



Thurston County Fire Protection District 8

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Upcoming Events



- ◆ April 2
BoFC Mtg 8 am
- ◆ April 4
Easter
- ◆ April 5
Qrtly BBQ 6 pm
- ◆ April 12
OTEP soft tissue injuries
- ◆ April 16
BoFC Mtg 12 noon
- ◆ April 17
SKILLS COURSE PHOTOS
- ◆ May 7
BoFC Mtg 8 am
- ◆ May 9
Mother's Day
- ◆ May 21
BoFC Mtg 12 noon
- ◆ May 31
Memorial Day

In March, 7th fifteen members from South Bay Fire Department participated in the 19th 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 1,296 finishers climbed in full bunker with SCBA!

Climbers from Team South Bay included; Chris Bevan, Matt Conklin, Ben Dicke, Ethan Evans, Michael Fernstrom, Glenn Gerth, Jerry Kessler, Max Konrad, Kyle Landwehrle, Brent McBride, Sean Murphy, Chris Neuman, John Phillips, Dan Pooley, and Josh Riedel. A special thank you goes to Linda Gerth, Kenneth Hauff, Sabrina Phillips, and Justin Russell; they worked hard all day volunteering to help all fifteen South Bay climbers successfully finish the climb.



Special recognition goes to Dan Pooley for coming in as a top finisher. His time: 17:20 minutes! We also thank District 7 for allowing us to use some of their spare equipment.

The event was a great success. Currently the Firefighter Stair Climb for 2010 has raised \$700,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and donations are still coming in! Team South Bay rose over \$8,500.

On February 20th the South Bay team rose even more money by joining with other teams from around Thurston County to participate in a pre-stair climb event at Cabela's in Lacey raising over \$1,550; with all donations going to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of WA. 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

Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them. ~
Harriet Naylor



PROFESSIONAL PORTRAITS FOR ALL MEMBERS SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH 10 AM - 3 PM

All members and staff of the South Bay Fire Department are being asked to participate in a one-day professional portrait taking session on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 10 am 3 pm at Station 8-1 in the Commissioners' room.

Dan Skarmuca from Contempo Studio & Design will take 3-5 images of each member with a canvas background. A secure website will have all the proofs of the pictures and members will be able to select their choice of the photos (minor blemish retouching and/or skin softening is included), to be hung in the lobby as their "member photo." These photos will also be posted on our web site under members' photographs.

SKILLS COURSE DATE MOVED TO APRIL 17

Due to a scheduling conflict, the spring date for our skills course has been moved to April 17th beginning at 8 am in 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. 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 or pick one up from Heidi in the office.

(Applications due no later than 4:00 P.M. April 8th, 2010)

There is no charge to members for this service; however, additional pictures may be purchased for personal use at a nominal charge.

It is necessary that all members and staff have their portrait taken. Please show up sometime between 10 am – 3 pm, (a sign-up sheet is in the dayroom). Please wear your class B uniform; non-responders wear a South Bay logo shirt. If you absolutely cannot make the date it will be necessary to schedule an appointment with the photographer within 2 weeks of April 17th.

WHO DEPENDS ON YOU?

Your family, your parents, your children, your pets – someone is depending on you in the event of an emergency. Celebrate the new year with a commitment to preparing to be ready for an emergency, be it a wind storm, ice storm, pandemic flu or earthquake.

Start with yourself – do you have an emergency supply kit? If not, you can make or buy one. Start with the basic list (use links below) then personalize it for your specific needs and likes. What about your family, including pets? You'll certainly need additional supplies, and special supplies for specific needs such as babies, pets or elders. For a list of suggested emergency supplies, try:



<http://www.govlink.org/3days3ways/>
<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html>
http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare/residents_business/PersonalPreparedness.aspx

The Red Cross is promoting their "Do More than Cross Your Fingers," campaign; check the following website for help from Jamie Lee Curtis in preparing for emergencies. <http://www.redcross.org/domore>



Please Conserve Water

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

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