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SPRING 2013

Alarmed about CO Alarms?

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that cannot be seen or smelled and can kill a person in minutes. CO can quickly build up to unsafe levels in enclosed or semi-enclosed areas. During the December 2006 windstorm, over 300 people were treated at hospital emergency rooms for CO poisoning and eight people died. Generators in garages or near air intakes and the use of charcoal or gas grills indoors are the most common causes of CO poisoning during power outages. Fuel burning appliances, attached garages and fireplaces are also sources of CO.

"In response to these preventable tragedies, Washington State has phased-in new carbon monoxide alarm laws over the last few years," says East Pierce Fire & Rescue Deputy Fire Marshal Paul Brockwell. Beginning January 1, 2011, Washington State law required CO alarms to be installed in all new single family homes and residences, including apartments, condominiums, hotels and motels.

Recently, the next phase was implemented. CO alarms are now required to be installed in all existing apartments, condominiums, hotels, motels and single-family residences as of January 1, 2013.

Owner-occupied single-family residences, legally occupied before July 26, 2009, are not required to have CO alarms until the home is sold. The seller is required to equip the residence with CO alarms before any other person can legally occupy the home.

The new law requires CO alarms to be installed outside of each separate sleeping area, in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom and on each level of the residence.

Protect your family against this silent killer and install CO alarms in your home. Visit east-piercefire.org for more carbon monoxide safety tips. ■

Postal Customer

April Election Puts Milton Annexation to a Vote

n April 23, Milton residents and citizens living in the East Pierce fire district will be asked to consider officially including Milton into the district. Since the operational agreement was implemented January 1, 2011, East Pierce has provided fire and paramedic services to the residents of Milton via an operational agreement.



Milton residents and the citizens living in the East Pierce Fire District will decide whether to formalize Milton's current operational agreement during a special election April 23. More information is available at www.eastpiercefire.org.

By formalizing the agreement through annexation, Milton residents would become part of the East Pierce fire district, improving their representation on the Board of Fire Commissioners and freeing up the city to focus on other city business and funding issues.

After much consideration, the Milton City Council entered into the agreement with East Pierce because they believed it was necessary to ensure the citizens receive the best quality emergency services possible in the most cost-effective way over the long term.

The relationship with East Pierce has allowed the citizens and businesses in Milton to enjoy quick response times with less reliance on surrounding fire departments or private ambulance services. This is made possible by the combination of career staffing at the nearby Edgewood station and volunteer firefighters from the Milton station.

Prior to the operational agreement, the Milton station was staffed by two career firefighters during business hours and by volunteers on evenings and weekends. Private ambulances provided paramedic services, when available.

East Pierce provides 24-hour paramedic response, including transporting patients to local hospitals at no out-of-pocket expense to residents who live in the fire district. Over the past year, Milton residents who were transported by East Pierce crews saved approximately \$300,000-\$400,000 compared to the cost of a private ambulance.

"Overall, we're extremely pleased with our response times and level of service we offer the citizens of Milton," says East Pierce Fire Chief Jerry E. Thorson. "We provide a depth of resources to support field operations for fire, EMS, prevention, training, quality improvement and public education. In addition, there are all of the efforts that go on behind the scenes, such as logistics, fleet management and the resources to meet complicated and ever-changing fire and EMS regulations and standards."

Voters Pamphlets should arrive in all households April 5. Additional information is available on the East Pierce website at www.eastpiercefire.org. ■

East Pierce Receives Top Honors

ast Pierce Fire & Rescue took home both of the top honors at the annual banquet of the Pierce County Fire Chiefs' and Fire Commissioners' Association.

Assistant Chief Russ McCallion was named the "2012 Chief Officer of the Year," and presented with the "Chief Dan Packer Memorial" award. East Pierce Commissioner Dale Mitchell was the recipient of the prestigious "Bill Jarmon Lifetime Achievement" award.

