



## JOB OPPORTUNITY NEW INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS

A growing number of volunteers aspire to hold full-time careers in the fire service and many of our volunteers have been hired as full-time career firefighters at various departments throughout the Northwest.

As part of the *District Strategic Plan*, we are establishing a new program to help prepare members to compete more effectively for full-time career firefighting jobs. While the Department has had a program for members to attend the South Puget Sound Community College Fire Service Technology program for many years, this new program would be an extension of that.

Volunteer members who graduate from the SPSCC program will be eligible to apply for a two-year, paid internship with our Department. During the internship, the intern would put to practice what they learned in college, hone skills demanded by full-time

career fire departments, and provide service to our own community. Additionally, the interns will help provide necessary daytime staffing for emergency response.

The Board of Fire Commissioners has approved a 2 year pilot program. The job announcement has been emailed and a copy is in your box. You must be a member in good standing, have a drivers license, be both EMT and Firefighter and be a driver operator. The positions pays \$13 per hour and averages 45 hours a week. Work schedule consists of 6-12 hour shifts 6 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday. The position closes August 29, 2008 by 3:30pm.

To apply you must turn in a resume and write 500 word essay responding to the following question: How do you intend to use the temporary intern position as a platform to launch your career in the fire service?

## FALL RECRUITS BEGIN CLASSES

Our new recruits as well as some current members and two lateral transfers have begun classes for either the Fire Academy or the EMT class.

These students include: **Fire Academy class** ~ Chris Beven, Max Konrad, Tyler Hill, Brian Jenkins and EMTs Greg Sullivan, Jamison McDougall and Damian Longmire. **EMT class** ~ Peter Bergford, Matthew Black, Jared Eygabroad and fire fighters Jerry Kessler, Derik Rodgers, Patrick Sharp, Resa Larosa and Damian Longmire.



Students at EMT Class.

## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Thurston County Association of Fire Chiefs is pleased to announce its fifth Annual Leadership Conference to be held October 1 & 2, 2008 at the Olympia Red Lion Hotel.

This Conference offers an exciting mix of national and internationally known experts who will help you recharge your leadership batteries and leave you better prepared to lead in our dynamic environments. Whether tasked to lead in Fire, Law Enforcement, EMS or Emergency Management, this conference has something for everyone.

For more details on the fascinating line-up of presenters, please visit [www.tcafc.org](http://www.tcafc.org) If you are interested in attending, please contact one of the Chiefs. Hope to see you there!

## Upcoming Events



- ◆ September 1 Labor Day NO DRILL
- ◆ September 2 Bus/Assc Mtg 6 pm
- ◆ September 4 BoFC Mtg 4 pm
- ◆ September 8 Drill/Officer's Mtg Standard evolutions
- ◆ September 15 Drill/Officer's Mtg RIT training
- ◆ September 19 BoFC Mtg 3:30 pm
- ◆ September 22 Drill/Officer's Mtg Chimney fire training
- ◆ September 29 Drill/Officer's Mtg Search & rescue
- ◆ September 30 End of 3rd quarter
- ◆ October 1 & 2 Leadership Conf
- ◆ October 3 BoFC Mtg
- ◆ October 4 Skills Course 8 am
- ◆ October 5-11 Fire Prevention Week
- ◆ October 6 Bus/Assc mtg BBQ
- ◆ October 13 Drill/Officer's Mtg
- ◆ October 17 BoFC Mtg 12 noon
- ◆ October 20 Drill/Officer's Mtg
- ◆ October 27 Drill/Officer's Mtg



"Our nation will succeed or fail to the degree that all of us -- citizens and businesses alike -- are active participants in building strong, sustainable and enriching communities."  
~Arnold Hiatt

## WASHINGTON PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM



Washingtonians are encouraged to sign up for the state's innovative and free prescription drug discount program that has helped many citizens save hundreds of dollars on prescription drug costs.

WPDP is a new prescription drug discount program created by the legislature at the request of Governor Gregoire. It is open to all Washington State residents who do not have prescription drug insurance coverage, or whose insurance does not cover all their prescription drug needs – no matter their age or income. There are no other eligibility requirements or fees required for membership in the WPDP.

Since the program was unveiled in March 2007, more than 82,000 Washingtonians have enrolled and saved roughly \$4 million on prescription drug costs. On average you'll save up to 60% on generic drugs and 20% on brand name drugs. The average saving on every

prescription filled is about \$23. Discounts will vary depending on whether a drug is generic or brand.

To enroll in the program, find participating retail pharmacies or check drug prices, simply go to the web site: [rx.wa.gov/](http://rx.wa.gov/) You must complete one enrollment form for each person you wish to enroll. Mail order and specialty services available!

The WPDP discount card is strictly for prescriptions for which there is no coverage. It can not be used in conjunction with insurance. It is a "stand alone" product. If there is a medication that your insurance does not cover, you can use the card to get the prescription at the discounted rate.

If you are very low income you may also qualify for assistance through the Pharmaceutical company. Check [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org).

### NEXT SKILLS COURSE COMING UP!



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.

Our next course will be October 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 am hours. A sign up sheet will be in the day room.

### FIRE FIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION DUES

Recently, members of the Fire Fighters' Association agreed to pay dues in the amount of \$20 per quarter. Forms for payroll deduction of dues have been given to members and are available in the dayroom.



Third quarter ends on September 30th. Payroll will be processed the following week. Please try to have your forms turned in to Heidi before September 30th.

### "RUN LIKE A DOG" 5K RUN/WALK

Many thanks to those volunteers who attended last weekend's "Run Like a Dog," 5k run/walk to benefit the Thurston County Humane Society. Members were needed to help with traffic control to keep runners and their canine companions safe from vehicle traffic at various intersections.

Thank you to the following members who participated: Captains Les Robinette & Doug Kilpatrick, Doug's wife, Gaylee Patrick, Assistant Chief Greg Thompson, Chief Brian VanCamp, Fire Fighters Sean Murphy & Lorenzo Moreno.



### Health & Wellness Fair

Mark your calendars for our multi-district *Family Health & Wellness Fair* to take place on Saturday, November 1st, 9am – noon, at Station 34, located at 8407 Steilacoom Rd SE.

Members from Districts 3, 7 and 8 and their families are encouraged to attend this family event. We will offer flu shots (free to members and their family members ages 12+), blood pressure checks and more! Vendors and organization reps will be on hand to provide health, wellness and benefit information. There will be activities for kids and some fantastic door prizes as well. Bring the whole family!



Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

Those who survived the Chicago fires never forgot what they'd been through; both blazes produced countless tales of bravery and heroism. But the fires also changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (today known as the International Fire Marshals Association), decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should henceforth be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls.

This year the theme of Fire Prevention Week is "It's Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires!" From October 5-11, 2008, fire safety advocates will spread the word to their communities that, with a little extra caution, preventing the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating, electrical and smoking-materials – is within their power.

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