



Thurston County Fire Protection District 8

SOUTH BAY NEWS

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Upcoming Events



- ◆ April 6 Business/Assc Mtg Barbecue
- ◆ April 10 BoFC Mtg 12 noon
- ◆ April 12 Easter
- ◆ April 13 Management Mtg
- ◆ April 18 Skills Course 8 am
- ◆ April 20 Management Mtg OTEP Diabetic Eme.
- ◆ April 24 BoFC Mtg 8 am
- ◆ April 27 Management Mtg Heat Emergency Awareness & IDEC
- ◆ May 1 BoFC Mtg 8 am
- ◆ May 4 Business/Assc Mtg
- ◆ May 10 Mother's Day
- ◆ May 11 Management Mtg OTEP Death & Dying
- ◆ May 15 BoFC Mtg 12 noon
- ◆ May 25 Memorial Day

Congratulations to the following members who recently completed their Firefighter I certification:

- ★ Mike Fernstrom
- ★ Ressa LaRosa
- ★ Patrick Sharp
- ★ Jameson McDougall
- ★ Damian Longmire
- ★ Kyle Landwehrle
- ★ Chris Neuman
- ★ Chris Bevan
- ★ Max Konrad

Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others, like volunteers, make it happen.

SCOTT FIREFIGHTER STAIRCLIMB



On March, 8th sixteen members from South Bay Fire Department participated in the 18th annual Scott Firefighter Stair climb. The stair climb is a fundraising event to raise donations for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for blood cancer research. Firefighters from Thurston County, the United States and the world came together for this great cause and climbed all 1,311 steps of the Columbia Tower in downtown Seattle. As if this wasn't a grueling enough task by itself, all 1,385 finishers climbed in full bunker with SCBA! Climbers from Team South Bay included; Sean Murphy, Dan Pooley, Brent McBride, Adam Graham, Matt Richardson, Jeremiah Dickinson, Max Konrad, Derik Rodgers, Doug Lawrence, Jacob Kappert, Chris Neuman, Jerry Kessler, Chris Bevan and Ethan Evans. A special thank you goes out to Alex George and Doug Kilpatrick; they worked hard all day up on the 40th floor changing bottles so all fourteen climbers from South Bay could finish. Special recognition goes to Adam Graham for coming in as a top finisher for the 3rd year in a row. His time: 16:18 minutes! We also thank District 7 for allowing us to use some of there spare equipment.

The event was a great success last year raising over \$500,000! Team South Bay rose close to \$5,000 and we hope to have improved on that this year. A great time was had by all members and we hope to have a great turn out for the event next year.

For more information log on to www.firefighterstairclimb.org

REQUIRED IDEC & HEAT EMERGENCY TRAINING

Members are required to attend an Infectious Disease Control & Safety Accident Prevention program & Heat Emergency Awareness on Monday, April 27, at drill. This information, presented by our Net Safety Officer, Kathy Dickson, may be new for some and a refresher for others. Captains will have an additional program prior to the presentation.

OTEP REMINDERS

Don't forget to log-on to www.emsonline.net to complete your online training (OTEP) prior to the scheduled practical session. The following practicals **MUST** be completed on-line prior to attending drill.

- April 20—Diabetic Emergencies
- May 11—Death & Dying
- June 22—Cardiac Emergencies

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

BIRTHDAY BASH HUGE SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all our members that helped out with the party for Big Brothers Big Sisters on Saturday, March 14th. The party was a huge success!!! Back in August 2008, the Department and Association donated a children's birthday party to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington as a fundraiser for their Annual Gala Auction and Dinner. Fred Smith from Berschauer-Phillips Construction bought and donated the party back to Big Brothers Big Sisters to use for the children in Thurston County. We had 13 pairs of Littles and Bigs that attended the party. Party attendees got to play games, run relay races, ride on the fire engines, spray the hose, save a "cat" from a "tree," rescue a downed firefighter, beat a piñata (and almost Thompson), eat cake and ice cream, receive a book from South Sound Reading Foundation, and take pictures in the driver's seat on Engine 81. BBBS has got a lot of great feedback from the Littles and Bigs- All saying they had a fantastic time!!!

Special thanks go to: Ann Cochran for setting up and donating all the spectacular decorations and prizes; Jared Eygabroad for taking all the amazing photographs and giving each child a photo to remember; South Sound Reading Foundation for donating a book to every child; Fred Smith and Berschauer-Phillips Construction for donating the party; and Jessica Gould and Rodger Jones from Big Brothers Big Sisters in planning the event. Most importantly, thanks to all the members from our department that helped make this party such a success for all those children: Justin Beard, Adam Jones, Doug Kilpatrick, Ressa LaRosa, Damian Longmire, Brent McBride, Chris Neuman, Les Robinette, Derek Rodgers, Greg Thompson, and Brian VanCamp. Your support helps to make a difference in these children's lives and gives them something they will always cherish and never forget.



Department Volunteers & Mr. & Mrs. Smith



EMS WEEK
MAY 17-23,
2009

The 36th annual
Emergency

Medical Services (EMS) Week will be celebrated throughout the nation May 17-23, 2009. Around one million EMS professionals provide lifesaving care to people in their communities when every minute counts. This year's theme, "A Proud Partner in your Community," brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." This illustrates the selflessness and commitment these extraordinary people bring to their jobs every hour of every day of the year. For this they deserve our recognition and thanks!

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.

National EMS Week is a great 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.

SCOOP UP THE GOODWILL!

31 cent scoop night
April 29th From 5-10 pm.



Join us for 31 Cent Scoop
Night at Baskin-Robbins
and help us honor

America's firefighters with a \$100,000 donation to the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) National Junior Firefighter Program.

Participating stores will reduce prices of small ice cream scoops to 31 cents. At some locations, you may also have an opportunity to make a donation to local fire charities.

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) National Junior Firefighter Program gives Fire Departments and youth nationwide the resources, tools, and information they need to help develop, grow, enhance, promote, and participate in their local programs.

SKILLS COURSE DATE CHANGE

Our next Skills Course will take place on Saturday, April 18th at 8 am at the South Sound Mall parking lot.

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.

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