



Thurston County Fire Protection District 8 South Bay Fire Department News

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JOIN US!

Join us for our monthly Board meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 pm, normally held at our South Bay Station 8-1.

During the Covid-19 pandemic and in conjunction with Washington State's safety mandates, meetings may be held virtually.

See our website for link.
www.southbayfire.com



Chief Brian VanCamp

CHIEF'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that we are at the tail-end of the year 2021 already! We are in the middle of the busy holiday season, and we extend our greetings and wishes that you and your family have a safe and healthy celebration. One of our stories this quarter features a big Christmas package from Santa!

Christmas Package

The District received its Christmas present early this year in the form of a brand-new fire engine. It is pictured here (on the left) alongside one of our older fire engines (on the right). The new one is capable of pumping 1,500 gallons of water per minute, carries 750 gallons of water on board, and is equipped for all firefighting and emergency medical responses. It will be assigned to our Headquarters South Bay Firestation, and we hope to have a traditional "christening" for it once the weather is more conducive for the event.



Annual Planning & Budget

During November and December, the District prepares its annual budget and strategic plan. Both have been approved for 2022 and can be found on the District's website at www.southbayfire.com. A key feature of the District's 2022 business plan is to work to improve our communications with you the public in order to keep you informed and to provide additional means for you to contact us. You will be hearing more about this soon in future newsletters.

Public Use of Facilities

The public's use of our firestations, which has been curtailed during the coronavirus pandemic, depends on the determination by our Governor and local health authorities that it is safe to do so. We have been preparing for the re-opening and will let everyone know when that happens.

Monthly Reports

Every month I publish a report that includes many of the key staffing and operational aspects I have discussed above. Copies of each month's report can be found on our website. I encourage you to visit our website at www.southbayfire.com and learn more about your Fire Department.

Chief Brian VanCamp

BLOOD MOBILE HERE JANUARY 13TH!

We are pleased to announce that the next Blood Drive hosted by Cascade Regional Blood Services Bloodmobile, will be held on **Thursday, January 13th from 9 am - 2 pm** at our South Bay headquarters, located at 3506 Shincke Road NE.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic began, there has been a critical need for blood products. A decrease in blood drives has resulted in a low community blood supply while the need for blood has rapidly increased. Hospitals have resumed elective surgeries and continue treatments for cancer, other diseases such as sickle cell anemia and daily traumas. If you are healthy and eligible we encourage you to donate!

Donations By Appointment Only!!

Please sign-up to make your Blood Donation. Visit our website at www.southbayfire.com for the link or visit directly at: https://donor.crbs.net/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/33568

What Can I Expect When Donating?

The process is an 'essential service' and very easy and safe. Bring photo id with you. You will be registered, and fill out a questionnaire to confirm that you are eligible to donate that day. In a private area, a friendly phlebotomist will give you a 'mini' physical exam, checking your blood pressure, temperature, pulse, and iron level. You will be led to the donor area and relax on a comfy bed for your donation. They collect about one pint of blood in a sterile bag. Afterwards, you'll enjoy refreshments and then be on your way.

If you have any questions about the process or qualifications for donating, please contact Cascade Regional Blood Services directly at 1-800-24-BLOOD (25663).



FREE FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

Blood Pressure Checks

Stop by our South Bay Station 8-1 any time and receive a free blood pressure check.

Home Address Markers

We can't help you if we can't find you. If you need a free home address marker, please call us or order one on our website.

www.southbayfire.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The South Bay Fire Department is looking for dedicated, responsible, and ambitious Volunteers to help support our community.

The district employs career staff and over 40 Volunteers who provide emergency response and public service to the South Bay area. If accepted as a Volunteer, we provide training to be a Firefighter and/or an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician). Volunteers respond from our local fire stations and are rewarded for their service.

We are now accepting applications for our next Firefighter/EMT recruit cycle. Please see our website for application requirements. To be considered for Fire/EMT Academy this cycle, the application must be submitted by April 1st. We recruit twice a year, in the Spring and in the Fall. To learn more about becoming a Volunteer, visit our website at www.southbayfire.com or call our Recruitment Specialists, Assistant Chief LeMay or Assistant Janet Notarianni at 360-491-5320.



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PREPARE FOR WINTER POWER OUTAGES!

Extended power outages may impact the whole community and the economy. A power outage is when the electrical power goes out unexpectedly. A power outage may disrupt communications, water and transportation. It could also cause closures for retail businesses, grocery stores, gas stations, ATMs, banks and other services. It's important to prepare ahead of time for such an event.

Preparing for a Power Outage

- Inventory the items you need that rely on electricity. Plan for batteries and other alternative power sources to meet your needs
- Have flashlights for every household member.
- Determine whether your home phone will work in a power outage and how long battery backup will last. Keep cell phones charged.
- Talk to your medical provider about a power outage plan for medical devices powered by electricity and refrigerated medicines.

Food Storage

- Have enough nonperishable food and drinking water.
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours.
- Use coolers with ice if necessary. Throw out food if the temperature is 40 degrees or higher.

Using Appliances During Power Outages

- Install carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup in central locations on every level of your home. Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Generators, camp stoves or charcoal grills should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows.
- Never use a gas stovetop or oven to heat your home.
- Turn off or disconnect appliances, equipment, or electronics. Power may return with momentary surges or spikes that can cause damage.



For more information on preparing for a power outage, visit Ready.gov