



AWARDS BANQUET HUGE SUCCESS

If you were one of over 90 people who attended our annual Awards Banquet, you will agree ~ it was one of our best programs to date! The decorations were spectacular thanks to Ann Cochran's hard work. The meal was fabulous thanks to Panorama City. The many generous door prizes were popular thanks to Judy Caron for her terrific efforts and to our local vendors (mentioned below). Most importantly, thanks to our amazing dedicated volunteers without whom we would not have such a successful fire department! Our members make the difference and each and every one is greatly appreciated which is why this event is so important. Congratulations to the following members who were recognized at the event:

Two Years

Karin Anderson
Ethan Evans
Alex George
Shawn Mahoney
Sean Murphy
Daniel Pooley
Chris Varady

Three Years

Bryce Craig
Martin Farley
James Poole

Four Years

Glenn Gerth
CJ Hodges

Five Years

Ann Cochran
Jeremy Gerchak
Doug Lawrence
Les Robinette

Ten Years

Ken Parsons, Sr.
Don Prine

Fifteen Years

Ben Dicke
Jerry Johnson
Doug Kilpatrick
Greg Thompson

Twenty years

Greg Kessel

Firefighter of the Year

Jonathan Clemens

Officer of the Year

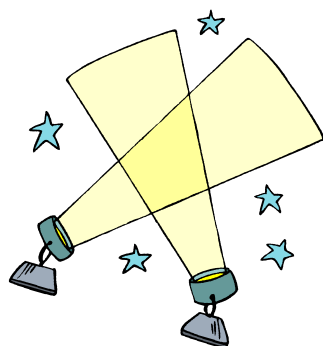
Les Robinette

Inspirational Award

Matthew Richardson

Bulldog Award

Greg Thompson



L to R Ashley, Bulldog Winner, Chief Thompson, and Captain McBride

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS!

We would like to recognize and thank the following vendors who gave generous donations for our door prizes: Costco; Red Wind Casino; Emerald Downs; Aztec Lanes Bowling; Lucky Eagle Casino; Seattle Asian Art Museum; Wolf Haven International; JJ North Buffet; Panera Bread; Brewery City Pizza Co; Shilo Inns Hotels; Chica's Café; Mayan Restaurant and Applebees.

SUPER ATTENDANCE AT SKILLS COURSE

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the recent driving Skills Course. In all 16 members showed up to test their driving skills. Commissioner Parsons even joined us and tried his hand at driving an engine!

Six veteran members recertified on the engine and tender. Five new drivers were certified to operate the rescue units and three drivers qualified to drive the engine and tender for road course training. These three must complete the five required drives prior to being certified as an engine or tender driver. The sooner you get the five drives done the sooner you can be certified as an engine or tender driver. This also includes being familiar with the pump operations. We need drivers! Please get the five drives done and make arrangements with Chief Kessel for your final drive.

Don't forget our next scheduled Skills Course will be October 4th.

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day

- ◆ May 1
BoFC meeting 4 pm
- ◆ May 5
Bus/Assc mtg 6 pm
AC Candidates present
- ◆ May 11
Mothers' Day
- ◆ May 12
Drill/Officer's Mtg
OTEP Environ. Emerg.
- ◆ May 16
BoFC meeting 12 noon
- ◆ May 17
Armed Forces Day
- ◆ 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
- ◆ June 2
Bus/Assc mtg 6 pm
SCBA
- ◆ June 9
Drill/Officer's Mtg
OTEP
- ◆ June 16
Drill/Officer's Mtg
Standard Evolution
- ◆ June 23
Drill/Officer's Mtg
Pumps
- ◆ June 30
Drill/Officer's Mtg
multi-company



Caring must strengthen into commitment and commitment into action if we are to preserve and nurture one of the greatest forces for rebirth and renewal this nation has ... voluntarism. --Marlene Wilson



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 practical's **MUST** be completed on-line prior to attending drill.

