

CKFR NEWSLADDER

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Above: C-shift took advantage of clear skies on Tuesday and were spotted practicing aerial rescue operations. PFF/PM John Winn was seen *hanging around* and *learning the ropes*!

January is Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month



Firefighter occupational cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths in the fire service. At the 2022 IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial, almost 75% of the names added to the wall (348 out of 469) were members who had died from occupational cancer.

BECAUSE OF YOU... Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue is incorporating design changes and advanced equipment into our new stations and our remodels. All made possible due to your support and the passing of our bond.

We thank you for investing in the wellness of your CKFR firefighters!

Giving 100% and then some...

Fire Chief Jay Christian

It is these examples whereby we meet and exceed the **"Then Some..."** attitude that makes CKFR successful in our community and a fun and rewarding place to work. **Well done!** The fire service is 100% about service to others, 100% of the time.



Water Leak

On December 27, Chief Christian received a voicemail from a homeowner stating that he was extremely pleased with our crews (LT Davison and AO Tesch) who stopped a water leak at his rental property. Our members stepped in and stopped a large water leak in the garage after the big freeze and helped the renters who did not know what to do. The homeowner lived in Bellevue and was very complementary of our crew and our department.

From BC Brock Shaffer to Lead EVT Joe Eberle

"I would once again like to thank you for your awesome internal customer service. Tonight, December 26, Engine 41 broke down with a busted radiator hose leaving E41 on the side of the road. Without hesitation, you 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."



From BC Greg Platz to the Chiefs

"I love it when crews receive thank you notes . . . and it's even better when they insist we wait a moment while they write it and hand it to the crews before they even leave! Proud of 41-A shift! Whatever they did, it must have included "then some!"

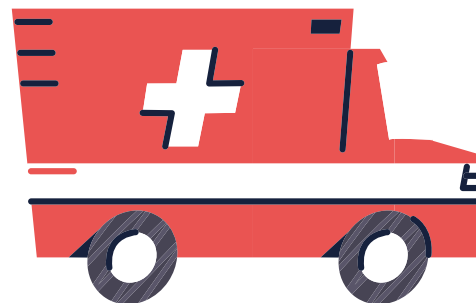


and I'm so grateful.

Tammy A. Welch
Stephanie Blum
Lora
Britt & Alex

From Lt. Jeff Wright to the Volunteers

"Last night (Friday, Nov. 25) Capt. Tony Stewart, Capt. Val Quill, & Tony Lyons staffed A42 for a few hours. They were immensely helpful in us fulfilling our mission to our citizens. Because they were here last night our BLS patient did not have to wait for M56 to come all the way to East Bremerton. They also made it so that we did not have to call mutual aid into CKFR's area when things got busy. When they arrived on scene they collaborated with the crew and instantly went to work. I hope that their responses last night do not go unnoticed or under appreciated. Thank you all for what you do!"



Note From Citizen to Accounting Specialist Tammy Kamphaus

"I wanted to write a note to THANK YOU for your personal help in getting this assistance at a difficult time in my life. All of you at CK Fire & Rescue are MUCH loved and appreciated - including your heroic efforts. You all demonstrated much love bringing six vehicles, and we appreciated your efforts very much. May God bless and reward each of you for your faithfulness."

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Note from a citizen

"To The Best: Thank you so much for responding to our fire alarm on Monday, October 17th. Our neighbor said she was impressed on how much you checked out the house! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

**From BC Greg Platz to BC Sullivan and BC Shaffer**

"A very appreciate woman stopped by St. 51 today with a box of cookies and a thank you note for the crew that helped her out when her van broke down in front of the station. She was unsure of the date but was very thankful for all you did. Strong work!"

**Note from a patient's family**

"Our family would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation for being there, and all you did for us, on the saddest, most unexpected day of our lives. You all were called to our cul-de-sac. You did everything humanly possible to save our beloved family member. The efforts were tireless, each update (as the minutes felt like hours) meant so much. Also the gentle and genuine expressions of sadness and condolences that despite your efforts, they had passed. Each and every one of you were compassionate and comforting to a shocked and already grieving family. After they passed, the respect you showed by having their head on a pillow and a soft blanket covering them was very appreciated. Your big hearts, hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. With warmest regards, the Family."

