

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

East Pierce firefighters will once again accompany Santa during his annual visit to neighborhoods in our fire district. Santa's firefighter helpers will cruise a few blocks ahead of jolly St. Nick's sleigh to let you know that Santa is here. Watch for emergency vehicles with lights on and listen for the sirens and Christmas music.

Santa's visit is sponsored by the International Association of Firefighters Local 3520 and the East Pierce Fire and Rescue Volunteer Firefighters' Association. The firefighters will also be collecting donations for local food banks. ■

MILTON

SATURDAY | DEC. 5
2:00PM-5:30PM

BONNEY LAKE

SUNDAY | DEC. 6
10:00AM-2:PM

SUMNER

SATURDAY | DEC. 12
10:00AM-2PM

LAKE TAPPS

SUNDAY | DEC. 13
10:00AM-5PM

SOUTH PRAIRIE

FRIDAY | DEC. 18
6:30PM-8:30PM

EDGEWOOD

SATURDAY | DEC. 19
10:00AM-2PM

PRAIRIE RIDGE | BUCKLEY

SUNDAY | DEC. 20
10:00AM-6PM

Check our website at www.east-piercefirer.org for exact routes.



Don't miss Santa and the firefighters in your neighborhood. Check out our website for routes.

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State of East Fire & Rescue Fire Department Report

By East Pierce Fire and Rescue Fire Chief Bud Backer

Many people have asked what has surprised me the most after three months on the job. The answer is: the call volume. East Pierce Fire and Rescue responds to more alarms than other departments with more resources and larger populations to protect. This is a busy place—and it is only getting busier. We have already seen a 12 percent jump in emergency medical (EMS) calls since 2011. Part of the increase is due to an aging population, but part is due to growth in our area. The influx of multifamily housing and senior assisted living centers, particularly in Milton and Edgewood, means that we will need to add another medic unit to our system soon.

I am proud to say that our responders are highly dedicated and work hard to take care of the needs of our citizens. However, the firefighters are hampered by staffing levels that allow only two firefighters per fire engine. Arriving first on scene with only two firefighters increases the risk to the public and the firefighters.

Recently I arrived at a fully-involved house fire to find the crew of the first arriving engine in the backyard with a burn patient who had escaped the blaze. One of the firefighters was treating her injuries, while the other was lying on the ground next to the patient, shielding her from the heat of the fire. If that engine company had a third firefighter, a hose line would have been deployed to protect all of them. Instead, they had to wait for another engine company to arrive.

The day before, an East Pierce crew responded to a car crash in Milton. Two firefighters were attending a critically injured patient while a second patient remained



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trapped in the vehicle. Even when another crew of two firefighters arrived on scene, there were not enough personnel to care for both patients and cut the driver from the car. They had to wait for a third engine to arrive.

What if that was your family waiting for enough firefighters to arrive to rescue and care for them? Is that an acceptable response from your fire department?

Much of our focus is on preventing a tragedy. Our Fire Prevention Division works hard to keep up with growing demands. As a result, some tasks are not being addressed, including annual fire safety inspections for local businesses. I had hoped to assign engine companies to conduct some inspections, but the call volume is just too high. The fix is to add another person to Fire Prevention, with the primary

responsibility of conducting annual inspections. Most of that cost can be offset by inspection fees.

We are also working to reprioritize expenditures in order to return our ladder truck, which has been idle due to a lack of staffing, to service. The ladder truck is necessary to meet Washington Survey and Rating Bureau—the agency that sets insurance ratings—requirements for providing elevated water streams, roof access and rescue operations during a structure fire.

We will continue to work on living within our means and stretch every dollar we receive, but that means making hard choices. East Pierce is funded through levies at a rate of \$1.50 per thousand of assessed property value for fire services and 50 cents per thousand

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Firefighters Provide Coats for Kids

East Pierce firefighters are teaming up with the Coats for Kids Foundation for the third annual Operation Warm, an effort to provide new coats to kids in the community who would not otherwise be able to afford them.

