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## Just Drive — It's That Simple

By: Dina Sutherland,  
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For most people, distracted driving means texting or cell phone use, but distracted driving is any activity that takes a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. That includes distractions such as eating and drinking, talking to passengers, grooming, reading, using a navigation system, steering with legs and no hands on the wheel, watching a video and adjusting a radio or CD player. All distractions endanger driver, passenger and bystander safety.

But because text messaging requires the driver's visual, manual and cognitive attention, it is by far the most alarming distraction. Sending or receiving a text takes the driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent — at 55mph — of driving blind the length of an entire football field.

In 2009, nearly 5,500 people nationwide were killed in crashes involving driver distraction. More than 32% of Washington traffic fatalities involve a distracted driver. What's so disturbing is that most drivers don't consider themselves distracted. Drivers don't think twice about eating in the car, while reading a newspaper, tuning the radio, and talking on their cell phone.

Bonney Lake Police Department's newest member, Cesi Velez, serves as Washington State's Child Passenger Safety Program manager and works closely with the WA State Strategic Highway Safety Plan "Target Zero", whose goal is to eliminate all traffic deaths and serious injuries by the year 2030. Distracted driver behavior ranks within the top two Target Zero priority areas.

"Distracted driving is a dangerous and deadly habit. I hope more drivers make the choice to pay attention to the road," Velez says.

East Pierce Fire encourages you to practice, and teach your children, safe driving habits. Here are a few tips to help eliminate distractions while on the road:

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## Searching For Answers To Difficult Budget Issues

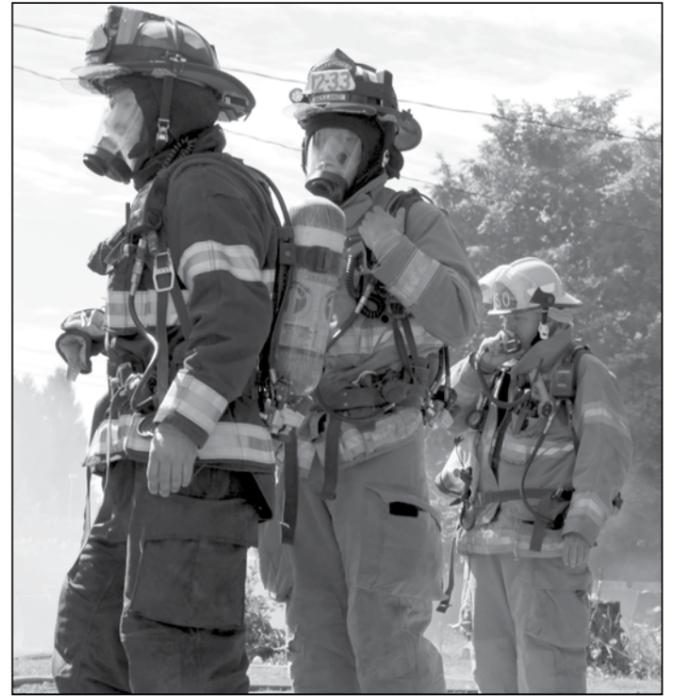
During the past three years, East Pierce Fire & Rescue has seen a 20 percent drop in revenue. At first, says East Pierce Fire Chief Jerry E. Thorson, the easy things were cut. Now, it's getting painful. "Last year, we had to make hard choices, cutting things that impact service," he says. The fire department has held off on equipment purchases, reduced training and left vacant positions unfilled. In addition, all firefighters and staff took pay cuts. "If we have another year like this year, we will have to make even more significant cuts that will have a negative impact on service levels," Thorson says.

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 and the revenues paid to the fire department. 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. In addition, the cost of doing business continues to escalate. Expenses for fuel, critical medical supplies and insurance have increased significantly.

While the chief is hopeful the economy will start to improve next year, economic indicators suggest another reduction in revenue. "We can't sustain existing service levels without additional revenue sources," Thorson says. The question is: What is the fire department going to do about it?

To address the budget shortfall, the East Pierce Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners examined several alternative funding sources, including a fire benefit charge similar to those assessed by Central Pierce Fire and Rescue in the Puyallup area, and the Valley Regional Fire Authority serving Auburn. However, after an exhaustive investigation, the commissioners determined that this type of charge would not work in this district. "It would have placed too high of a tax burden on the residential population," Thorson says. "They didn't feel that was appropriate."

The commissioners are currently examining a maintenance and operations levy.