MORE STORIES FROM THIS MONTH >

Below: "Friday Night, No Lights" . . . Night Drills at Station 51

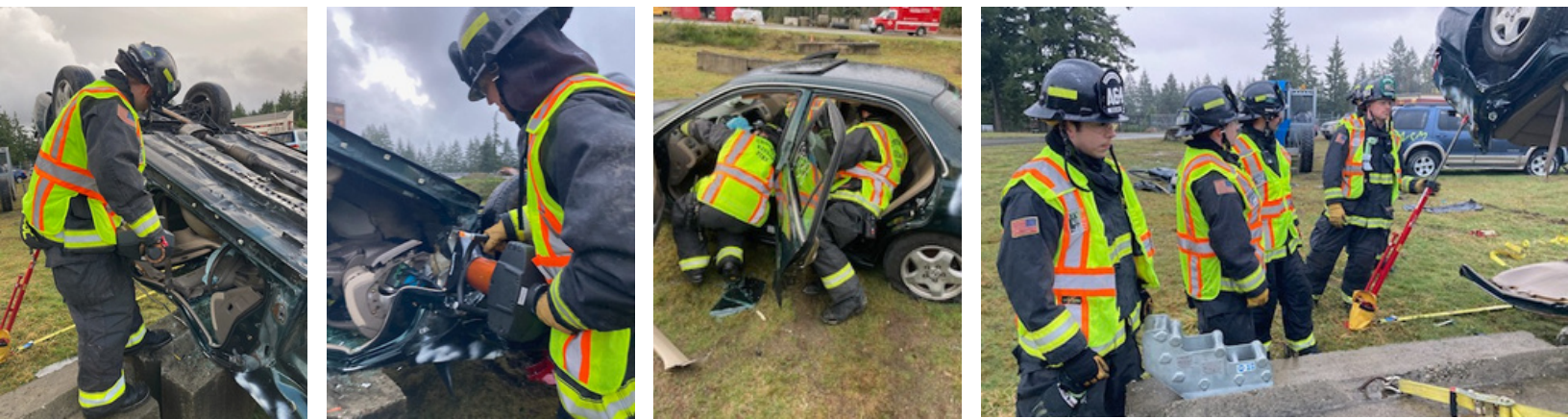
A-shift Lt. Eric Chamberlain lead the charge with some night drills at Station 51 on Friday evening. Probationary Firefighters Sally Ogles and Cody Davies pulled hose, conducted search operations and set up the Rapid Intervention Team. Then it was "To the Roof" for a review of commercial vent procedures. Nothing like a night drill to work off PM Dan Martin's dinner of chicken parmesan!

PulsePoint

As of December, CKFR has 7,408 monthly active users on PulsePoint!



