



Thurston County Fire Protection District 8

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SCOTT FIREFIGHTER STAIRCLIMB



Congratulations to our members who recently participated in the annual stair climb of Seattle's 76-story Columbia Center building, benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Here are our members who participated: Top row, left to right, Jonathan Clemens, Doug Kilpatrick, Derek Rodgers, Jeremiah Dickinson, Bryce Craig, Adam Graham, Dan Pooley, James Poole and Sean Murphy. Bottom row, left to right, Shawn Mahoney, David Bragg, Shawn Dougherty, Matt Richardson and Alex George.

AWARDS BANQUET

Don't forget our annual awards banquet will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at Panorama City. There will be a no-host bar from 6:00—7:00 and the meal begins at 7:00. Our theme is "Hollywood." You and your guest are encouraged to "dress up" for this adult affair. You can dress as a Hollywood celebrity, movie star, or just in formal wear. This special event is held to recognize and thank our hardworking, outstanding members for all their efforts made throughout the year. Following dinner and awards, you can dance the night away. Entertaining music will be provided by a DJ. We also have lots of cool door prizes. We'd love to have our newest members attend and get to know us. You don't want to miss this exciting event!

SKILLS COURSE

APRIL 5th

All Volunteer's who wish to drive heavy vehicles or operate any District vehicle in the emergency mode must successfully complete the District approved drivers training and certification program prior to being assigned as a driver. Remember, all new heavy vehicle drivers are limited to skills course driving only. No open road driving is allowed at this time. Evaluators are responsible for and must be present during all skills course training. The skills course is scheduled two times a year with the first weekend in April and October designated as testing days. This year's dates are scheduled for April 5th and October 4th starting at 8 am at the South Sound Mall parking lot. A sign up sheet is in the dayroom.

Upcoming Events



- ◆ April 1
BoFC meeting 4 pm
- ◆ April 5
Skills Course 8 am
Awards Banquet 6 pm
- ◆ April 7
Bus/Assc BBQ 6 pm
- ◆ April 14
Drill/Officer's Mtg
OTEP ob/gyn
- ◆ April 18
BoFC meeting 12 noon
- ◆ April 21
Drill/Officer's Mtg
Infectious disease
- ◆ April 28
Drill/Officer's Mtg
Standard evolution
- ◆ May 1
BoFC meeting 4 pm
- ◆ May 5
Bus/Assc mtg 6 pm
SCBA
- ◆ May 11
Mothers' Day
- ◆ May 12
Drill/Officer's Mtg
OTEP Environ. Emerg.
- ◆ May 16
BoFC meeting 12 noon
- ◆ May 18-24
EMS Week
- ◆ May 19
Drill/Officer's Mtg
Ladders & Ventilation
- ◆ May 26
Memorial Day
NO DRILL
- ◆ May 27
Drill/Officer's Mtg
Vehicle accidents



Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them.
~ Harriet Naylor

PRESCHOOL VISIT SOUTH BAY

At the end of February we were pleased to host a field trip to our station by the Eastside Co-op Preschool. The delightful group of three and four year olds included the son of our own member, Kirsten Olsen, little Anders Saylor-Olsen. The youngsters enjoyed a tour of the station, a message on fire safety and of course a hands-on climb through a fire truck. Our young guests also enjoyed greeting our Department canine ~ Jed. Many thanks to Captain Les Robinette for guiding the visit.



Captain Robinette demonstrates fire safety.



Anders Saylor-Olsen raises his hand during question time.



No visit to a Fire Station is complete without their own fire hats.



Jed keeps watch on the Station in his favorite duty station.

EMS WEEK MAY 18-24, 2008

The 35th annual Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week will be celebrated throughout the nation May 18-24, 2008. The event brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services on the medical "front line."

EMS was originally conceived to respond to accidental death and injury and cardiac conditions outside the hospital setting. Over the years it has become a primary piece of the national health safety net. Recent man-made and natural disasters have reinforced the critical role EMS plays in saving American lives. It provided immediate emergency medical response and patient transport to large numbers of affected patients following events as varied as the 9-11 terrorist attacks, Hurricane Katrina, flooding in southern California and tornadoes across the Midwest.

EMS continues to cross the boundaries of numerous disciplines, including health care, medical transport, public health, emergency preparedness and homeland security.

The theme for 2008 is "Your Life is Our Mission." This statement was chosen to recognize the commitment that emergency medical personnel make to the communities they serve. This dedication to their mission provides round-the-clock care to communities across the nation.

Continuing the commitment to the safety of children, EMS Week will have one day, May 21, dedicated to the awareness of safety and injury prevention programs for children.

National EMS Week is a golden opportunity to honor our paramedics, EMTs, first responders, fire fighters and police. They are the front-line public servants who frequently go above and beyond the call of duty to save lives while risking their own. It's also an ideal time to raise public awareness about health and safety issues, including how to prevent injuries, preparing for any kind of disaster, and what to do in a medical emergency.



OTEP REMINDERS

Don't forget to log-on to www.emsonline.net to complete your online training (OTEP) prior to the scheduled practical session. Four training laptops are available for members to use to complete their training on shift or you can log-on at home. Your username should have been emailed to you. The password is password1. You will be asked to change the password upon log-in.

The following practicals MUST be completed on-line prior to attending drill.

- April 14 - OB/GYN Emergencies
- May 12—Environmental Emergencies
- June 9—Orthopedic Emergencies

If you have any questions about this program or need your user name, please contact Chief Thompson.



INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL & SAFETY ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Members are required to attend an Infectious Disease Control & Safety Accident Prevention program on Monday, April 21, at drill. This information, presented by our Net Safety Officer, Kathy Dickson, may be new for some and a refresher for others.

PICTURE TAKING DONE AT DRILL

There are still several members who have not had their photograph taken. We need these photos for three important reasons: 1) To proudly hang in the front lobby 2) To prepare ID/Key cards for building access 3) To post members photos on the web site.

We understand that having your picture taken isn't a favorite activity for most people; however, we will make it as painless as possible. Photographs can be taken at any Monday night drill or you can drop in the station any time and have it taken. (Calling ahead to let us know would be appreciated.) Members are asked to please wear their uniform shirt for these photos. See assistant Chief Kessel if you have any questions.

Mission Statement: *We are committed to serve our community with prompt, consistent and professional fire suppression, basic life support and rescue services.*