



# Thurston County Fire Protection District 8

# SOUTH BAY NEWS

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## Upcoming Events



- ◆ March 1  
Bus/Assc Mtg
- ◆ March 5  
BoFC Mtg 8 am
- ◆ March 7  
Stair Climb
- ◆ March 14  
Daylight Savings
- ◆ March 15  
SORT overview (tent)
- ◆ March 17  
St. Patrick's Day
- ◆ March 19  
BoFC Mtg 12 noon
- ◆ March 22  
OTEP
- ◆ March 29  
Multi-Co OPS
- ◆ April 2  
BoFC Mtg 8 am
- ◆ April 3  
SKILLS COURSE
- ◆ April 4  
Easter
- ◆ April 5  
Qrtly BBQ 6 pm
- ◆ April 16  
BoFC Mtg 12 noon

## AWARDS BANQUET 2010 RECAP

The Heritage Room proved to be a great location for this year's event. Everyone seemed to have a great time and enjoy the festivities. Special thanks go to Ashley Droll, (Brent's fiancé), for all her hard work making arrangements for the location and meal as well as setting up and decorating. Thanks to Judy Caron for requesting the door prizes from local vendors. And of course...HUGE THANKS TO ALL OUR FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS! Without your dedication and service, we would have nothing to celebrate.



Congratulations to the following members who were recognized at the event:

<p><b><u>TWO YEARS</u></b></p> <p>Jeremiah Dickinson Michael Fernstrom Raymond Meyers Derik Rodgers Judy Caron</p> <p><b><u>THREE YEARS</u></b></p> <p>Jonathan Clemens Sean Dougherty Heidi Prince Matthew Richardson</p> <p><b><u>FOUR YEARS</u></b></p> <p>Ethan Evans Alexandria George Sean Murphy Daniel Pooley</p>	<p><b><u>Five Years</u></b></p> <p>James Poole Bryce Craig</p> <p><b><u>TEN YEARS</u></b></p> <p>WALKER ARMSTRONG RICHARD SMALL</p> <p><b><u>Fifteen Years</u></b></p> <p>Bill Halbert</p> <p><b><u>Twenty Years</u></b></p> <p>Mike Rendon</p> <p><b><u>Thirty Years</u></b></p> <p>Ron Wertz Alex Wright Art Getchman</p>	<p><b><u>Firefighter of the Year</u></b></p> <p>Max Konrad</p> <p><b><u>Officer of the Year</u></b></p> <p>Bill Halbert</p> <p><b><u>Inspirational Award</u></b></p> <p>Damian Longmire</p> <p><b><u>Bulldog Award</u></b></p> <p>Entire Department</p>
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## SKILLS COURSE

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. This year's dates are scheduled for April 3rd and October 2nd starting at 8 am at the South Sound Mall parking lot. A sign up list will be posted in the dayroom.

## ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

 We are looking for a talented, energetic person to join our management team to support our volunteer emergency response program. For details and minimum requirements, see the application packet on our website at [www.southbayfire.com](http://www.southbayfire.com) or pick one up from Heidi in the office. (Applications due no later than 4:00 P.M. April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010)

"Giving kids clothes and food is one thing but it's much more important to teach them that other people besides themselves are important, and that the best thing they can do with their lives is to use them in the service of other people."  
- Dolores Huerta

## Please Conserve Water

Your assistance in conserving water and limiting water use is greatly appreciated while Station 8-1's drainfield is being repaired.



Chief Brian VanCamp

Assistant Chief Greg Kessel

Assistant Chief Brent McBride

## HERO RESCUES TRAPPED CANINE

**F**irefighters train for years never knowing if, or when, their emergency rescue skills will ever be put to the test. One of our own firefighters was tested on the morning of February 2nd, when he joined the South Bay Fire crew on a call for a dog trapped in a hole.



John Phillips & Studly

Firefighter intern, John Phillips, was driving to work that morning and saw the SBFDF crew standing outside a home looking down at the ground, when he stopped to see if he could help.

Earlier, Studly, a 6 year old pug, was walking around outside when he fell down a 6 foot deep hole and could not get out. His owner, Jennifer Sherman, could hear Studly barking and whining off in the distance. When she discovered him trapped in the hole she called 911 for help.

When John saw the dog in the hole, he snapped into action and began a challenging and slightly grimy rescue, proving to be a hero for the Sherman family.

This is not John's first animal rescue; he has also saved a cat from a fire and two dogs from a cliff. The Sherman family and their daughter were extremely thankful to John and our department. We're glad to be able to assist our community in any way we can!

## PICTURE TIME

**A**ll Members of the South Bay Fire Department are asked to participate in a special one-day picture taking event on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 10:00 am —3:00 pm.

We will be visited by professional photographer Dan Skaramuca, from Contempo Studio & Design, who will take several images of each member. A secure web site will hold the proofs members will be able to select their choice of the photos to be hung in the lobby as their "member photo." There is no charge to members for this service; however, additional pictures may be purchased for personal use at a nominal charge.

Pictures will be taken at Station 8-1 and members can come by any time between 10 am—3 pm to have their picture taken. Please wear your uniform shirt with your name, if applicable.

It is necessary that ALL MEMBERS have their photograph taken. If you absolutely cannot make this date, please let us know and arrangements will be made to have your picture taken at the photographer's studio in Olympia.

Thanks for your cooperation with this project!

## STUDENT MENTOR PROGRAM

**M**arch is National Reading Month. To help promote the importance of reading, South Bay Fire Department has developed a mentoring program for students at the South Bay Elementary. One hour, once a week, the day crew spends time with students during recess (playing foursquare, wall ball and other games), then they join 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in their classrooms to help with reading and math. If you are interested in helping, please contact Michael Fernstrom.

## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS BIRTHDAY PARTY

**M**any thanks to all our members that helped out with the birthday party on Sunday, February 14th. The party was a huge success! In August, 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. Julie Kinney, the administrative assistant for Big Brothers Big Sisters, purchased the party and used it for two of her grandchildren ages 5 and 6. About 15 boys and girls attend the party. Attendees got to play games, ride on the fire engines, spray the hose, save a "cat from a tree," eat cake & ice cream, and have their picture taken in the driver's seat on Engine 81. Party goers raved that they had a fantastic time that won't be forgotten!

Special thanks go to: Ann Cochran for donating all the spectacular decorations and prizes; Amanda Kilpatrick for helping out and taking all the amazing photographs ~ giving each child a photo to remember. Most importantly, thanks to all the members from our department that helped make this party such a success: Robert Gormley, Tyler Hill, Jerry Kessler, Doug Kilpatrick, Brent McBride, Sean Murphy, Ashley Raben, and Les Robinette. Your support helps to make a difference in these children's lives and gives them something they will cherish and not soon forget.



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