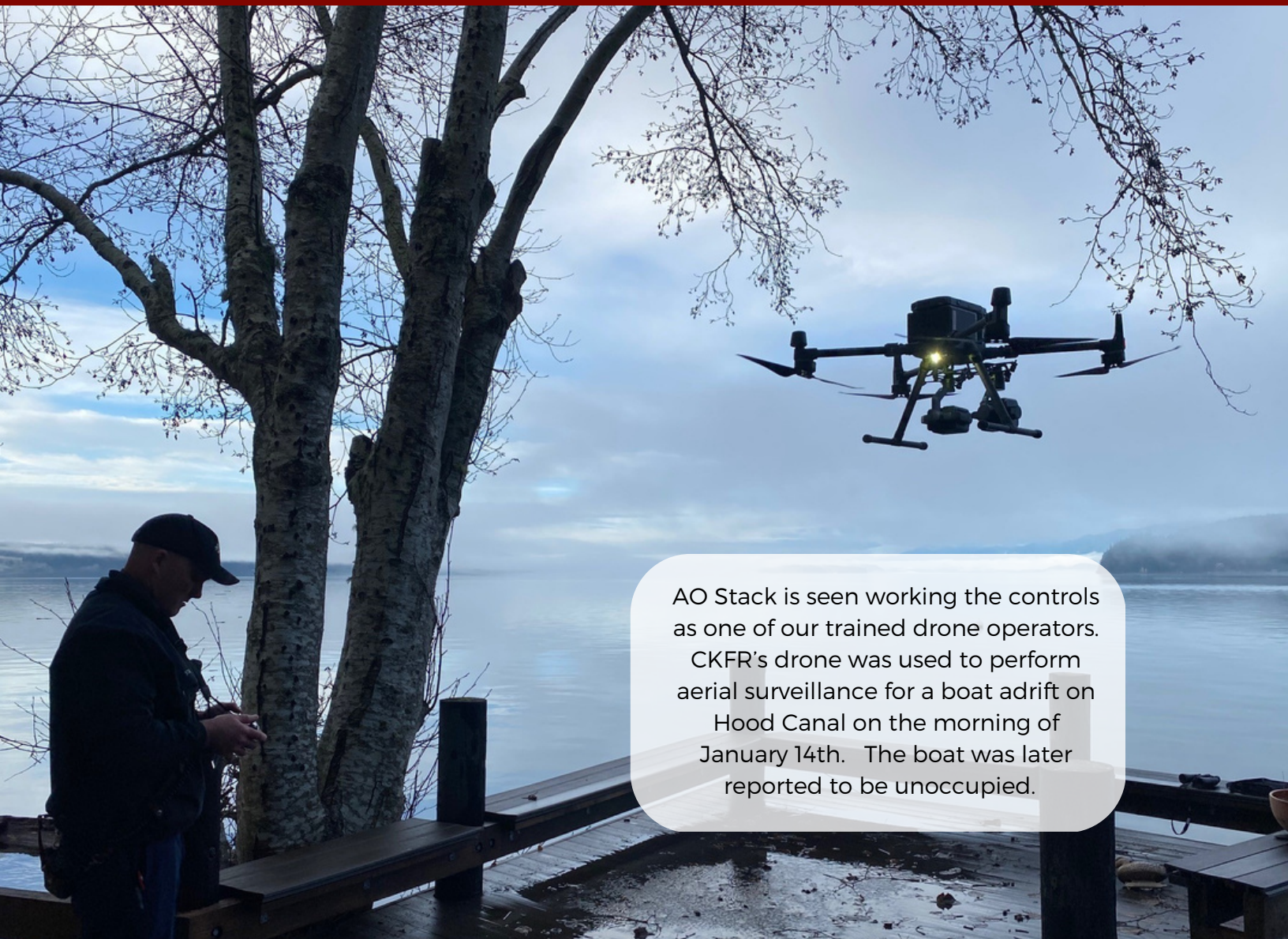
Below: Lt. Brown and AO Rye of R64 C-shift put on MVC training at the BTC on 12/30/22 to give an opportunity for our probationary members to practice stabilization and extrication.



A-shift AO Jeff Stanley II battles a car fire recently in East Bremerton on Hwy 303.



Above: Logistics Tech Pat Busby is seen doing inventory of our new bunker gear at Central Supply. Now that's a lot of boxes! Crews are shown stopping in for their fittings.



AO Stack is seen working the controls as one of our trained drone operators. CKFR's drone was used to perform aerial surveillance for a boat adrift on Hood Canal on the morning of January 14th. The boat was later reported to be unoccupied.

Congratulations to our probationary firefighters for passing their 2nd Quarter BC Test!

Pictured:

PFF/PM SALLY OGLES



FF/EMT CHRIS EGLAND

Final Engine Driver Practical



On Sunday, Jan. 1, A-shift Battalion Chief Greg Platz had a New Year's Day drill planned for the A-shift probationary firefighters. Dubbed the "One Person Fire Department Drill" it involves establishing a water supply, donning an SCBA, fire attack with "targets" in the windows of the training tower, laddering the balcony, carrying tools and conducting a search for the juvenile rescue mannequin . . . all by themselves. These consecutive evolutions push the physical limits of the firefighters, but each person demonstrated commitment, grit and determination to finish each task.

The overall lesson of the drill: While each was able to finish the objective, firefighting as a team is faster, safer and more precise. Thanks to our community for supporting CKFR to be WAY more than a one person fire department!

Picture 1: PFF Amy Juliano works to "extinguish" the fires in the windows of the drill tower.

Picture 2: PFF Max Nahtka also working fire attack.

Picture 3/4: PFF/PM Sally Ogles takes a hydrant and raises a ladder.

Picture 5/6: PFF Cody Davies dons his SCBA and raises a ladder.



Upcoming Events

January 23

Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 29

Mass CPR Instruction Event at the YMCA
REGISTRATIONS FULL

February 13

Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 20

Washington's Birthday
Admin Office Closed

February 27

Board of Commissioners Meeting