Last year, the firefighters raised enough money to purchase 620 coats for underprivileged children who live within the fire district. They distributed the coats at six elementary schools throughout the area. "In 2014, we ranked number 10 among all other fire departments in the United States for putting the most coats on kids," says East Pierce Firefighter-paramedic Hunter Chumbley, who has been leading the effort since its launch in 2013.

The East Pierce Firefighter's Local 3520 funds the costs of the coats through donations. "It looked like a good fit for us," says East Pierce Firefighter-paramedic Mike West-

land, who is also the president of the firefighter's Local 3520. "We're always looking for opportunities to get involved."

The Local purchases the jackets from the Coats for Kids Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization established in Alexandria, VA in 2004. It is the distribution partner of Operation Warm, Inc.

This year, the firefighters set what Chumbley admits is an extreme goal of raising \$35,000. "We are going to find a way to get coats on every kid in our district who needs a coat," Chumbley says. "This means all the schools in every city we serve, if the child or teacher says they need a coat, I want to be able to supply them with that coat."

The Local is accepting donations from corporate sponsors and individual donors. "We get asked often if we can take coat donations for this event, however we cannot," he adds. "All of the coats come from

the Coats for Kids Foundation, so we need monetary donations to make this possible." ■

To make a donation, go to www.operationwarm.org/eastperce.



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WHAT IS THE "NO OUT-OF-POCKET" BENEFIT?

Last year, nearly 5,000 patients were transported to area hospitals in East Pierce Fire and Rescue ambulances (which are called "medic units" in the local fire service), each staffed with firefighter-EMTs and firefighter-paramedics. For East Pierce district residents, that emergency transportation is provided with "no out-of-pocket" cost to most patients. What that means is that, when the fire district bills private and government health insurance—including Medicare and Medicaid—patients do not owe a "co-pay" which could range from \$50 to over \$500 per ambulance transport.

More than 10 years ago, the East Pierce Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners approved using EMS levy funds to "cover" insurance co-pays and uninsured patient bills for district residents, as allowed by federal law.

Patients who live outside the district are still responsible for the entire ambulance bill, minus the amount covered by their health insurance. Occasionally, if firefighters are unavailable due to a house fire, large incident or multiple calls, a private ambulance may respond to a medical call in the district. In that case, even residents must pay the full rate to the ambulance company.

To participate in this program, patients residing in the district must complete and return billing paperwork to East Pierce, or to Systems Design, our ambulance billing service. We need this information in order to bill and recover available funds from Medicare and private health insurance companies. If good billing information is provided by a hospital at the time a patient is taken to the emergency department, the patient may never receive a request for additional information.

Here's the catch—if the paperwork is not completed and returned, the patient or family could end up being responsible for an EMS transport bill which average between \$900 and \$1,150. So, patients and their families must remain alert for mail or phone calls from Systems Design, in case they have questions on behalf of the fire district.

Almost \$2.3 million in EMS transport fees are collected annually from private and government healthcare plans.

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WORLD TRADE CENTER ARTIFACT ESCORTED TO MILTON CITY PARK

On September 11, a small parade of fire engines, medic units, police cruisers and motorcycles escorted a flat-bed truck carrying a 36-foot long piece of steel from the World Trade Center through Fife, Edgewood and Milton.

The solemn procession ended at the Community Park in Milton where a ground breaking ceremony for a 9/11 Memorial was held. Under a brilliant blue sky, local citizens, dignitaries, firefighters and police officers honored the men and women who lost their lives in the terror attack that brought down the twin towers in New York City.

The effort to bring the artifact to Milton was led by Jack Chandler, a Milton resident who wanted to see a memorial placed in the city's Community Park. A 9-11 Memorial Committee was founded, consisting of local leaders and members of the Milton Police Department and East Pierce Fire and Rescue. Retired East Pierce Fire Chief Jerry Thorson, Chaplain Adam June, current Fire Chief Bud Backer and Assistant Fire Chief James Jaques served on the committee.