- 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.

UPDATE ON SEARCH FOR NEW ASSISTANT CHIEF



As most of you know, we are currently in the process of hiring a third Assistant Chief. This is one of the goals of the District's 2008 Business Plan. Four finalist applicants have undergone an extensive background check during April. One applicant has voluntarily withdrawn his name for candidacy due to scheduling conflicts.

As part of the evaluation process, each of the three finalist candidates will prepare & deliver a 20-minute training presentation on a fire service subject of their choice at the May 5th drill. We will issue score cards to members at the drill to be used to evaluate the candidates' performance and we encourage your participation.

On June 4th, the candidates will be interviewed by Review Committee members Commissioner Small, Sean Murphy, Doug Kilpatrick and Colleen Hoss. Following, on June 9th, candidates will meet with Chiefs VanCamp, Kessel, Thompson and Secretary Prince for a discussion about the new position with the Executive Team.

We will continue to keep you informed as this exciting process continues.

PAYROLL DATES



Stipends and compensation are paid to volunteers at the end of each quarter. Every effort is made to process reimbursements as quickly as possible, but please keep in mind that all warrants must be approved by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting before they can be dispersed. Unfortunately, if the quarter ends the day before or on a Board meeting date then warrants cannot be processed until the next Board meeting.

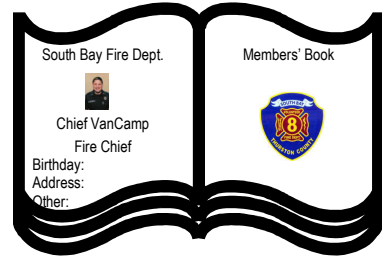
Board meetings are typically held twice monthly on the first Thursday of the month and the third Friday of the month.

If you have any concerns about compensation warrants, please see Heidi.



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

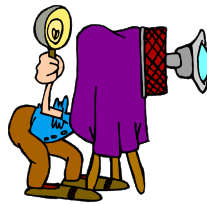
MEMBERS' BOOK



Our Association is preparing an informational "Members' Book" that will include personal information and a photograph of each of our members. The book will also include a bit of Department history and important fire service contact numbers. The purpose of the book is to keep our members informed and to help them get to know more about each other.

To prepare the books, all members have been asked to complete a members' information form. In addition, we will need an up-to-date photo of each member. Our newest recruits will have completed the fire academy and EMS training in June at which time their dress shirts will be issued and their pictures will be taken.

Picture Taking Night



We will host a "picture taking" night for any member to have their picture taken. If your current picture is out of date or less than flattering, you will want to have a new one taken.

Members are asked to please wear their uniform shirt for these photos. Photographs can also be taken at any Monday night drill or you can drop in the station any time and have it taken.

POTENTIAL FRAUD ALERT

Recently we were informed of a telephone solicitation by the *Association for Firefighters & Paramedics, Inc.* The solicitation was for a donation to "provide assistance to victims of catastrophic fires on a national level."

The Washington Secretary of State's Office informed us that this organization is not based in Washington State and none of the funds received are distributed within Washington State. Also, only 3% of the funds go to the "victims' assistance programs."

NATIONAL ARSON AWARENESS WEEK

Novelty lighters in the hands of children are a deadly and emerging threat to life and property nationwide. Children are attracted to these lighters because they look like toys, complete with visual effects, flashing lights, and musical sounds.

Mistaking lighters for toys has proven to be dangerous as novelty lighters are responsible for injuries, deaths and accidents across the Nation. State and local governments are taking action by banning the sale of novelty lighters and limiting their distribution.

It is critical to focus public attention on the dangers of these toy like devices. For this reason, the theme for *National Arson Awareness Week* (May 4-10, 2008) is Toy like Lighters – Playing with Fire.

For more information on novelty and toy like lighters, please visit the U.S. Fire Administration's Web site at www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/focus/.