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CKFR WEEKLY

CENTRAL KITSAP FIRE & RESCUE

The Fire Chief Needs Your Help!

Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue is working hard to share information about a possible facilities bond for voter consideration. I wanted to remind you of how we got to this point, and ask for your assistance moving forward.

We spent two years assessing our fire stations to develop a Capital Facilities Plan. This process showed a glaring need for station projects to improve community safety and provide a healthier working environment for our firefighters.

We held meetings to take public input on the Plan before it was approved by our Board of Fire Commissioners last November. A copy of the Plan can be found on our website at www.ckfr.org. As part of the Plan, we looked at funding options. The cost of the station projects would exceed our daily operating levy, which is why a bond is being considered. But for how much?

The Plan identified \$64 million in needed improvements, and that was too much. Instead, we cut non-priority projects to reduce the amount to one that would result in a net tax decrease for taxpayers compared to what they were paying the District in 2019. We can do this because a Maintenance and Operations levy expired and we will pay off an old bond for apparatus before the facilities bond would take effect in 2021.

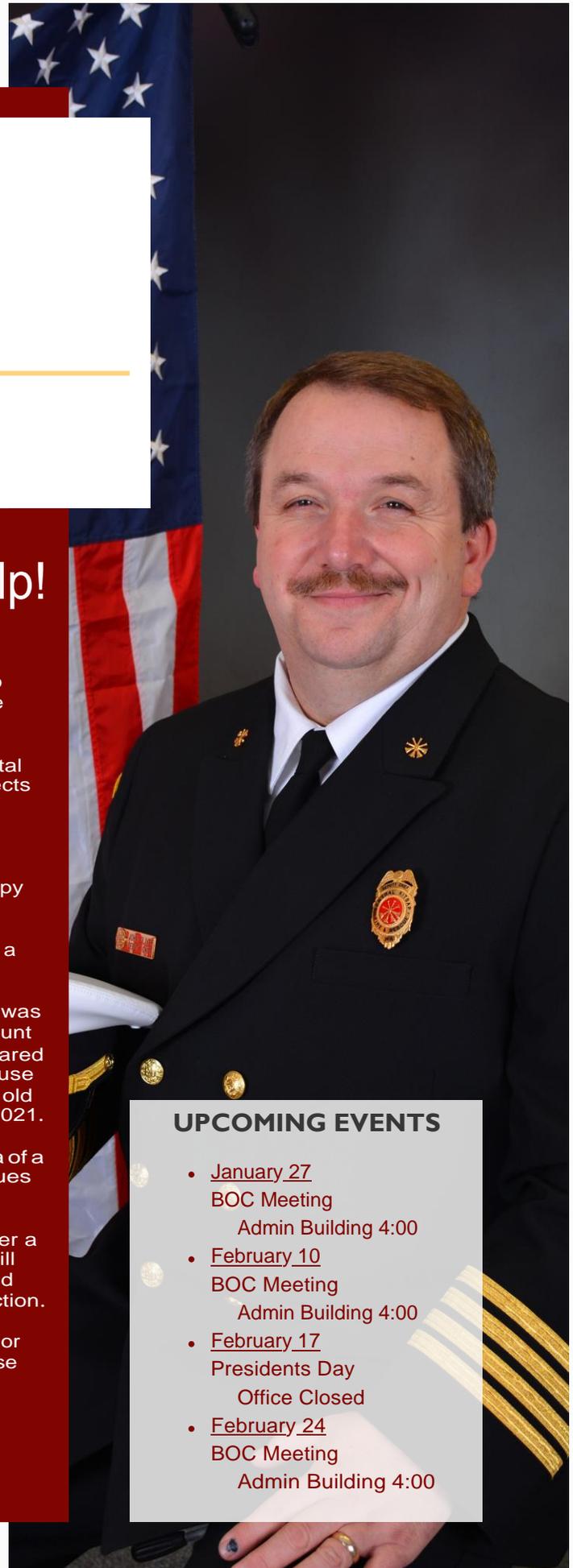
We called together our Citizen Advisory Committee to vet the idea of a bond and the amount. We had very positive feedback for both issues during our meeting this month.

The next step is to have the Board of Fire Commissioners consider a resolution to go to ballot and take public input again. This likely will happen sometime in March. If the resolution is approved, the bond proposal will be on voter ballots during the August 4 Primary Election.

Now, we're at the point where we need your help. Do you belong to or know of community organizations we could share information? Please contact Serena Prince in my office at (360) 447-3569 or sprince@ckfr.org and let's get a presentation scheduled!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 27
BOC Meeting
Admin Building 4:00
- February 10
BOC Meeting
Admin Building 4:00
- February 17
Presidents Day
Office Closed
- February 24
BOC Meeting
Admin Building 4:00

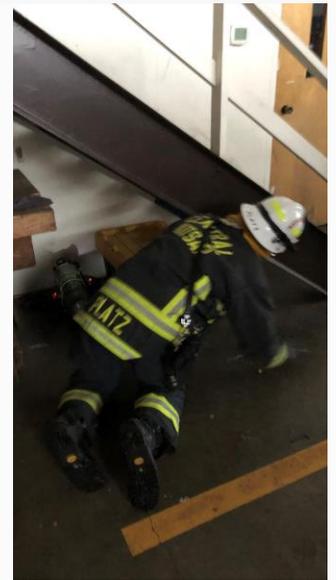




Left: A-shift took advantage of a rainy Sunday morning to run through a BC Platz Quarterly Drill. Skill stations involved tying knots, SCBA donning and climbing the aerial with hand tools to the roof of the Station 51 shop. Training doesn't take a back seat to a little January drizzle!



Right: This week kicked off the start of Fire Ground Survival Training. Module 1 focused on SCBA skills and involved working with limited visibility to troubleshoot breathing apparatus problems and radio in a Mayday. A-shift instructor was Lee Pennington (pictured next to teaching materials). A-Shift Battalion Chief Platz is pictured working through the practical drill. Great training!



Left: Slam Dunk Recipient

I am presenting the 1st Slam Dunk Award for 2020 to our Lead EVT Mechanic Joe Eberle.

Joe has been with this District since May of 1993. I have had the opportunity to work with Joe for his entire tenure, a good portion of it was out of the Station 51 location where I personally observed Joe's daily commitment to this organization, its mission and the men and women who serve to accomplish it. This commitment has continued throughout Joe's entire career to our present day.

One of Joe's greatest attributes is a consistent positive attitude and willingness to help whenever there is an opportunity to assist someone or some process. Even through significant personal challenges, Joe has demonstrated a strong resilience and ability to continue to serve without wavering. His personal example has inspired me often throughout the course of my own career and I am honored to pass this award on to him.

Thank You,
AC Mike Tague

