



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 Washington State's phased re-opening approach, meetings may be held virtually. See our website for link. www.southbayfire.com

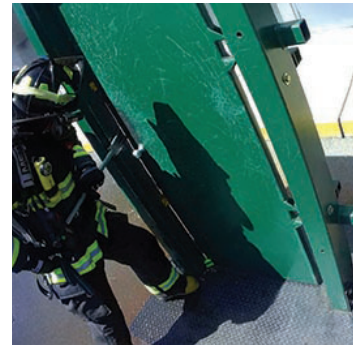
LIVE FIRE TRAINING

This year, our firefighters are completing the state requirements for live fire training at the *Mark Noble Regional Training Center*. The state-of-the-art facility in Olympia, features multiple training venues including a six-story, live fire training tower.

Our dedicated firefighters spent many hours practicing their craft with hands-on skills that are routinely performed on the fire ground.

The firefighters have to deploy the 200 foot hoseline, call for water, don their firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE), and open the forced entry door with a forcible entry tool. Once the line is charged and the door is open, they must advance the hoseline 40 feet through a smoke-filled room, then the firefighters must immediately begin attacking the fire on the ceiling and walls.

The drill concludes once the fire is extinguished, smoke has been removed using ventilation, and a primary search of the room has been done.



SOUTH BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE!

Please join us on **Thursday, July 29th from 9 am - 2 pm** at our headquarters, located at 3506 Shincke Road NE, to make a blood donation through the Cascade Regional Blood Services Bloodmobile.

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 as hospitals resume 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!

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. We collect about one pint of blood in a sterile bag. Afterwards, you'll enjoy refreshments and then be on your way.

Donations By Appointment Only!!

Please sign-up to make your Blood Donation. Visit our website at www.southbayfire.com for the link or visit direct at: https://donor.crbs.net/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/33324



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.

nextdoor

FOR OUR RESIDENTS!

For those of you who aren't familiar with "Nextdoor," it's a social media platform that connects people to their community by bringing neighbors together based on their location. It is intended to be a neighborhood hub for trusted connections and the exchange of helpful information, goods and services

The South Bay Fire Department is proud to have a presence on Nextdoor where we make efforts to keep our residents informed and up-to-date on local issues and more importantly - safety tips to help keep you safe!

To join Nextdoor, simply go to www.nextdoor.com and provide your address and email address. Once in, you will have opportunities to connect with other residents in your neighborhood - including your local Fire Department! To confirm a connection with us visit <https://nextdoor.com/agency/south-bay-fire-department>.

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DONATIONS STILL NEEDED FOR THE THURSTON COUNTY FOOD BANK!

In our last newsletter, we shared that the South Bay Fire Department is partnering with the Thurston County Food Bank as a local donation spot. We've been overwhelmed by the support from our community. Donations have been constant and generous!

Please continue to make those donations to either of our Fire Stations (*South Bay 81 located at 3506 Shincke Road NE and North Olympia 83 located at 5046 Boston Harbor Road*).

If you are a community member in need of help - please reach out to the Thurston County Food Bank by visiting them at their main location in downtown Olympia, located at 220 Thurston Avenue NE 98501

For more information, visit their website at <https://thurstoncountyfoodbank.org/> or you can call them at (360) 352-8597.

Thank you for helping to meet the needs of our neighbors!



Chief VanCamp, Firefighter Parnell, AC LeMay & Firefighter Milligan with food donations



SAFETY TIPS FOR USING FIREWORKS

As of this printing, fireworks will be allowed in unincorporated Thurston County this Fourth of July; however, the discharge of fireworks in unincorporated Thurston County is strictly limited to July 3 and July 4 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 that 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.

OUTDOOR BURN BAN STARTS JULY 15



No outdoor burning July 15th - September 30th
Residents are encouraged to use alternatives to outdoor burning, such as chipping, grinding, or composting.