



FIRE HOUSE *NEWS*

SERVING THE CITIZENS OF BONNEY LAKE, SUMNER, LAKE TAPPS, EDGEWOOD, MILTON, THE RIDGE COMMUNITIES AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

WINTER 2011



Santa will be visiting local neighborhoods starting Dec. 3.

Firefighters on Santa Patrol

East Pierce firefighters will accompany Santa during his annual visit to local neighborhoods in Bonney Lake, Sumner, Lake Tapps, Prairie Ridge, South Prairie, Wilkeson, Edgewood and Milton. "This is such a fun event," East Pierce Firefighter James Parke said. "It really puts us all in the Christmas spirit." Parke is coordinating Santa's visit again this year.

Firefighters, who volunteer their time for this event, will also be collecting donations for local food banks as they accompany Santa during his annual visit.

Santa's visit is sponsored by the International Association of Firefighters Local No. 3520 with assistance from the East Pierce Volunteer Firefighters' Association. Maps of the exact routes can be found at www.eastpiercerefire.org.

In Milton, the annual Santa Run is scheduled for Saturday December 3, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Look for the fire engine in these neighborhoods:

- Autumn Village, 2211 6th Ave.
- Copper Creek Apartments, 102 5th Ave.
- Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2306 Milton Way
- Mill Ridge Village, 607 28th Ave.
- Safeway, 900 E. Meridian
- Surprise Lake Village Apartments, 2800 Queens Way
- Mission Woods Church, 2003 Taylor St.
- Triangle Park, 1300 Oak St.
- 1000 Yuma St.
- Faith Family Church, 1702 Milton Way
- Milton Activity Center, 1000 Laurel St.

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Department Faces Budget Challenges

The fire department's budget struggles will not go away when the commissioners sign off on the balanced budget for 2012. "In my 41 years in the fire service, I've never seen budget challenges like this," said East Pierce Fire Commissioner Rick Kuss. "Over the past three years, the fire department has lost more than 20% of its funding," he said.

Kuss is concerned that the economy will not turn around soon. "I think 2013 and 2014 are going to be – if not tougher – as tough," he said.

The fire department relies on property taxes based on assessed value for the majority of its revenue. As the assessed value drops, so do the taxes. East Pierce residents pay \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value annually for fire protection and \$0.50 per \$1,000 for emergency medical services. To make matters worse, the cost of doing business continues to escalate. Expenses for fuel, critical medical supplies and insurance have increased significantly.

Kuss said that the challenge is to cut costs without reducing service levels. The goal for the commissioners is to make sure that no firefighters are laid off. Currently, the commissioners are analyzing future funding sources such as fire benefit charges, similar to those assessed by Central Pierce Fire and Rescue in the Puyallup area, and the Valley

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Falling property values are creating an on-going budget challenge for the fire department.

Holiday Fire Safety Tips

You don't have to be Martha Stewart to decorate your home for the holidays, but you do have to be careful. Throughout the United States each year, an estimated 250 home fires will involve Christmas trees and another 170 home fires will be caused by holiday lights and other decorative lighting. In 2010, 21 people died across the country and 43 were injured as the result of these types of fires.

The East Pierce firefighters would like to offer a few simple fire safety tips to help keep your holiday from turning into a tragedy.

CHRISTMAS TREES

If you bring a natural tree into your home, just remember one thing – keep the tree watered. Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. A dry and neglected tree can be.

To help keep a tree from drying out, do not place it close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Before putting up the lights, start by inspecting them for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear. Replace damaged strings. Use only lighting listed by an

approved testing laboratory.

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it's safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch.

When hanging exterior lights, East Pierce Lieutenant Doug Babcock suggests securing the ladder on a level surface. "Never put a ladder on one level of the roof to reach another level of the roof," he said. "The decorations aren't worth a trip to the hospital."

KEEP EXITS AND HOUSE NUMBERS CLEAR

Always make sure that trees and other holiday decorations do not block an exit. In the event of a fire, time is of the essence. A blocked exit puts you and your family at risk.

"Don't cover house numbers with decorations," said East Pierce Firefighter-paramedic Craig Williams. "Santa may be able to find your house without a problem, but we need to be able to see your address," he said.

