, Joe went to the shop to gather the necessary equipment and supplies to field repair the rig out in the rain. This continued level of support and dedication to our profession is simply extraordinary. Thank you, Joe!





Thank you to our Logistics Technician, Pat Busby, for ensuring our stations were plowed, allowing crews to safely respond to our citizens during the winter storm!

KSORT UPDATE

Captain Gillanders, Poulsbo Fire (KSORT Program Manager)

On December 15th, the KSORT crew met for our “run” phase structural collapse drill with a confined space event thrown in for good measure (and to wrap up everyone’s entry requirements for the year); it was a fantastic culminating event for the year.

Crews were presented with a multi-phase evolution requiring initial access to a permit required confined space, followed by an earthquake scenario in a multi-story, heavy floor structure. This scenario required performing a clean breach through a reinforced masonry wall, followed by multiple metal breaches, complex multi-floor shoring, victim location & packaging, and rope based victim extrication. This was a very complex drill requiring pieces of almost every one of KSORT’s capabilities and your personnel all performed exceptionally. Drill was completed well within the allotted time, all victims were located and removed, and no injuries were reported.



Upcoming Events

January 1
New Year's Day
 Admin Office Closed Jan. 2

January 9
 Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 16
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Admin Office Closed

January 23
 Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 13
 Board of Commissioners Meeting