The "Chief Officer of the Year" award was created in memory of East Pierce Fire Chief Dan Packer, who died during a California wild fire in 2008. The annual award is given to the chief who displays high integrity, care, and compassion towards his/her department and the citizens they serve while exceeding the expectations of peers and portraying a positive image for the Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association.

The Association noted that McCallion has demonstrated personal and professional traits that are the hallmarks of this award.

Among McCallion's achievements is his role in developing Pierce County's reputation as a recognized leader in EMS in Washington State.

McCallion says the award is especially meaningful since it was Packer who brought him to East Pierce Fire & See TOP HONORS, page 3



Dale Mitchell (L) received the Bill Jarmon Lifetime Achievement award. Assistant Chief Russ McCallion (R) was named the 2012 Chief Officer of the Year.



SHARING THE ROAD SAFELY

Each year, more than 500,000 people in the U.S. are hospitalized, and more than 700 die as a result of bicycle-related injuries. Children under 15 years are at a particularly high risk, accounting for 59% of these injuries.

Bicycles are legally considered "vehicles" on Washington's roadways. That means bicyclists must obey rules of the road like drivers of any other vehicle and must be treated as equal users by all other vehicles.

"Before using your bicycle, make sure it is ready to ride," urges East Pierce Firefighter-Paramedic Corey Sanderford. "You should always inspect your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly."

Follow these basic safety tips when you ride:

- Adjust Your Bicycle to Fit. Standing over your bike, there should be 1 to 2 inches between you and the bar if using a road bike, and 3 to 4 inches if a mountain bike. The seat should be level front to back and adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. The handlebar height should be at the same level with the seat.
- Check Your Equipment.
 Inflate tires properly and check that the brakes work.
- See and Be Seen.

You need to be seen by others. Wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors when riding day or night. Also wear something reflective or flashing lights. Just because you can see a driver doesn't mean the driver can see you.

- Go With the Traffic Flow.
 Ride on the right in the same direction as other vehicles. Go with the flow not against it.
- Obey All Traffic Laws.
 A bicycle is a vehicle and you're a driver. When you are in the street, obey all traffic signs, signals and lane markings.
- Watch for Parked Cars:
 Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars (like doors opening or cars pulling out).

"Always wear a helmet," reminds Sanderford. "And never wear headphones while riding a bike."

We feel so strongly about the use of helmets that we not only sell helmets that meet the safety standards developed by the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, but we will also customfit your new helmet, too. Bike helmets (\$7 each) and multi-sport helmets (\$10 each) are available at our headquarters station − 18421 Veterans Memorial Dr E − in Bonney Lake, Monday through Friday, during business hours. ■

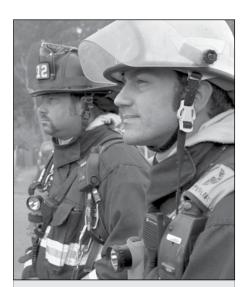
Fire District Passes Annual State Audit

he Washington State Auditor's Office completed the annual financial and accountability audit for East Pierce Fire & Rescue, declaring no major findings or issues to address. "We have a long history of having very clear audits," East Pierce Fire Chief Jerry E. Thorson says. "We've never had a finding or management letter – that's pretty good for a fire department."

The State Auditor's Office serves the citizens of Washington by promoting accountability, fiscal integrity and openness in state and local government. Working with the fire department, auditors help to ensure the efficient and effective use of public resources.

The auditors look at internal controls and department policies and procedures to make sure East Pierce personnel are adhering to legal bidding processes, prevailing wages and general compliance to all Washington State laws and regulations.

Citizens can view all of the audit reports by going to **www.sao. wa.gov** and searching under Pierce County Fire District No. 22. ■



East Pierce Fire & Rescue takes pride in the fact we regularly receive stellar reports from the state auditor's office.