CANDLE CARE

We prefer the battery-operated candles, but if you use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down – especially by a curious pet. Never leave the house with candles burning.

GEL FUEL

Firefighters are beginning to see injuries resulting from accidents with gel fuel, a flammable liquid that's poured into a stainless steel or ceramic cup in the center of ceramic or glass firepots or other decorative lighting devices and ignited. Pourable gel fuel can ignite unexpectedly and splatter onto people and objects nearby when it is poured into a firepot that is still burning. The gel fuel is especially dangerous because it can be difficult to tell if the firepot is still ignited.

The most important holiday accessory is a working smoke alarm

Make sure there's a working smoke alarm in every sleeping area and on every level of your home. Test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times.

From our family to yours – have a very merry (and safe!) holiday season.

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Safe Place For Newborns

In Washington State, no one ever has to abandon a baby. There is always a safe haven with the firefighters. State law allows a parent to leave their unharmed newborn, up to three days old, with a firefighter at any staffed fire station. "Your baby will be given any needed medical attention and transferred to an appropriate facility to be placed in foster care for adoption," said Assistant Chief Russ McCallion.

According to the law, newborns can also be left with an employee at a hospital or Federal-designated rural health clinic in the state during its hours of operation.

The program is confidential. "You don't even have to leave your name," McCallion said. "The law was designed to provide a safe haven for newborns with no questions asked." Parents can provide family medical history anonymously.

McCallion said that the firefighters have received special training and have equipment to manage the medical health of a newborn that may be dropped off at a station. He noted that it's important that newborns be left with a firefighter and not just dropped off at the door. East Pierce Fire and Rescue has six staffed stations and six unstaffed stations.

The law was necessary after several newborn infants were abandoned in a variety of locations, including a convenience store, sidewalk, trash bin and restroom, putting the infant's health at grave and immediate danger. Under current state law, a person who abandons an infant can be criminally charged with abandonment of a dependent person, family abandonment or family non-support.

Parents who might otherwise abandon their newborn infant are encouraged to leave the child in a safe place and increase the likelihood of survival. Immunity is provided from specific criminal liability for a parent who brings a newborn to fire station personnel at a staffed fire station or any hospital employee at a hospital emergency room. ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW, CALL THE TOLL FREE, EMERGENCY HOTLINE AT 1-877-440-2229. THE PHONE LINES ARE STAFFED 24-HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.

September 11 Donation From Fred Meyer

East Pierce firefighters and their families would like to thank the employees of the Bonney Lake Fred Meyer for their kind gifts delivered on September 11, including a

scrapbook with notes from the employees to the firefighters as a special remembrance of the sacrifices made that day ten years ago. The employees also presented the firefighters with a flag of

heroes that now proudly hangs above the door in the day room at station 11.

From our family to yours, our sincerest appreciation for your thoughtfulness. ■

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Regional Fire Authority serving Auburn.

In the meantime, East Pierce Fire Chief Jerry E. Thorson said that the department will continue to make cuts. However, sizeable reductions were made to the 2010 and 2011 operating budgets, leaving the department with difficult choices. "It's getting harder and harder to find those cuts," he said.

To help reduce costs, the department has made the following changes:

- The firefighters have agreed to wage reductions and other concessions in their contract.
- The administrative staff has the choice of going to part time and will be taking furlough days, starting in January. Wages have been frozen.
- CPR and first aid classes

that were previously offered free to East Pierce residents, now cost \$15 each. Those who live out of the jurisdiction will continue to pay \$30 for each class.

- Ambulance transport fees have increased. However, East Pierce still offers ambulance transports at no out-of-pocket expense to residents. The department will continue to bill insurance companies and Medicare, when available, for reimbursable costs.
- The administrative staff has been consolidated at the Bonney Lake and Sumner fire stations. The other staffed stations are still open to the public during regular business hours when the crews are not on

calls. However, if the crews are on calls, there is no one at the station to assist residents.

- East Pierce decided not to pursue a merger with Ortting Valley Fire and Rescue.
- An assistant chief and a logistics member are retiring in 2012 and will not be replaced. Their duties will be divided among the remaining command staff.