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Thorson says. "This would allow us to build back in some essentials we had to cut, such as training," Thorson says. If the commissioners approve the levy, it could appear on the ballot later this year.

"Meanwhile, we are looking at each and every expenditure to see if we can postpone it or do it in a more economical way," says Thorson. ■

## Firefighters Respectfully Rescue Flag

House fires are always devastating. Not only are homes lost, but often personal mementos are also destroyed. East Pierce firefighters do their best to help salvage personal items from a fire-damaged home. Sometimes just a single item — a treasured photo, a beloved stuffed animal or a cherished antique — can help take the sting out of the crushing loss.

In February, the firefighters found an especially important item belonging to the owner of a home that burned. During clean-up efforts following the early afternoon blaze at a Bonney Lake family's home, East Pierce Firefighter-paramedic Ted Rogowski came across a scorched flag. He and his engine company respectfully folded the flag and with the utmost respect, returned it to its owner.

Later, it was learned that this was the last holiday flag ever flown over the USS Missouri, a venerated battleship and the site of the official Japanese surrender to end World War II. After service in the Korean and Gulf Wars, the Missouri was decommissioned in 1992. She is now a museum ship at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The owner told East Pierce Captain Tim McCoy how important the flag is to him and conveyed his pride and privilege in owning such an extraordinary memento.

"It is an honor for us all to serve in this profession and to work with people who make the most of the opportunities presented us," McCoy says. ■



East Pierce firefighters respectfully folded a scorched flag they found after a house fire and returned it to its owner.

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## Gun Safety Helps Avoid A Tragedy

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**H**aving a firearm in the home can be a significant risk factor for injury or death, especially in children. Every seven and a half hours a child or teen is killed by a gun, either by accident or suicide.

If you choose to keep a gun, carefully consider the risks to your family and others who visit your home.

Guns can be a natural curiosity for children. Any small child who finds a gun is going to put a finger on the trigger and click it. "Gun-proof your children, as well as your home," says East Pierce Firefighter-paramedic Craig Williams. "Teach your children about gun safety at home, and what to do if they encounter a gun at school or a friend's house. Never play with guns. If you find one, leave it alone and tell a grown up."

Repeat the "Don't play with guns" message with children frequently. Reinforce it by quizzing them on what they should do if they found a gun.

Gun owners should take these important precautions to keep children safe:

- Always remove ammunition from guns
- Secure unloaded guns with a trigger lock, alarm or other type of tamper-proof device
- Store unloaded guns in a gun cabinet, safe or locked gun vault
- Lock and store ammunition separately, out of sight and reach of children
- Keep gun storage keys away from the "everyday" keys

Gun safety starts in the home. Teach children safe gun practices from the start. Check out [www.eastpiercefirer.org](http://www.eastpiercefirer.org) for more information.

### Do you need a gun lock?

Project Childsafe, a nationwide program that helps ensure safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage, partners with many law enforcement agencies to provide free safety kits to their communities. The kits include a cable-style gun lock.

Contact the following local police departments to obtain your free kit:

<b>Bonney Lake</b>	<b>253-863-2218</b>
<b>Sumner</b>	<b>253-863-6384</b>
<b>Edgewood</b>	<b>253-952-3299</b>
<b>Milton</b>	<b>253-922-8735</b>
<b>Pierce County Sheriff Dept.</b>	<b>253-798-3278</b>

## Commissioner Race Finally Settled

**I**n December, more than a month after the election, the Pierce County Auditor's Office finally declared Edward (Ed) Egan the winner in the race for a seat on the East Pierce Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners.

Egan, a 69-year-old retired Weyerhaeuser safety director, defeated challenger Patrick McElligott, a Tacoma Fire Department captain, by a mere 16 votes.

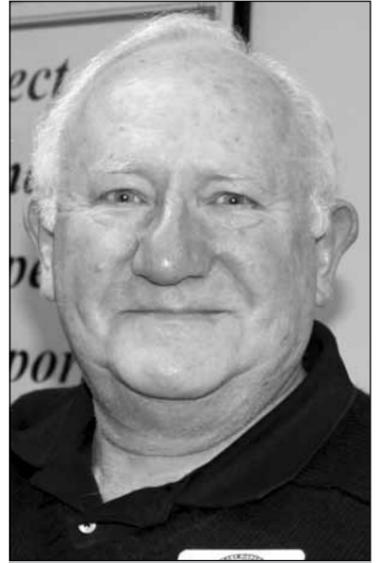
Egan has served as a fire commissioner for the Edgewood Fire Department since 2002 and played an integral part in helping transition the merger with East Pierce in 2010. Once the merger took place, Egan, and the two other Edgewood commission-

ers Dale Mitchell and Kevin Garling, joined the East Pierce board.

