



Thurston County Fire Protection District 8

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED

Congratulations to Adam Graham, Dan Pooley and Matt Richardson for successfully being hired as daytime firefighter/EMT interns. These interns will work from 6 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday. Interns are each assigned an Assistant Chief as their mentor and will develop individual work plans to increase their knowledge and abilities in order to eventually be hired as career firefighters. The executive team is currently working with career Departments to develop lateral opportunities for intern members.

One misconception of the program is the job duties of the interns. They are not here to replace any of the volunteer duties or positions in the Department. They will be used to develop, manage, and implement real world projects and programs. Other

duties will include work that was previous completed by contract employees such as monthly safety checks, inventory and ordering and some maintenance projects. How does this program effect you as a volunteer? Not much; your duties and expectations will

remain the same. The Internship program is a pilot that has been approved for 24

months. This program was developed to be a win/win situation between career minded volunteer members and the Department. The Department will provide a stepping stone for members and in return, they will provide greatly needed daytime staffing as well as program and project management. If you have and questions about this program feel free to contact Assistant Chief Thompson at Station 81.

Welcome New Interns



Adam Graham



Dan Pooley



Matt Richardson

SKILLS COURSE OCTOBER 4TH!

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 4th starting at 8 am hours. A sign up sheet will be in the day room.

Upcoming Events



- ◆ October 1 & 2 Leadership Conf
- ◆ October 4 Skills Course 8 am
- ◆ October 5-11 Fire Prevention Week
- ◆ October 6 Flu Shots 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
- ◆ October 31 Happy Halloween!
- ◆ November 1 Wellness Fair
- ◆ November 3 Bus/Assc mtg & hearing tests
- ◆ November 4 Election Day
- ◆ November 6 BoFC Mtg 4 pm
- ◆ November 10 Drill/Officer's Mtg extrication
- ◆ November 11 Veteran's Day
- ◆ November 15 Holiday Bazaar 9-4
- ◆ November 17 Drill/Officer's Mtg
- ◆ November 21 BoFC mtg noon
- ◆ November 24 Drill/Officer's Mtg
- ◆ November 27 Happy Thanksgiving

FLU SHOTS CLINIC FREE FOR MEMBERS

Emergency responders can catch the flu from their patients, but they can also give the flu to their patients. A *Better Choice* is to get a flu shot.

Members and their families (*children must be at least 12 years old*) are invited to get a free flu shot on Monday, October 6, 2008 between 4-7 pm at Station 81.

This flu shot clinic is hosted by getaflushot.com and is also open to the public. Shots cost \$30 each but are FREE for members and their families. Members are asked to initial a sign-in sheet in order to have their shots covered.

For more information, please visit:

Getaflushot.com

Flu shots will also be available at the wellness fair on November 1st.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOV 15TH

The South Bay Volunteer Fire Fighter's Association will hold their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 15th from 9 am – 4 pm. This is the largest fundraiser for the Association and another great community project. All proceeds go back to the Association to host community outreach programs.

Community members sell their crafts, hand-made treasures, holiday gift items and more! The Association will also host a snack bar and a bake sale.

We need YOUR help with this fundraiser to help work the snack bar, help set up & take down the tables for the vendors, and provide baked goods for the bake sale. A sign up sheet is available by the mailboxes for those who would like to help! You will be contacted to confirm your duties prior to the event.

If you or anyone you know would like to rent a space to sell their crafts and wares, please have them pick up a reservation form in our office.

Thanks for your continued support!



HEALTH, SAFETY & BENEFITS FAIR (LOCATION & TIME CHANGE)

Fire Districts 3, 7 and 8 Wellness Fair is coming

November 1st. You could get a massage or a flu shot (or both), talk with medical insurance providers prior to open enrollment or win a door prize!

BUT WAIT, there's more!! We used your input from the last event and have included more nutrition related "booths" and have Thurston County Environmental Health to provide information about reducing toxic chemicals in the home.

BUT WAIT, there's even more!! New vendors! Don't know what to eat tonight? Prepare in advance from Dinners Done Right. Have a aging relative you provide care for or are concerned about? Get info on support for elder issues and for support for those providing care for elders from the Area Agency on Aging. Learn about pet wellness, and check out Sensaria's, spa-grade natural body care products.

Bring your family to the Wellness Fair on November 1st now to be held at Station 31 from 10 AM – 1 PM.

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 October 6th.



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