The artifact, a window section from the 90-99th floors of Tower Two of the World Trade Center, weighs nearly 18,000 pounds. The memorial will be located near the Veteran's Wall and the Arlington Oak Tree in the park. The walkway will be in the shape of the Pentagon, with an open area in the middle filled with river rock to represent the field where Flight 93 crashed



On September 11, East Pierce firefighters help escort an artifact from the World Trade Center to Milton.

in Pennsylvania. Engraved plaques describing the events of that tragic day will line the walkways. The project is expected to be completed in about a year according to the planners.

Committee members have formed a charitable organization in order to raise money to complete the memorial.

Donations of \$1,000 or more will be

recognized on a sponsor plaque. Donations can be made by calling Chandler at 206-679-3904 or mailing a check to: 79 - 23rd Avenue, Milton, WA, 98354.

Please make checks out to the 9/11 Memorial Fund. Additional information can be found on the City of Milton website at www.cityofmilton.net. ■

OPEN HOUSES PLANNED

Did you miss the Annual Open House this year? We did too!

For the first time in 21 years, East Pierce Fire and Rescue cancelled the health and safety fair due to budget restraints. The event, that attracts 2,500 to 3,000 annually, showcases programs and services provided by the fire district, including demonstrations by its special operations teams. It is held in cooperation with other public safety partners.

Although we hope to see it back in 2016, we are also planning several smaller open houses in the spring. We believe that this new tradition will allow the communities surrounding the fire stations the opportunity to stop by and get to know the firefighters and your fire department.

Look for more information after the New Year. We look forward to seeing you! ■



Our annual Open House was cancelled this year due to budget cuts, but we are planning smaller events in the spring.

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of assessed value for EMS. Year after year, the fire district has had to make difficult cuts to critical training, vehicle and station maintenance, staffing and more. Property values are increasing, but haven't returned to previous levels. The backlog of maintenance alone is going to cost more money than we currently receive.

To help "re-fund" our department, I will recommend that the Board of Fire Commissioners ask voters to "lift the lid" on our levies in 2016. This is not a new tax. As the property values grow, we are limited by a legislated one percent growth cap, which means we no longer collect the voter authorized amount. Lifting the lid will renew the existing levies back to the amount originally approved by the voters. We will probably have to ask for this every two years, unless another revenue source is imple-

mented.

In 2017, we will likely ask the voters to support a bond to address an aging fleet of fire engines, ladder truck, medic units and some facility needs. Plans are being developed to systematically replace or re-chassis units where possible. We do have a small reserve account for this, but it's not enough to address the needs, as we have put off purchases due to the recession.

We have several older stations that were originally built for a volunteer fire service deployment plan. Some have been remodeled several times, and are showing their age. Very few of our facilities meet the building code for Essential Public Facilities, which require they remain operational after most earthquakes. There may be a chance to combine the Edgewood and Milton stations and replace them with one, centrally-located

facility. Much more planning and research needs to be done. We intend to present a plan to the public by June 2016.

Because we have a dedicated and talented group of emergency responders and support staff, we have a strong department. They have worked hard to fill the gaps left by reduced staffing and underfunding. However, that rubber band can only be stretched for so long before it breaks. It will take the combined efforts of the fire district and the community it serves to support the excellent fire, rescue and EMS service you expect and deserve. I look forward to working with you. ■

To have Chief Backer address your group or association, please contact him at chief@eastpiercefirer.org or call 253-863-1800.

Connect with Us

Beginning December 1, East Pierce Fire and Rescue will offer citizens the opportunity to find valuable information through popular social media resources. The fire district will launch sites on Facebook and Twitter to share emergency information, stories, photos and videos of emergency operations and safety messages.