Thorson said that program managers and the command staff are still looking for ways to reduce expenses. Despite their best efforts, the department will be forced to dip into the reserve funds for the second year in a row to balance the budget. "These are extraordinary times and will call for extraordinary solutions," said Kuss. ■



East Pierce Volunteer Firefighter Sara Arneson (L) and DeAnn O'Leary present the winners of the 2011 scholarships. From the left is Rachel Goodlet, Ali Ehle, Megan Hagwood, Michael Burley and Kendall Thedan. Shayna Moran is not pictured.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AND NEW ONE ADDED

The East Pierce Volunteer Firefighters' Association announced the winners of its annual 2011 Scholarships for Excellence.

They include White River High School senior **Michael Burley**; Bonney Lake High School senior **Megan Hagwood**; and Sumner High School senior **Kendall Thedan**.

The scholarships are conferred annually to a graduating senior at each of the high schools within the East Pierce Fire District.

Eligible students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and intend to enter the fields of firefighting, law enforcement, medicine or social work.

Ali Ehle received a family scholarship that is awarded to an East Pierce career or volunteer member, their spouse or dependent. Ehle is the daughter of East Pierce Lieutenant Les Ehle. **Rachel Goodlet**, daughter of East Pierce Assistant Chief Ed Goodlet, also received a scholarship.

Volunteer Corner

A special scholarship was awarded to Bonney Lake High School senior **Shayna Moran**, who plans to become a registered nurse.

"The East Pierce Volunteer Firefighter's Association is pleased to present these worthy students with much needed financial aid," Sara Arneson volunteer firefighter and chair of the Scholarship Committee.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP ADDED

In addition to the annual scholarships offered at Sumner, Bonney Lake and White River High Schools, the Association has added a new scholarship for students living in the Edgewood and Milton areas. The scholarship, called the "East Pierce Fire & Rescue Volunteer Firefighters' Association Community Scholarship", will be offered to students who live within the boundaries of the fire district, but attend schools outside the district.

Students must meet the same criteria as the other scholarships to be considered for interviews. "The biggest consideration is that they must physically live within our jurisdiction," says Arneson.

Applications for next year's scholarships will be available starting January 4th, 2012 at www.eastpiercevfa.org in the "Scholarship" section. ■

HEALTH WATCH: Answering Your Questions

Q: ISN'T IT FASTER TO JUST DRIVE SOMEONE TO THE HOSPITAL?

A: It may seem like it, but actually calling 911 gets you help faster. The paramedics can examine and start early, advanced treatment for critically injured and ill patients. They alert the hospital while on the way, giving the staff time to prepare for the patient's arrival. For patients who are experiencing cardiac or stroke symptoms, specialists can be standing by when the patient arrives, saving critical time.

Q: WHY DO SO MANY VEHICLES COME WHEN I CALL 911?

A: It's not the vehicles that are needed – it's the people. When you call 911, the closest unit is dispatched to your location. Each unit – ambulance or fire engine – has two or three responders. More than 80 percent of all calls need more than two people, so a second closest unit is also dispatched. Occasionally, a chief officer will also arrive for observation and training purposes. In more remote areas, such as Wilkeson, a volunteer unit may also respond, since they may be closer than firefighters at a staffed station. Certain types of calls, such as cardiac arrest, require four to six responders. When it comes to fires, it takes 15 – 17 firefighters to safely battle even a relatively small house fire. Frankly, it's safer for everyone to send more people than we might need and turn them away than have to call for backup because we don't have enough responders.

Q: WHY DO I GET A BILL FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE? I THOUGHT THERE WAS NO COST TO RESIDENTS.

A: Residents transported by East Pierce Fire and Rescue ambulances incur no "out-of-pocket" expenses. We bill your insurance company, Medicare or Medicaid for the cost of the ambulance ride. EMS Levy funds are applied to any balance not paid by your insurance. Residents receive a statement – not a bill – from our billing service requesting information to submit to the insurance company. To help support our EMS services, those who live outside of the district are charged for ambulance transports. Occasionally, private ambulance will respond to the call if all of our personnel are responding to multiple calls or a large-scale fire. They are a separate corporation that provides service to our area and will charge you for the ambulance ride.