The 2012 East Pierce commissioners include Raymond Bunk, Mike Cathey, Ed Egan, Kevin Garling, Karlyne McGinnis, Dale Mitchell and Ron Scholz. Rick Kuss is the board chair.

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.

The East Pierce board of fire commissioners meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, at the East Pierce headquarters station, 18421 Old Buckley Highway. The public is welcome to attend. ■



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## East Pierce Announces Two Retirements

**Two long-time members of East Pierce Fire & Rescue retired this year. They are Assistant Chief Barry Barquest and Firefighter Mike Giefer. Both made significant contributions to the department and, although we wish them all the best in retirement, we hate to see them go.**

### ASSISTANT CHIEF BARRY BARQUEST



In the early days, says Barquest, it was typical for only one or two firefighters to show up on scene for a fire. "On kitchen fire, you went in by yourself. That's the way it was," he says. Today, state and federal regulations require a multiple-unit response to the same fire. "The safety of personnel is so much better now," he says.

Getting there took time and effort. Barquest favored the merger that created East Pierce Fire & Rescue, in part because of the improved safety for both the firefighters and the community.

As he moved through the ranks, Barquest eventually became a fire marshal and an assistant chief in charge of safety, logistics, fire prevention and public education. Throughout his career, he never lost sight of his duty as a firefighter. "The mission is serving the community," Barquest says.

In the early 1990s, Barquest helped launch a county-wide program to identify and educate children who have an unhealthy interest in fires. Today, the Juvenile Fire Setters program is an integral part of an initiative that works with children and their families to help prevent a tragedy.

More recently, Barquest pushed to get a state law passed to raise awareness regarding carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning among swimmers and boaters on the many lakes in our area. CO poisoning has been responsible

for a number of deaths on Lake Tapps. Because of the 2006 law, many boaters take precautions to prevent an accidental drowning.

No one will ever know for sure how many lives have been saved because of Barquest's singular focus on safety. He is humble about his role in these efforts, but it is a source of satisfaction. "It means something to me. I certainly don't take credit for all of it, but I spent a chunk of my life on these two programs," he says. "It's the community that wins."

Barquest and his wife Renee have two children and six grandchildren. He expects that he will be spending much of his new-found free time doing projects around the house. Of his 32 years in the fire service, he says that it was a great career. "There's nothing more important than public safety," he says. "I've loved working with the crews and everybody at East Pierce."

Chief Barquest's legacy of safety is a constant reminder of his passion and dedication to the firefighters at East Pierce and the community they serve every day. ■

### FIREFIGHTER MIKE GIEFER



Mike Giefer never forgot where he came from. Born in Sumner, he spent 34 years in the fire service, protecting the lives and property of his friends and neighbors. But he has done so much more. Whether it was driving a fire engine in the city parade or

organizing the annual Easter egg hunt, Giefer has dedicated himself to making Sumner a better place to live for all its residents.

When Giefer started as a volunteer firefighter in 1977, the Sumner fire station was in what is now the city hall. With only five career members, the department relied on the volunteers to respond to emergencies and staff the three fire engines. Back then, it was the place to be. "A lot of people wanted to be a volunteer firefighter," he says.

Giefer got into the fire service like many firefighters do – he followed his dad. He volunteered for fifteen years before being hired in 1990. During that time, he worked as a dairy farmer in the outskirts of Sumner, married his wife whom he calls "Red" and together they started a family that eventually included two daughters.

For Giefer, being a firefighter meant being actively involved in the community he served. For more than 20 years, he headed up the annual Sumner Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the firefighters. "We all had kids, so we decided to put one together," he says. "It went over so well, we did it again."

The first Easter egg hunts were held at Loyalty Park. But the event became so popular, within two years it was moved to the high school football field, where it is still held. More than 3,500 children, from toddlers to 11 years of age, attend the annual event.

Giefer has quietly demonstrated that being a firefighter is more than just a job. His commitment to his community provides a lasting example to the firefighters who follow in his footsteps. ■

# HEALTH WATCH: County Benefits from New Stroke System

EARLY RECOGNITION OF STROKE SIGNS AND 911 TRANSPORT TO A DESIGNATED CENTER CRUCIAL

Strokes take a terrible toll each year in the United States. Almost 795,000 people will suffer a stroke, and 140,000 people will die annually. Strokes are the leading cause of disability in the U.S. Nearly one-quarter of strokes occur in people under age 65.

