



Thurston County Fire Protection District 8

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Upcoming Events



- ◆ January 4 Bus/Assc Mtg/BBQ
- ◆ January 7 6-9 pm Task Force
- ◆ January 8 BoFC Mtg 8:00 am
- ◆ January 14 6-9 pm Task Force
- ◆ January 18 Martin Luther King Jr.
- ◆ January 21 6-9 pm Task Force
- ◆ January 22, 2010 BoFC Mtg 12 noon
- ◆ January 25 6 pm Suicide Prevention Workshop
- ◆ January 28 6-9 pm Task Force
- ◆ February 1 Association Mtg
- ◆ February 5 8:00 am BoFC Mtg
- ◆ February 6 Awards Banquet
- ◆ February 15 Presidents Day
- ◆ February 18 6 pm BoFC Mtg
- ◆ February 22 Infectious Disease

In Memory of...

Greg Thompson, Assistant Fire Chief, passed away on December 12th 2009. He was born on May 4th, 1976 to Gregory and Cynthia (Morrow) Thompson. He was a member of the South Bay Fire Department since 1992. He was preceded in death by his mother, Cynthia, and is survived by his father, Gregory; brothers Tim and Michael; nephew Taylor; and several other loving family members and friends.



Greg made his mark on the Department with his efforts for training, safety, human relations and helping to create an organizational environment of camaraderie, competency, service and honor. He was a loved and well respected member of the South Bay Family.

We will miss you Greg...



Teamwork allows common people to attain uncommon results.

NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

At the last Association meeting members voted in new officers for 2010. Congratulations to this year's officers:

- ★ President ~ Damian Longmire
- ★ Vice President ~ Les Robinette
- ★ Secretary ~ Adam Jones
- ★ Treasurer ~ Sean Murphy

PLEASE ATTEND... SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010 6:00 PM

The Department will offer a workshop on suicide prevention to be held on Monday, January 25th at 6:00pm at Station 8-1.

Dr. Stephan Langer will present information on recognition of behaviors and other information related to this critical issue.

This is a part of our healing process and we encourage members to bring their spouse or other special person with them for this event.

Since this is during the dinner time, we will serve dinner. We encourage you to attend!

SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS

Last November the department received a request to help a local family on Shincke Road that had been hit hard with economic times. At the December Association meeting, members voted to "adopt" this family for Christmas using donations plus \$250 from Association funds.

Michael Fernstrom coordinated the endeavor and was assisted by Doug Kilpatrick's daughter, Amanda. A local Girl Scout troop leader also offered to assist by providing gifts for the family. After the Christmas wish list was compiled, gifts were donated from the Scout Troop and Association.

Once all the gifts were received, Amanda and Mike wrapped and gift-tagged the presents from Santa Claus. Not to be forgotten, our Association gave the mother a \$75 gift card for Christmas dinner.

Early Christmas morning Matt Richardson, Santa Claus (Commissioner Ken Parsons), and Mike delivered all the gifts to the family's house in Engine 82. The mother and her children were very thankful for the generosity, "I really wish I could find the words to express my gratitude... it really is a wonderful thing that you have done. Thank you so much!!"

Recognition goes to all the members of the Association, members of the Girl Scout Troop, Commissioner Parsons, Matt Richardson, Amanda Kilpatrick and of course, special thanks to Michael Fernstrom!!



Michael Fernstrom, Santa (Ken Parsons)
& Matthew Richardson

HELP NEEDED!

The South Bay Fire Department and the Association donated a Birthday party for a "Big Brothers Big Sisters" Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, February 13, 2009 from 1-4:30 pm. There will be 15 kids at this birthday party ages 5-8 hosted for two birthday boys. The party includes set up, playing games, cake and ice cream, a ride on a fire engine and picture taking of the activities and fun. Help is needed from 12-5pm. If you are interested in helping please contact Michael Fernstrom (540) 230-1736.



AWARDS BANQUET 2010 FEBRUARY 6, 6 PM

This year we moved our Awards Banquet to a new location... The Heritage Room in downtown Olympia. 604 Water St SW, Olympia, WA 98501.

We will have a **No-Host** bar that opens at 6:00 and the meal begins at 7:00. Awards and drawings for door prizes will follow the meal. This year we have no theme. Please dress in semi-formal, nice clothes. Suits not required. The menu includes Baron of Beef & Citrus Glazed Salmon, plus Eggplant Parmesan for vegetarians. **Tickets are required for this event**, so be sure to sign up in the dayroom or call the Station and have someone sign you up.

Note: Invitations incorrectly noted a hosted bar. This was in error. Members will need to purchase their own alcoholic beverages. Sorry for the inconvenience.



STRATEGIC PLAN ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Our "Strategic Plan Advisory Task Force" group made up of 31 local community members, began meeting this month. The purpose of the group is "to educate the public about the District's strategic direction and programs, to solicit input and gain consensus on future organizational goals and to successfully achieve the forum's desired outcomes." The sessions have been very productive as members have participated in meaningful discussions in workgroups discussing topics from our District Strategic Plan and the fiscal direction of the Department. The District Board of Fire Commissioners' desired outcome is group approval of recommendations in the form of a final report. These recommendations will be given strong consideration by the Board in their final approval of further District Strategic Plan and fiscal initiatives.

UPDATE YOUR PAPERWORK

If you've been with the Department for more than a few years, we advise you to complete a new "Beneficiary Designation" for your accident and sickness policy. The purpose in doing this is to keep your beneficiary up to date. This is especially important if you have changed life situations such as marriage or divorce.

Also, it is a good idea to update your W-4 for Federal income tax withholding.

Please see Heidi for these forms.



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