"The goal of our new social media sites is to communicate with the community, not only during emergencies, but also to share safety tips and fire department-related news," says East Pierce Fire Chief Bud Backer. "We want to provide a more personal opportunity for citizens to interact with us." The chief says that the sites will offer a behind-the-scenes look at the scope of work provided by firefighters and include insights into training and operations. Safety messages specific to the area will help keep citizens informed and safe.

The district's website already provides a rich source of news, safety information and other resources. Visit us at www.eastpiercefirer.org.

HEALTH WATCH: Protect Yourself from the Flu

Flu season will soon be here—are you ready? Vaccination remains the cornerstone of preventing the flu, a contagious respiratory disease caused by different flu viruses infecting the nose, throat and lungs. Seasonal flu activity usually peaks in January or February, but it can occur as early as October and as late as May.

Perhaps the most important reason to get vaccinated is to protect those you love, especially those who are vulnerable to serious illness. The scary part about the flu is that most people will be infectious—and able to spread the flu—for a full 24 hours before becoming sick themselves. Just avoiding others once you know you are sick may not be enough to keep from infecting them.

In healthy people, the flu will go away in five to seven days, although fatigue can last much longer. However, for others the flu can be a serious health threat. In 2014, 3,697 people died from complications from the flu. High-risk groups include children under five, pregnant women and people under 65 who have a chronic medical condition.

This season, both trivalent (three component) and quadrivalent (four component) influenza vaccines will be available. Different routes of administration are offered for the vaccines, including intramuscular, intradermal, jet injector (needle-free) and nasal spray vaccine. An egg-free vaccine is now an option for persons aged 18 through 49 years with egg allergy of any severity.

Flu vaccines are available at many doctor's offices, clinics, pharmacies and college health centers, as well as by many employers. Some phar-

macies even provide enticements, such as "10% off your grocery bill" if people get vaccinated. The Affordable Care Act requires new health insurance plans to cover the costs for preventative medicine such as vaccines. Most older plans also cover vaccinations. Check with your insurance company to see how it is covered for your plan.

"Vaccinated patients may still get the flu—but usually have less serious symptoms," says East Pierce Lieutenant EMS Specialist Brad Dyson. "Just remember that it takes two full weeks for maximum protection to develop after getting a flu vaccination."

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year, but good habits like covering a cough and frequent hand washing can help stop the spread of germs. Here are a few other tips for avoiding the flu:

1. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
2. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
3. Stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick, if possible. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
4. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and

then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

6. Practice other good health habits. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

For more information, go to Flu.gov. ■

WHEN TO CALL 9-1-1

For most people, the flu is not an emergency. However, for others it can be life-threatening. People in high-risk groups—children under five, pregnant women and people under 65 who have a chronic medical condition—should seek treatment right away if they have symptoms.

Call 9-1-1 if:

- A baby younger than three months has a high fever or a fever that lasts more than 5 days.
- You are having trouble breathing or feel very short of breath.
- You have a severe headache or stiff neck and are confused or having trouble staying awake.
- You are experiencing chest pains.
- You show signs of dehydration (very dry mouth or no urine in more than eight hours).

Save the Date

The East Pierce Fire and Rescue Foundation's

Hearts & Heroes
Annual Spring Auction
Saturday, April 23, 2016

Supporting important programs such as:

- The Sentimental Journey
- Health Heart/Citizen CPR Training
- Smoke Alarm Installation

Go to www.eastpiercefirerescue.org for more information.

See you there!



The Sentimental Journey is one of the programs funded by the Foundation.

Protect Your Child from Accidental Poisoning

You may be surprised to know that poisoning is now the leading cause of unintentional injury death in Washington State, surpassing deaths from both motor vehicle crashes and from falls. From 2009-2013, there were 3,786 deaths throughout the state from unintentional prescription drug overdose and 2,086 unintentional overdose deaths from prescription narcotics. Nationally, the U.S. Poison Control Centers maintain that children younger than six were involved in about half of all poison exposure calls.