A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or the blood vessel ruptures. When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood (and oxygen) it needs, so it starts to die.

A drug called tPA is the only FDA-approved medication for the treatment of stroke—but it has to be given within three hours of the start of stroke symptoms. A few specialized physicians, called “stroke interventionalists” can use other treatments, such as guiding thin wires from the femoral artery up into the brain to try to open the arteries.

Time is crucial—time lost equals brain cells lost. If treatment is started early, many patients can be effectively treated, minimizing the impact of a stroke.

Pierce County is one of the first in the state to implement a new comprehensive system of care for stroke

patients. The system involves 911 dispatchers, firefighters and paramedics, and a hospital system of designated primary and comprehensive stroke hospitals that can provide focused stroke patient assessment and treatment, in-hospital and rehabilitation services.

Dispatchers quickly process 911 calls and assess whether patients are having possible stroke symptoms, providing an early heads-up for responding fire/EMS units.

Firefighters and paramedics arrive and quickly assess patients for possible stroke and consult with the base station hospital for the appropriate destination. It's equally crucial that the time the patient was “last normal” is identified (i.e. “two hours ago” or “it started at 2:30 pm) since this will impact what treatments may be available for the patient, and may determine to which hospital the patient is taken.

Pierce County is fortunate to have three interventionalists who provide around the clock advanced treatment opportunities for stroke patients. The stroke patient system of care is reducing time to treatment and helping to improve outcomes for many patients. However, the system

can't work, if patients don't recognize the signs and symptoms of a stroke and call 911.

It's important that patients having strokes call 911, since paramedics can confirm the presence of stroke symptoms, transport patients to the correct hospital for treatment options, and notify the hospital with a “Stroke Alert” radio contact which gives the hospital time to assemble a team so they can be prepared for the arrival of the patient.

Every minute counts, so “when in doubt—check it out!” and call 911. ■

## SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A STROKE:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause



## NEW CPR AND FIRST AID CLASS FEES

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Providing citizens with the life-saving skills of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid has been a long-time priority for East Pierce Fire & Rescue. Firefighters teach at least two classes a month to nearly 1,000 citizens a year. For many years, the fire department has been proud to offer this training free of charge to citizens who reside within the boundary of the fire district.

However, continuing budget challenges have forced the department to re-evaluate the CPR and first aid program and its costs. Instructors, books and expendable supplies total nearly \$50 per student in expenses. To help partially defray costs, and avoid potential program elimination, a class registration fee has been implemented. As of January 1, citizens who reside within the fire district boundary will pay \$15 for CPR or first aid classes, and \$30 for a combination CPR and first aid class. Non-district residents will pay \$30 for CPR or first aid classes and \$60 for both. The fee is comparable to, or less than, what most other local departments currently charge.

“The decision to charge a class fee did not come lightly,” says East Pierce Assistant Chief Russ McCallion. “The value of CPR and first aid training is immeasurable, and in essence provides the gift of life.”

For a list of classes or to register for a class, visit [www.eastpiercefire.org](http://www.eastpiercefire.org), or call the headquarters office at 253-863-1800 during regular business hours. ■

## Fire Department Operations: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

East Pierce Fire & Rescue is a combination department utilizing both career and volunteer firefighters to handle a wide variety of emergencies. As the product of smaller fire departments merging to form a more efficient, cost-effective, emergency response agency, our service area covers a large portion of eastern Pierce County, including Milton, Edgewood, Sumner, Bonney Lake, Lake Tapps, South Prairie, Wilkeson and areas of unincorporated Pierce County.

Last year, 109 career and 53 volunteer firefighters/EMTs and paramedics at East Pierce responded to 8,362 calls for emergency services, an 8 percent increase over 2010. The call volume has climbed every year, including a 21 percent jump in the number of calls since 2007.

Nearly 8 out of 10 of the calls in 2011 were for emergency medical services (EMS). The department saw a 15 percent increase in the number of EMS calls compared to the previous year. More than 4,600 patients

were transported to area hospitals last year.

In addition to responding to the typical fire, emergency medical and rescue incidents, East Pierce provides additional training to firefighters in four special operations disciplines: Wildland, Water Rescue, Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue.

District fire stations are strategically located throughout the jurisdiction to enable a quick response. East Pierce operates twelve fire stations. Six of the stations are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by career firefighters. The others include five volunteer stations and a water rescue facility located on the northwest corner of Lake Tapps.