Managing District Logistics and Information Technology

etting the right resources to the right place at the right time is important for any business. For a fire department, it's mission critical. That's why we depend on the Logistics and Information Technology Division to support day-to-day operations. They handle acquisition and maintenance of fire and EMS vehicles, equipment and facilities, and the procurement and distribution of supplies and materials necessary for the fire department to function.

At East Pierce Fire & Rescue, this Division supports 12 facilities and 68 emergency and non-emergency vehicles. Last year, East Pierce converted an under-utilized building into a logistics center to better serve the fire stations. Equipment and supplies are kept in one location, instead of being spread throughout the fire district, helping to improve inventory control.

Logistics Division personnel

order most of the supplies needed for the fire department, such as firefighter uniforms, fire fighting gear and the tools they use to fight fires.

"We coordinate repairs, but we typically don't do the repairs ourselves. We don't have the facility for that," says East Pierce Assistant Chief James Jaques, who oversees the Division.

Jaques also supervises the twoman crew in charge of information technology. They make sure all the computers, printers and copiers are in working order, plus keep the network and phone systems running. They are also responsible for the department cell phones, pagers and any other communication equipment, including the electronic tablets the firefighters use for patient care reports during an EMS call. Vital health information can be transmitted wirelessly from the medic unit to the hospital so doctors can prepare for a patient before he or she arrives, saving precious time, especially for patients experiencing a cardiac event, stroke or trauma. "The medic unit is basically a mobile office for the paramedics," Jaques says. Mobile data terminals, used in both the fire and EMS vehicles, provide maps and updates as the firefighters respond to a 911 call.

Jaques says that, in the near future, all the fire stations will be connected using a video conferencing system that will improve efficiency by allowing the battalion chiefs to contact all stations at once. It will also be utilized as a training tool, permitting firefighters to complete some of their training requirements at their home station, instead of a central location.

For the fire department, as with other businesses, a smooth-running Logistics and Information Technology Division can increase efficiency and lower costs for the entire operation.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION Vand SCOUT CREATE NEW SIGN



Lake Tapps resident and Boy Scout Luke Harlor worked with the East Pierce Fire & Rescue Volunteer Association to install a new sign at the South Prairie fire station.

The East Pierce station in South Prairie will receive a new sign thanks to the coordinated efforts of the East Pierce Volunteer Firefighters' Association and a local Boy Scout.

Originally the Association

asked Lake Tapps resident Luke Harlor, for help in refurbishing the wooden plaque that hung in front of the station. Harlor agreed to repair the sign as part of his Eagle Scout service project. However, once he inspected the sign further, it was clear that it needed to be replaced. So, the 16-year-old designed a new sign, cutting, sanding and painting the wood before assembling the finished product. All that he was able to salvage from the original sign is the South Prairie emblem. Paint and wood for the letters was donated by the Bonney Lake Lowes and Home Depot stores.

The new sign, to be installed this month, took more than 100

hours to complete. Harlor will present his project for approval to the Scouts. After that, he says he just has a couple more merit badges to earn and he will complete the requirements for Eagle Scout.

Volunteer

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable among the Boy Scouts of America. Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout spirit through an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads and manages. Only six percent of all Boy Scouts ever achieve the honor. For Harlor, it runs in the family. His grandfather also reached the rank of Eagle Scout.

According to East Pierce Volunteer Fire Fighter Sara Arneson, other Scouts will be participating in several future projects with the Association, including a plan to assist residents in posting more visible addresses in select neighborhoods.

HEALTH Answering Your WATCH: Questions

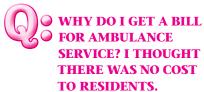


It may seem like it, but actually calling 911 gets you help faster. The paramedics can examine and start early, advanced treatment for critically injured and ill patients. They alert the hospital while on the way, giving the staff time to prepare for the patient's arrival. For patients who are experiencing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



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 six to eight 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.



Residents transported by East Pierce Fire & 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 may 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, a 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 and will charge you for the ambulance ride.



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.