To help secure medications and prevent a tragedy, the Sumner School District and East Pierce Fire and Rescue are partnering to provide free medicine lock boxes to anyone living in the communities served by the fire district, including Bonney Lake, Sumner, Lake Tapps, South Prairie, the Ridge Communities, Milton and Edgewood. Funding for the program was provided through a Drug-Free Communities Support Program grant the school district received as part of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

A poison is any product or substance that can harm someone if it is used in the wrong way,

by the wrong person, or in the wrong amount. Potentially poisonous items could include some household products, chemicals that are found at work or in the environment, snake bites, spider bites, carbon monoxide and drugs—such as prescription, over-the-counter, herbal or illegal drugs or medication meant for animal. Poison exposure can occur through the eyes, ears or skin. It can also occur by breathing toxic vapors or by swallowing something you shouldn't swallow.

Last year, according to the Washington Poison Center, almost 81% of the reported poisonings were unintentional. Not only are medications and household products a problem, but emergency calls for E-cigarette and marijuana exposure peaked in 2014.

Securing home medications and marijuana reduces the risk of unintentional poisoning and helps to protect the ones you love. Medicine lock boxes are available at the East Pierce Fire and Rescue headquarters station (18421 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Bonney Lake 98391) while supplies last. Visit our website www.eastpiercefirerescue.org or call (253) 863-1800 for more information on accidental poisoning. ■



CO POISONING: THE SILENT KILLER

Winter is a wonderful time of year, but it can also bring safety challenges. Your firefighters have a few tips to help you have a safe holiday season.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas that can build up to dangerous concentrations indoors when fuel-burning devices are not properly vented, operated or maintained. "Anything with a pilot light can cause CO poisoning," says East Pierce Assistant Chief James Jaques. Because it has no odor, color or taste, CO cannot be detected by our senses. We recommend installing a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headaches, fatigue, weakness, shortness of breath and nausea. If you suspect CO poisoning, get out of the building and call 9-1-1. We have special devices to measure CO in both the air and you to determine if levels are too high.

Common causes of CO poisoning are generators and other heat sources used during a power outage. Here are some tips to stay safe if the power goes out:

- Make sure your generator exhausts well away from your home. Never place the generator indoors or inside your garage where it can vent into the house.
- Before the power goes out, make sure all chimneys and wood stoves are clean and clear of debris.
- If you use a barbecue to cook food, always keep it outdoors and away from anything that could catch fire. Toxic smoke and gases can collect even in a garage.
- Keep furnishings and other combustibles 36 inches from all heating sources, especially portable heaters, stoves and fireplaces and
- When using portable heaters, do not place them where it is possible for small children or pets to fall against them or to receive a contact burn

For more winter health tips, go to www.eastpiercefirerescue.org.

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This revenue is used to help cover costs East Pierce incurs in providing basic and paramedic-level first response and transportation.

"The citizens who live here have already paid an EMS tax for our service. We don't believe in charging them again, which is why we use this benefit," says East Pierce EMS Chief Russ McCallion. "EMS transport isn't free, but the benefit is a significant savings for our citizens and often makes a huge difference to a patient who needs to be transported to the hospital, but is concerned about the cost." ■

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 2013, Milton residents became part of the fire district when they voted to annex into East Pierce.

Today, East Pierce serves a population of approximately 90,000 residents living in and around Bonney Lake, Sumner, Lake Tapps, the Ridge Communities, South Prairie, Edgewood and Milton. The district covers approximately 151 square miles and protects residents from 11 stations – six staffed and four 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 govern the agency. ■

Commissioners

Dale Mitchell, Chair
Victor Proulx
Edward Egan
Karilyne McGinnis
Kevin Garling
Ron Scholz
Mike Cathey

Staffed Stations

- Station 111 (Headquarters Station)**
18421 Veterans Memorial Drive East
Bonney Lake, 98391
253.863.1800
www.eastpiercefirer.org
- Station 112** 12006 - 214th Ave. E.,
Bonney Lake
- Station 113** 800 Harrison Street,
Sumner
- Station 114** 3206 W. Tapps Drive E.,
Bonney Lake
- Station 116** 10515 - 234th Ave. E.,
Buckley
- Station 118** 10105 24th Street East,
Edgewood

