

HOP ON OVER

EAST PIERCE EASTER EGG HUNTS

East Pierce firefighters are sponsoring three annual Easter Egg Hunts around the fire district on Saturday, March 26. All three events are free. The firefighters will be accepting food and monetary donations for the food banks.

SUMNER

The 26th annual Sumner Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by East Pierce Firefighters 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., then the 8 to 11 year olds at 11 a.m.

SOUTH PRAIRIE

Join the East Pierce Volunteer Firefighters' Association for the 59th 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 area 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. ■



Hop by our Easter Egg Hunts, Saturday, March 26, sponsored by East Pierce Fire & Rescue firefighters.

Four Community Open Houses Planned

Stop by your local fire station to meet the firefighters, tour the station and learn more about your fire department. We will be holding special, community Open Houses at our stations in Milton, Edgewood, Prairie Ridge and Foothills from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be fun, interactive displays; kids can have their photos taken on the fire engines and Medic units; and the firefighters will be on hand to answer any questions. "This is a great opportunity to learn more about your fire department and find out what it may look like in five years," says East Pierce Fire Chief Bud Backer. There's more good news! After a hiatus last year due to budget cuts, we plan to host our annual Open House in Bonney Lake on Saturday, October 1. We hope to see you there! ■



Visit your local fire station during our community Open House events.

Join us at one or all of our Community Open Houses

SATURDAY MARCH 12	SATURDAY MARCH 19	SATURDAY MARCH 26	SATURDAY APRIL 2
MILTON Station 124 1000 Laurel St. 9a.m. to 12p.m.	EDGEWOOD Station 118 10105 24th St. E. 9a.m. to 12p.m.	PRAIRIE RIDGE Station 112 12006 214th Ave. E. 9a.m. to 12p.m.	FOOTHILLS Station 116 10515 234th Ave. E. 9a.m. to 12p.m.

EMS Levy on April Ballot

On April 26, area voters will be asked to "lift the lid" for emergency medical services (EMS) provided by East Pierce Fire & Rescue, returning funding to previous voter-approved levels. The EMS Levy, which provides funds to operate and maintain emergency medical aid vehicles staffed by firefighter-emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and firefighter-paramedics, is not a new tax says East Pierce Fire Chief Bud Backer. Voters living in communities served by East Pierce Fire & Rescue had previously authorized a rate of 50 cents per thousand of assessed property value for EMS response. "We need to lift the lid on the EMS levy because taxpayers are no longer paying the full levy amount," Backer explains. Although property taxes have risen, state-wide voter initiatives have restricted the amount the fire district can collect, reducing the rate in 2015 to 46.3 cents per thousand of assessed property value. In 2016, that amount decreased to 44.3 cents. The lid lift will return the rate to the voter-approved amount of 50 cents. For home and land owners with \$250,000 of assessed property value, for example, the lid lift would amount to an additional \$15 a year in property taxes. Backer says the department needs the full levy rate to provide enough revenue to keep pace with increases in operating costs, the continuing rise in call volume and the rising



On April 26, area voters will be asked to "lift the lid" for emergency services (EMS) provided by East Pierce Fire & Rescue. (Training photo printed with permission)

cost of medical supplies. Call volumes for East Pierce have increased by 16 percent since 2012. In 2015, the district responded to a record number of 9,835 emergency calls. More than two-thirds of those calls are for medical emergencies. "Due to the rising call volume, especially with the addition of large assisted living centers in the Milton and Edgewood area, we are training more firefighter-paramedics to handle the increasing number of EMS calls," Backer

says. "Eventually, we will need to add another paramedic unit to our system. The EMS lid lift is the beginning phase of accomplishing that goal." Backer estimates that the lid lift would result in an additional \$630,000 in 2017—the first year the district would receive the increased revenues. The added funds

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Hearts & Heroes
Dinner & Auction

The annual East Pierce Fire & Rescue Foundation’s Hearts and Heroes Dinner and Auction will be held at Station House 726 in Puyallup on Saturday, April 23 at 6 p.m. Join us for a delightful evening of terrific auction items, intense bidding wars, delicious food and wine, and much more!