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



FORMER EAST PIERCE BATTALION CHIEF HEADS UP ORTING VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE

On January 1, former East Pierce Fire & Rescue Battalion Chief Zane Gibson became the new Orting Valley Fire & Rescue fire chief, replacing interim chief Paul Webb. Gibson, 46, has strong ties to both the area and the fire service. Born and raised in Lake Tapps, Gibson is the son of former Lake Tapps Fire Department Chief Theron Gibson.

He joined the Lake Tapps Fire Department, serving under his father, in 1982 as a 16-year-old volunteer. "I primarily did dispatch for the first two years," he says. He certified as a pump operator at age 18, but due to insurance rules, wasn't allowed to drive the fire engine until he turned 21.

In 1998, he was one of the first firefighter-paramedics hired by what had become the combined fire departments of Lake Tapps, Bonney Lake and Pierce County Fire District 24. In 2000, the departments officially merged, creating East Pierce Fire & Rescue. Gibson served as East Pierce's first medical services officer and in 2009 rose to the rank of battalion chief.

The transition to Orting fire chief was quick. "I literally ended my shift December 31, came to Orting and got the keys from Paul and Paul went home," Gibson says. Webb served as interim chief for three years.

Orting Valley Fire & Rescue serves a population of just under 13,500 citizens in the city and unincorporated areas surrounding Orting. It is a combination department of 15 career and approximately 25 volunteer firefighters, operating out of four fire stations. In 2010, the Orting Fire Department and Orting Valley Fire & Rescue merged.

Gibson says he already feels at home in Orting. "This reminds me a lot of what I grew up with at Lake Tapps," he says. "That pride in ownership is priceless." ■

CAN AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

We're all familiar with the "move aside for lights and sirens" rule, but how many of us think about emergency vehicle access when parking?

Can a fire engine easily maneuver down your street?

The standard width of emergency fire engine or truck is approximately eight feet. Fire codes require a minimum of 20 feet of clear access at all times. This includes both public and private roads as well as aisles in parking areas. A normal lane of travel on a public street is at least 10 feet wide. That might seem to be plenty of room for emergency access, but consider how much space is taken by cars that are parked too far from the curb, not to mention space needed for oncoming traffic. Before parking, scan the area making sure that there is ample space for emergency vehicles to pass.

The Washington Drivers Guide states that drivers are responsible

for making sure their vehicle is not a hazard when parked. When parking, be sure you're in a place that is far enough from any travel lane to avoid interfering with traffic, and visible to vehicles approaching from either direction

Fire engines and ladder trucks are long and require a larger turning radius. Cars parked too close to the end of a narrow street present challenges for emergency vehicles when making a turn. Another difficulty firefighters regularly experience is insufficient space to turn around at the end of a cul-de-sac.

Parking near a fire hydrant

Not only does parking in front of a fire hydrant endanger lives and property, but it's against the law. Washington law prohibits parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. You never know when a fire will start and the hydrant will be needed.



Are you parked in a fire lane?

The International Fire Code requires 20 foot wide fire lanes in front of some types of buildings. These fire lanes are important to accessing the building for both fire and medical emergencies. Use a designated parking place – even if your stop 'will just take a minute'.

The extra time it may take emergency personnel to identify an alternate route to an address or seek an alternative fire hydrant mean precious seconds that could be spent stopping a fire or providing medical attention to someone in need. East Pierce Fire & Rescue needs your help to provide the fastest and safest service possible to our community.

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Rescue in 2003. Previously McCallion worked as an EMS chief for the San Francisco (Calif.) Fire Department.

The "Bill Jarmon Lifetime Achievement Award" is named in honor of William "Bill" Jarmon, an exceptionally involved fire commissioner for Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One. The annual award is given to the fire commissioner who most embodies Jarmon's community involvement and dedication to the fire service.

Mitchell is only the second person to receive the award. The first was Jarmon himself, when the award was created last year.

Mitchell has been a fire commissioner since 1989, first with the Edgewood Fire Department, then with East Pierce when Edgewood merged with that department in 2010.