While the primary function of East Pierce firefighters is to respond to emergency and non-emergency calls, personnel also conduct building familiarization inspections to assist in pre-planning activities and identify potential fire code problems. While on duty, the firefight-

ers participate in training, public education events, vehicle and equipment maintenance and other routine activities.

We also work hard to help avoid emergencies by offering a number of quality fire prevention and life safety programs. In 2011, we provided life jacket loaners at three locations throughout the district. Our firefighters taught fire and life safety classes to students in K-5th grades. They also taught CPR classes to 2,000 middle and high school students in the Sumner, White River and Dieringer School Districts. More than 3,000 residents took advantage of the CPR and first aid classes we offer twice a month. We also sold bike helmets and life jackets at discounted rates and participated in numerous community events.

If you have a question about any of the programs we offer, please visit us online at [www.eastpiercefire.org](http://www.eastpiercefire.org). ■

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- Always buckle up.
- Keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road.
- Park your cell phone before driving.
- Allow voice mail to handle your calls and return them at your convenience.
- Pull off the road to a safe area or ask a passenger to make or take a call for you.
- Use a hands-free device if available.
- Avoid eating while driving.

Check out [www.eastpiercefire.org](http://www.eastpiercefire.org) for more tips and info on how to eliminate driver distractions.

## 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 contract for services with East Pierce, bringing expanded fire, rescue and emergency medical services to their city.

Today, East Pierce serves a population of approximately 83,000 residents living in and around Bonney Lake, Sumner, Lake Tapps, the Ridge Communities, South Prairie, Edgewood, Milton and Wilkeson. The district covers approximately 152 square miles and protects residents from 12 stations – six staffed and five 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  
Raymond Bunk  
Kevin Garling  
Ron Scholz  
Mike Cathey  
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

# Be A Safe Sitter This Summer

**S**afe Sitter® is a medically accurate program that teaches boys and girls ages 11 to 13 how to handle emergencies when caring for children. The three-day class teaches safe and nurturing childcare techniques, behavior management skills and appropriate responses to medical emergencies.

### Classes are held on the following dates:

- June 25 . . . 8:30am—12:30pm
- June 26 . . . 8:30am—12:30pm
- June 27 . . . 8:30am—1:00pm

At Station 16,  
10515 – 234th Avenue East, in Buckley  
—OR—

- July 16 . . . 8:30am—12:30pm
- July 17 . . . 8:30am—12:30pm
- July 18 . . . 8:30am—1:00pm

at Station 18,  
10105 – 24th Street East, in Edgewood



Register now for one of the two Safe Sitter® classes offered by East Pierce Fire & Rescue this summer. Information and registration forms are available online at [www.eastpiercefirer.org](http://www.eastpiercefirer.org).

The cost is \$35 per student, due at registration. Call (253) 863-1800 to register. Registration forms and additional information are available online at [www.eastpiercefirer.org](http://www.eastpiercefirer.org). The class is limited to 25 students, so register early! ■

## Hop On Over To One Of Our Easter Egg Hunts



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### SUMNER

The 22nd annual Sumner Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by East Pierce Professional Fire Fighters Local 3520, will be held at Sunset Stadium, 1707 Main Street. There is a change this year in the times for each age group. Children, ages 1 to 3, will be allowed on the field at 9 a.m. followed by the 4 to 7 year olds at 10 a.m., the 8 to 11 year olds at 11 a.m.

### SOUTH PRAIRIE

Join the East Pierce Volunteer Firefighters' Association for the 55th annual South Prairie Easter Egg Hunt. The free event starts at 10 a.m. at the South Prairie City Park located at Third and Tacoma Streets.

### EDGEWOOD

The annual Edgewood Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Local 3520 and local businesses, starts at 10 a.m. at Edgemont Park, located adjacent to Edgemont Junior High School at 24th Street East and 110th Avenue East. Come early. Parking is limited. ■

## East Pierce Classes, Meetings & Public Education

**FREE!** TO EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE CITIZENS

### 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 1:30–4:30 p.m.**  
**FIRE HEADQUARTERS STATION 18421 Old Buckley Hwy, Bonney Lake**  
Apr. 14 or 20 | May 12, 18 or 22 | Jun. 16 or 22 | Jul. 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](http://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](http://www.eastpiercefirer.org). Cost: \$35.

\*Sponsored by East Pierce Professional Firefighters Local 3520