Q: CAN I GO TO THE HOSPITAL OF MY CHOICE?

A: Most of the time, you get to choose the hospital. But if there is an immediate life threat as the result of a car accident or in the case of certain types of medical emergencies, you may need to go to the closest hospital. Really serious emergencies require the services of a trauma center. There are four in our area – Tacoma General, St. Joseph's Medical Center, Madigan Healthcare System, and Harborview Medical

Center. If you called us because of chest pain, you may need specialized treatment at a hospital that has a catheterization lab. In that case, we will need to take you to the hospital that provides that service. Sometimes hospitals are on "diversion", meaning that the emergency department is full and will only accept new patients under the most dire circumstances. The good news is that there are lots of hospitals to choose from in our area.

Q: DO YOU USE A MEDICAL HELICOPTER FOR TRANSPORTING CRITICALLY ILL OR INJURED PATIENTS?

A: Sometimes we do, especially if the patient is in a remote area or the traffic or weather is particularly bad. However, those are pretty extreme circumstances. Often it's faster (and cheaper – a helicopter ride costs approximately \$8,000) to go by ambulance. What most people don't realize is that when a helicopter is called, it takes some time to arrive. Then it must find an open area, like a school playground, to land. Since it is often not directly next to our patient, we must load the patient into an ambulance and drive to the helicopter. If the helicopter goes to Harborview Medical Center, the landing pad is located near the facility and again, the patient must be loaded into a waiting ambulance to be transported to the emergency room. We take all that into consideration when deciding whether or not to use a medical helicopter.

Do you have a question for us? Email your questions to chief@eastpiercefire.org. ■

STUDY SHOWS MOST CHILD CAR SEATS NOT PROPERLY INSTALLED

Although the number of children who regularly ride in car seats has increased dramatically, a recent study by the non-profit group Safe Kids shows that most parents fail to install the seats correctly, leaving their children open to injury during a crash.

Properly used child safety seats decrease the risk of death by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers. Older children are 59% less likely to be injured in a booster seat than if they were using seat belts only. However, the study found that many children were in the wrong car seat for their age. It was especially common for children ages 7 or 8 to not be in a child seat at all.

Most child car seats were incorrectly installed. In many cases, car seats were installed without the tether straps properly connected to the in-car attachment points that are part of the LATCH system. "It's important for parents to take care in choosing a safe car seat for their child, and to adjust and install it properly," says East Pierce Public Education Specialist Dina Sutherland.

In 2007, Washington State passed a law that requires children less than eight years old must be restrained in booster seats, unless the child is four feet nine inches or taller. A child who is eight years old or older, or four feet nine inches or taller, must be properly restrained with the motor vehicle's safety belt. Children under thirteen years old must be transported in rear seats wherever it is practical to do so.

Not sure if your child's car seat is properly installed? East Pierce offers free child car seat inspections. Call 253-863-1800 during regular business hours to schedule an appointment. Our certified child passenger safety technicians will check to make sure your child is in the right seat and the seat is properly installed. "We know that car seats can be confusing, so we are here to teach you how to transport your child or grandchild safely," Sutherland says. "A child's life is too important to risk on an unsafe car seat." ■

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Santa's sleigh will be in these Bonney Lake, Edgewood, Lake Tapps, Sumner, Wilkeson and South Prairie neighborhoods:

SATURDAY, DEC. 3, FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.
City of Edgewood

SUNDAY, DEC. 4, FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.
Jenks Park, Tacoma Point, Skyline Estates, Quiet Waters, Inlet Island, Cedar View, White River Estates and Spring Haven

SUNDAY, DEC. 11, FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

Sky Island, Willow Brook, Falling Water, Rhododendron Park, Prairie Ridge, Timber Ridge, Russelwood, Sunset Meadows and Mountain Creek

FRIDAY, DEC. 16, FROM 5:30 TO 8 P.M.

Towns of South Prairie and Wilkeson, plus the Sierra neighborhood

SATURDAY, DEC. 17, FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

City of Sumner

For more information on the Firefighters Santa Patrol, go to www.eastpiercefire.org.

