



Thurston County Fire Protection District 8

SOUTH BAY NEWS

3506 Shineke Rd NE Olympia WA 98506 360/491-5320

Volume 5, Issue 10

November/December 2009

Upcoming Events



- ◆ November 2
Bus/Assc Mtg
- ◆ November 6
BoFC Mtg 8 am
- ◆ November 11
Veteran's Day
- ◆ November 14
Holiday Bazaar
- ◆ November 16
Asbestos Awareness
Training
- ◆ November 20
BoFC Mtg 12 noon
- ◆ November 26
Happy Thanksgiving!
- ◆ December 7
Bus/Assc Mtg
- ◆ December 11
BoFC Mtg 12:00 noon
- ◆ December 14
Christmas Party 6 pm
- ◆ December 21
Graduation 6:30 pm
- ◆ December 25
Merry Christmas!

THANKS FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS!

Congratulations to Adam Graham ~ the first member of our intern program to be hired as a full time fire fighter! Adam will be working for the city of Richland in the Tri-cities and his last day is November 25th.

Adam has been with the Department for 8 years and began as an intern one year ago. We're sad to lose such a responsible, hard-working employee who has made rich contributions to our Department. He's taken a leadership role when needed and has welcomed all projects sent his way, such as the 'trailer project.'

Although we will feel this loss, we are pleased for him and for the success of the intern program! Best of luck Adam!!

WELCOME NEW INTERN

The loss of an intern created an open position which was easily filled by one of our competent members. Chief Thompson led a recruitment process to select four viable candidates for the position. Congratulations to Michael Fernstrom who was the finalist in the process and will be our newest intern.

Michael has been with the Department for over two years and is a very motivated individual who is dedicated to the fire and EMS industry. He is active with the Brothers Big Sisters organization and has taken on extra projects in the Departments such as fundraisers and school visits. He has also helped our students in EMS school on his days off. We are very pleased to have Michael as our new intern and look forward to working with him.

GRADUATION PROGRAM COMING UP

It is with great pride and honor that we recognize the graduates of the *Thurston Fire and Rescue Training Consortium Recruit Academy Class of 2009* and *Medic One EMT Class*. The graduation ceremony takes place Monday, December 21, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Olympia High School Performing Arts Center, 1302 North Street, SE Olympia, Washington.



graduates: Jacob Damian, Justin Fisher, Joshua Riedel and Curtis Wilson. We also have three students graduating from the EMT class: Robert Gormley, Max Konrad and Daniel Moore. Ramond Guel is a lateral transfer.

These ambitious men have achieved success by working hard to increase their knowledge and skill, discover their abilities and strengthen their talents.

Recruits will be joined by their families and friends for this celebratory event. We invite and encourage all of our members to attend and show their support.

The South Bay Fire Department has four Fire Fighter Academy



"If you want to innovate, to change an enterprise or a society, it takes people willing to do what is not expected."
~Jean Ribould

CHRISTMAS PARTY DATE SET

Mark your calendars now for our annual Christmas party on Monday, December 14th, beginning at 6 pm.



This fun-filled holiday celebration is for all members and their families. We will enjoy a delicious holiday meal with turkey, ham and all the trimmings catered by Pellegrino's. This year we will have a dessert potluck and are asking families to bring their favorite dessert to share. Beverages will be provided by the Association.

There will be a sign up sheet in the dayroom so we can estimate how much food to prepare. Party invitations will be mailed to your homes later this month. We hope to see you there!

SCOTT FIREFIGHTER STAIRCLIMB

Registrations for the 2010 Firefighter Stairclimb opened on November 6th and we secured our spots since it's limited to 1500 firefighters.

There are 16 spots this year with priority going to those that have competed and successfully raised money last year and to those on last year's waiting list.

The date for the Stairclimb is Sunday, March 7th, 2010 and the event will take up the whole day. Some participants will be going up the night before with equipment to stake out our team's area early the next morning.

Fundraising is a requirement this year according to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society website..."In order to balance maximum fun with maximum awareness and funding for blood cancers, this year we are asking that each participant meet a minimum fundraising goal of \$75. Those who do not meet the minimum this year will not be allowed to participate in future Scott Firefighter Stairclimb events."

If you have any questions please contact Chief McBride.

IMPORTANT MEETING

The Association will hold an important meeting on Monday, December 7th, beginning at 7:00 pm. Officers for 2010 will be nominated & fundraising and expenditures will be discussed. Don't miss this important meeting!



JOIN US FOR THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR!

Our annual Fire Fighter's Association Holiday Bazaar is next weekend on Saturday, November 14^h from 9 am – 4 pm.

All members of the Association are encouraged to attend this fundraiser and/or help us out! This year we have a almost 40 vendors selling crafts, hand-made treasures, holiday gift items and more! We will use the bay, classroom, Board room and outdoors to house them.

The Association will host their traditional snack bar with Debbie VanCamp in charge. Mary Warren and Judy Caron return to coordinate the ever-popular bake sale.

We need YOUR help with this fundraiser to help set up & take down the tables for the vendors, provide baked goods for the bake sale, and help work the snack bar. Set up takes place Friday, November 13th beginning at 6:00 pm. And then again on Saturday morning at 6:30 am. Clean up will be promptly at 4:00 pm following the event. A sign up sheet is available by the mailboxes for those who would like to help! Thanks for your continued support!



BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

**Cookies, Bars, Pies, Breads,
Candy (fudge) & Muffins**

We prefer to sell items divided and wrapped on small disposable plates. We can do this for you if necessary. Please bring items to Station 81 on Friday, November 13th or Saturday, November 14th.

VOTE GLORIANA AMA BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST OF THE YEAR

American country music group, Gloriana, has been nominated this year for Breakthrough Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards. Gloriana has chosen South Bay Fire Department to have a Voting Party and we want you to help as well. From now through the night of the AMAs- November 22 you can help us help Gloriana win the award by voting at <http://abc.go.com/shows/american-music-awards/breakthrough> Thank you for voting!!!!

On January 2, 2010, the band will have a concert at the Snoqualmie Casino. Department members will receive backstage meet & greet passes. See Mike Fernstrom if you're interested. Also, Gloriana will stop by the Station for a visit. We will update you with the date and time! Visit their website: www.gloriana.com

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