



Thurston County Fire Protection District 8 South Bay Fire Department News

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FREE FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

CPR Training

Compression only CPR training is offered monthly and held at our North Olympia Station 8-3. Dates are listed on our website. Sign-up is required through Medic One. Call 360-704-2790 to sign up.

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

Smoke Alarms

Prevention is the best way to keep your home and family safe. To get a free alarm, stop by our South Bay Station to pick one up.

Covid-19 Tests

To get a free Covid test, stop by our South Bay Station to pick one up.

PUSH-IN & PINNING CEREMONY

On a rainy and stormy April 12th, the District held a community event to celebrate our newest firetruck, "Engine 8-1." The push-in ceremony involved community members and crew who literally pushed the engine into the apparatus bay, much like they did in the late 1800s when horses were used to pull hand-drawn pumper and crews had to unhitch the horses and manually push apparatus into the firehouse bay.

At that event, we also recognized our newest volunteer and career members with a pinning ceremony. Newly hired members received their department badges. The event ended with cake and socializing.



Pushing Engine 8-1 into the Bay



Firefighter Eric Gettle (who received his pin at the ceremony), with his dog Cider



Lt. Justin DeGagne & Firefighter Bryce Gibler



Firefighter Kristian Baldwin being pinned by wife Tiffany



Board members (L to R) Harper, Zvirzdys, Long, Kilpatrick and Chief VanCamp



Members & guests staying dry while the engine is being pushed indoors

SOUTH BAY MEMBERS ATTEND SCHOOL OUTDOOR MARKET

On Saturday, May 14th, members of the District attended the South Bay Elementary School's first Outdoor Farmers' Market event. We had a table with handouts and fire hats that was staffed by Assistant Chief Brandon LeMay and Firefighter Chris Stewart. Some Board members and volunteers also dropped by to say hi and help out.



(L to R) Assistant Chief LeMay, Commissioners Bivens and Zvirzdys and Firefighter Stewart



Assistant Chief LeMay and son Ayden



SAFETY TIPS FOR USING FIREWORKS

As of this printing, fireworks will be allowed in unincorporated Thurston County this Fourth of July; however, discharge is strictly limited to July 3rd and July 4th ONLY between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Residents are urged to be very careful with fireworks. Follow these safety tips when using fireworks:

- * Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- * Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- * Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.

- * Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and they could pose a danger to consumers.
- * Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- * Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- * Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- * Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- * Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- * Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- * After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

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OUTDOOR BURN BAN STARTS JULY 16

No outdoor burning July 16th - September 30th
Residents are encouraged to use alternatives to outdoor burning, such as chipping, grinding, or composting.



Chief Brian VanCamp

CHIEF'S CORNER

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 30 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. 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.

Social Media

As part of our Community Outreach efforts, we are increasing our presence on social media. We have a Facebook page, a Twitter and Instagram account, and are on Nextdoor. Please visit our website for these links.

Community Risk Survey

The Thurston County Planning Council is asking the community "How can we make Thurston County Communities more disaster resilient?" I urge you to give your input by taking their brief survey at www.trpc.org/hazards.

Monthly Reports

Every month I publish a report that includes many of the key staffing and operational matters 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

JOIN US!

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

We also offer meetings virtually. See our website for link.

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