Commissioner's Race Too Close To Call

It's going to take a manual count to declare a winner in the November 8 General Election for East Pierce Fire Commissioner, Position 4. As of November 17, incumbent commissioner Edward (Ed) Egan was leading challenger Patrick McElligott by just 33 votes.

According to Pierce County Elections Manager Michael Rooney, a recount will be conducted shortly after the certification period ends on November 29. A manual recount is

automatically triggered if the difference between the candidates is less than one quarter of percent. The difference between the commissioner candidates is 0.186%, well within the manual recount range.

Once a recount is complete, the candidate with the most votes wins.

Rick Kuss ran unopposed. He will continue to serve as a fire commissioner for another six-year term.

Fire commissioners perform important duties in the management of

a fire district. They set policy for the department, hire the fire chief and are responsible for budgets, professional audits and authorizing levy requests of the public they serve.

The East Pierce fire commissioners meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the East Pierce headquarters station, 18421 Old Buckley Highway. The public is always welcome.

Elsewhere in the district, the town of South Prairie voted to renew

a property tax levy in the amount of 50 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years to fund emergency medical services (EMS). The town of Wilkeson voted to authorize a property tax levy of 25 cents or less per thousand of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 2012, to provide funding for EMS. Both towns contract with East Pierce Fire and Rescue to provide emergency services. ■

Who is East Pierce Fire & Rescue?

East Pierce Fire & Rescue was founded on a strong commitment to customer service. The department's Mission, Vision and Values guide the actions of the department and its employees. Exceptional customer service and a concern for the employees and their families have become hallmarks of our culture.

EPF&R was created when the City of Bonney Lake Fire Department, Lake Tapps Fire and Pierce County Fire District 24 merged in 2000 with the goal of providing a seamless response to emergency situations.

In 2006, voters in Pierce County Fire District 12 and South Prairie Fire District 20 overwhelmingly passed a special election to merge with East Pierce.

Two years later, the citizens of the City of Sumner and Pierce County Fire District 1 also voted to join the East Pierce family.

On February 9, 2010, Edgewood residents voted in favor of merging with East Pierce.

Last April, the Milton City Council voted to join East Pierce, bringing expanded fire, rescue and emergency medical services to their city.

Today, East Pierce serves a population of approximately 87,000 residents living in and around Bonney Lake, Sumner, Lake Tapps, the Ridge Communities, South Prairie, Edgewood, Milton and Wilkeson. The district covers approximately 156 square miles and protects residents from 13 stations – six staffed and six volunteer, and one facility on Lake Tapps for the marine rescue unit.

All full-time firefighters are cross-trained as either emergency medical technicians (EMTs) or paramedics and are able to respond to both medical emergencies and fires.

An independently-elected board of citizens governs the agency. ■

Commissioners

- Rick Kuss, Chair
- Edward Egan
- Karlyne McGinnis
- Victor Proulx
- Raymond Bunk
- Kevin Garling
- Roy "Red" Mendenhall
- Ron Scholz
- Mike Cathey
- Rick Kilbourn
- Dale Mitchell

Staffed Stations

- Station 11 (Headquarters Station) 18421 Old Buckley Hwy, Bonney Lake, 98391 253.863.1800 www.east.piercefirer.org
- Station 12 12006 - 214th Ave. E., Bonney Lake
- Station 13 800 Harrison Street, Sumner
- Station 14 3206 W. Tapps Drive E., Bonney Lake
- Station 16 10515 - 234th Ave. E., Buckley
- Station 18 10105 24th Street East, Edgewood



Firefighters Raise Money for Two Causes

Last month, East Pierce Fire and Rescue firefighters participated in the national "Passionately Pink For the Cure" campaign to bring awareness to all types of cancers that affect women. The men and women at East Pierce joined firefighters across North America in wearing pink uniform shirts in October while on duty.