Join the Firefighters and Santa for Breakfast

Grab your holiday appetite and join the East Pierce Fire and Rescue firefighters for the 20th Annual Sumner Pancake Feed from 7 a.m. to noon, Saturday, December 5 at the Sumner fire station, located at 800 Harrison Street. The annual event, sponsored by the East Pierce Fire and Rescue International Association of Firefighters Local 3520, features firefighters, fire commissioners and local dignitaries flipping flapjacks and serving ham, coffee and orange juice.

The cost is a \$3 per person donation. Tickets can be purchased at the door. A silent auction, featuring items donated by local businesses, will be available during the event. We even hear that Santa will make an appearance! Last year, the firefighters raised \$3,000 dollars through donations, ticket sales and the silent auction.

The money raised benefits several charitable organizations, including the Sumner Family Center, a local program that provides support and services to families living within the Sumner School District, including Bonney Lake, South Prairie and the city of Sumner. In 2013, the firefighters were able to purchase



Join the East Pierce Fire and Rescue firefighters for the 20th Annual Sumner Pancake Feed on Saturday, December 5.

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. Come have breakfast with the firefighters and support a great cause. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATIONS

Bonney Lake Tree Lighting and Food Drive

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 5 at the East Pierce Fire and Rescue headquarters station, at 18421 Veteran's Memorial Drive East. The festivities also include cookies, hot apple cider provided by the Kiwanis of Bonney Lake. Holiday music will be performed by area school children. Don't miss the gingerbread competition.

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 a fire engine. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for

photos. Food donations will be accepted all day from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Bonney Lake Food Bank (next door to the fire station) and during the event.

Edgewood Tree Lighting

Everyone is invited to the fourth annual Edgewood Tree Lighting from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Friday, November 27 at the City Hall/Civic Center, located at 2224 104th Avenue East. Santa will be there, escorted by the firefighters and the motorcycle group Old Coots on Scoots. At 6 p.m., the Connelly Family will light the tree to officially start the celebrations.

Enjoy refreshments and holiday treats while listening to a performance by the Edgemont Junior

High School band and choir and the Edgewood Community Chorus. Non-perishable foods and new toys will be collected for the Edgewood Community Food Bank. For more information, contact city hall at 253-952-3299.

Milton Tree Lighting

Kick off the holiday season with your neighbors from 3 to 8 p.m., Saturday, December 5 at the Milton Activity Center, 1000 Laurel Street. There will be holiday crafts, music, food and beverages from 3 to 5 p.m. We will light the tree at 5:00. Visit with Santa for photos and gift from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and enjoy the festive music and refreshments.

For more information, go to www.cityofmilton.net. ■

East Pierce Classes & Public Education

FREE! TO EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE CITIZENS

LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

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

CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS

District residents can 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 - FREE

Non-certification class for adult CPR, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (1 hour) Jan. 28 | Mar. 14 | May 23

SERVICES OFFERED

CPR 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | BASIC FIRST AID 1:00–4:30 p.m.
Fire Headquarters Station 18421 Veterans Memorial Dr. E., Bonney Lake

Jan. 30 | Feb. 12 | Mar. 16 or 19 |
April 16 or 22

The cost for citizens residing within the jurisdiction of East Pierce Fire & Rescue, including Sumner, Bonney Lake, Lake Tapps, South Prairie, Milton and Edgewood, is \$20 for either a CPR or First Aid class, or \$40 for both. The cost for non-residents is \$35 for each class, or \$70 for both.

To register, call 253-863-1800 during regular business hours or register online at www.eastpiercefirer.org.

HELMET SALES AND FITTING*

Wearer must be present for custom fitting. Bike helmets sold for \$7 each. Mult-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.

* Sponsored by East Pierce Professional Firefighters Local 3520