Both awards will be displayed at the East Pierce headquarters station for a year. ■

Don't Miss April Pools Day Saturday, April 6

Come swim with us and learn a few water safety tips at this fun, family event. Visit www. eastpiercefire.org for complete details. Space is limited. Registration recommended

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.

In 2011, 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.

Commisioners

Rick Kuss, Chair **Edward Egan** Karlyne McGinnis Raymond Bunk **Kevin Garling** Ron Scholz Mike Cathey Dale Mitchell

Staffed Stations

Station 11 (Headquarters Station) 18421 Veterans Memorial Drive East Bonney Lake, 98391 253.863.1800 www.east.piercefire.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

Congratulations Chaplain June



Congratulations to Adam June,

who recently was officially granted chaplaincy status with East Pierce Fire & Rescue, after

completing all of the requirements of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy (T-PCC) program.

The T-PCC provides emotional and spiritual intervention and support to citizens in crisis, including first responders, such as firefighters, police officers and their families. T-PCC's works with more than 30 fire, police and other emergency response agencies throughout the greater Pierce County, Washington.

The chaplains are on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, responding to incidents anywhere within the area. When it appears that a chaplain is going to be needed on an incident, such as a fatal car accident, drowning or cardiac arrest, the firefighters or law officers can request

a chaplain be dispatched to the scene. The chaplain often attends to the family while the emergency responders are there and stays to assist in any way they can.

Before going into the field, the chaplains receive specialized training from the Chaplaincy Academy. Most come from all walks of life. June was a firefighter for twenty years before becoming a chaplain.

Our East Pierce family wishes to congratulate Chaplain June and thank him for his continued support of our department and this community.

The T-PCC receives no direct government funding, relying entirely on contributions, gifts and donations. Most of the financial support comes from the emergency responders themselves. Firefighters and law officers choose to donate through payroll dedications to help cover the cost of the program. For more about the program and how you can donate, go to www.t-pcc.org. ■

Building A 'Swimsafe' Community

Citizens interested in helping to encourage water safety on our local lakes and rivers are invited to attend an upcoming community meeting, called "Swimsafe." Join participating agencies, including the school districts of Sumner and Dieringer, the Bonney Lake and Sumner police departments, Pierce County Parks, Cascade Water Alliance and East Pierce Fire & Rescue to learn what water safety education activities are planned for our schools and communities. Get involved. Give input.

The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., May 22 at North Tapps Middle School.

Hop On Over To One Of Our Easter Egg Hunts



■ ast Pierce firefighters will sponsor three annual Easter ■ Egg Hunts on Saturday, March 30. All three events are free. The firefighters will be accepting food and monetary donations for the food bank.

SUMNER

The 23rd annual Sumner Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by East Pierce Professional Fire Fighters Local 3520, will be held at Sunset Stadium, 1707 Main Street. 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 56th 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 & Public Education



TO EAST PIERCE FIRE

LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

Wearer must be present for fitting | | Headquarters Station 18421 Veterans Memorial Drive East, 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 schedule

HANDS-ONLY CPR CLASS—NEW!

Non-certification class for adult CPR, from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. (1 hour) Dates: Mar 27, Apr 22, May 22, Jun 25, Jul 11, and Aug 27

SERVICES OFFERED

CPR 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | BASIC FIRST AID 1:30-4:30 p.m. Fire Headquarters Station 18421 Veterans Memorial Dr. E., Bonney Lake Apr 13 or 16 | May 10 or 18 | Jun 14 or 29 | Jul 19 | Aug 10, 16 or 24

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.eastpiercefire.org.

HELMET SALES AND FITTING* Wearer must be present for custom fitting. Bike helmets sold for \$7 each. Mulit-Sport helmets sold for \$10 each.

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 June 24-26 and July 15-17. Registration information is available at www.eastpiercefire.org. Cost: \$35.

* Sponsored by East Pierce Professional Firefighters Local 3520