The firefighters raised more than \$3,200 at several events throughout the month, including a successful event at the Bonney Lake Safeway. The proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Earlier this summer, the annual Fill the Boot campaign raised a record-breaking \$18,190.02 for Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The Fill the Boot campaign, sponsored by East Pierce Professional Firefighters Local 3520, raises money to assist families affected by muscular dystrophy in the Sumner, Lake Tapps, Edgewood, Milton, South Prairie and Bonney Lake communities. ■



East Pierce firefighters cared enough to wear pink in October in support of the campaign to bring awareness to all types of cancers that affect women. From left are Firefighter-paramedic Rhonda Grant, Firefighter Adam Lathrop, Firefighter-paramedic Terri Flowers and Captain Steve Bisig on Engine 18.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

SUMNER PANCAKE FEED AND FOOD DRIVE

Santa will hear requests from good girls and boys at the annual Pancake Feed, from 7 a.m. to noon, Saturday, December 3. The breakfast, hosted by the IAFF Local 3520 firefighters of East Pierce Fire and Rescue, will be held at the Sumner fire station located at 800 Harrison Street. The cost is a \$3 donation. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Firefighters, fire commissioners and local dignitaries will be flipping flapjacks and serving ham, coffee and orange juice while Santa hobnobs with the crowd.

A silent auction, featuring items donated by local businesses, will be available during the event. The money raised benefits several, local charitable organizations, including the Sumner Family Center, a program that provides support and services to families living within the Sumner School District. Last Christmas, the firefighters were able to purchase gifts for 600 needy children identified by the Sumner Family Center.

The firefighters will also be collecting nonperishable food items for distribution to local food banks.

MILTON TREE LIGHTING

Join us and the rest of your neighbors at 5 p.m., Saturday, December 3 at the Milton Activity Center, 1000 Laurel Street, to kick off the holiday season in style. There will be pictures with Santa, holiday crafts and cookies.

For more information, contact Amy at 253-517-2705.

BONNEY LAKE TREE LIGHTING

The annual Bonney Lake Tree Lighting, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Bonney Lake, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, December 3 at the East Pierce Fire & Rescue headquarters station at 18421 Old Buckley Highway. To help get into the holiday mood, the Kiwanis provide free home-made cookies and hot apple cider. The festivities also include holiday music performed by area school children.

Bonney Lake Mayor Neil Johnson will light the tree around 6:30 p.m. to signal the official start of the holiday season, followed by the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus aboard one of our fire engines. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for photos.

Don't miss it! ■

East Pierce Classes, Meetings & Public Education

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LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

Wearer must be present for fitting
Fire Headquarters Station 18421 Old Buckley Hwy, Bonney Lake

CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS

Call 253.863.1800 for appointment. Our certified child passenger safety technicians will check to make sure your child is in the right seat, your seat is installed correctly and your child is placed in the seat correctly.

STATION TOURS Call to arrange a tour of any of our fire stations.

SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATIONS Includes smoke alarm with 10-year batteries. Call 253.863.1800 for appointment

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS Stop by any station during regular business hours. (Subject to staff availability)

FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING Learn how to use a fire extinguisher in case of a residential or commercial emergency. Call 253.863.1800 to register

SERVICES OFFERED

CPR 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | BASIC FIRST AID 3:30–4:30 p.m.
FIRE HEADQUARTERS STATION 18421 Old Buckley Hwy, Bonney Lake
Jan. 14, 20 or 28 | Feb. 18 or 24 | Mar. 16 or 24 | Apr. 14 or 20

The cost for citizens residing within the jurisdiction of East Pierce Fire & Rescue, including Sumner, Bonney Lake, Lake Tapps, Wilkeson, South Prairie, Milton and Edgewood, is \$15 for either a CPR or First Aid class, or \$30 for both. The cost for non-residents is \$30 for each class, or \$60 for both. **To register, call 253-863-1800 during regular business hours or register online at www.eastpiercefirer.org.**

BICYCLE HELMET SALES AND FITTING* Wearer must be present for custom fitting. Helmets are sold for \$7 each. Exact change is appreciated.

LIFE JACKET SALES AND FITTING* Wearer must be present for custom fitting. Life jackets are sold for \$14 each. Exact change is appreciated.

SAFE SITTER CLASSES Registration information and class schedules are available at www.eastpiercefirer.org. Cost: \$30.

*Sponsored by East Pierce Professional Firefighters Local 3520