Tickets are \$75 per person or \$500 for a sponsored table of 8. Tickets may be purchased online at heartsheroestickets.eventbrite.com

The Hearts and Heroes Dinner Auction supports the East Pierce Fire Foundation, a non-profit organization to improve the lives of the citizens in the East Pierce service area through compassionate outreach services and access to public safety education programs. “In partnership with the fire department, it’s our mission to help create a safer community,” said Foundation Board Member Duane Bratvold.

The Foundation donates 100% of the funds it raises towards three initiatives: The Healthy Hearts Initiative, which helps to offset the costs of the citizen CPR classes taught by the firefighters; the smoke alarm program, providing East Pierce firefighters smoke alarms to install in high-risk homes free of charge; and the Sentimental Journey Program, a cooperative effort with the Foundation, the fire department and local hospice agencies to provide one last ride somewhere special to area hospice patients.

For more information, visit our website at eastpiercefirerfoundation.org ■



The Foundation funds the Sentimental Journey program, a cooperative program with the fire department to provide hospice patients with one last ride to a place of their choosing.

Year-in-Review: Where Do We Go From Here?

East Pierce Fire & Rescue is a combination fire department that relies on career and volunteer firefighters to provide service to more than 90,000 people living within a 152-square-mile area. All of our firefighters are either firefighter-EMTs or firefighter-paramedics, who respond to every type of emergency.

In 2015, our 105 career and 27 volunteer firefighters responded to a total of 9,835 alarms—more than 7,000 of those calls were for emergency medical (EMS) assistance—an increase of 16% overall since 2012 and a more than 17% increase for EMS calls. Part of the increase is due to an aging population, but part is due to growth in our area, in particular the influx of multifamily housing and senior assisted living centers in Milton and Edgewood.

Emergency response was impacted by a reduction in the daily staffing of on-duty firefighters due to budget cuts. With rapid growth in our call volume, these cut backs have been difficult. The firefighters and staff have worked hard to maintain service delivery in the face of reduced revenues. In addition, some programs were placed on hold, or greatly reduced. Several community outreach and public education programs were reduced or eliminated.

We also witnessed big changes throughout the organization. Fire Chief Jerry E. Thorson and Deputy Fire Chief John McDonald retired. The fire district hired Bud Backer to serve as our new fire chief. However, the deputy fire chief position and two other command staff positions remain vacant due to budget constraints.

You may have heard that we are hiring four firefighters this year. These firefighters are being hired just to maintain our current numbers. They are filling vacancies created by normal attrition.

We do plan to increase our volunteer firefighter staffing. This year, we will recruit 10 to 12 volunteers. The cost to train and outfit these new volunteers is approximately \$68,000. This does not include ongoing training and equipment needs.

Challenges

As the new chief, Backer has the benefit of looking at the fire district with new eyes. One of the biggest challenges he sees is funding. “Since coming to East Pierce Fire and Rescue, I have learned a great deal about



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the department and the diverse area that we serve,” he says. “We must be creative in seeking solutions to our challenges. But regardless of how creative we are, additional revenue will be necessary to provide the quality service that the citizens deserve.” Here are the top funding needs, according to Chief Backer:

Staffing Levels: We need more firefighters. Without additional staffing and units, 9-1-1 response times will increase along with call volumes. It’s a matter of numbers. We simply don’t have enough people or equipment to respond to everyone in a timely manner.

Aging Fleet: In 2017, the fire district will likely ask voters to support a bond to address an aging fleet of fire engines, ladder truck and medic units. 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.

Facility Needs: 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. Due to reduced revenues our only option will be to finance those purchases rather than use reserve funds.

Future Needs: 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 to determine the viability of this option.

Because of the dedicated and talented group of emergency responders and support staff, East Pierce is a strong department. Everyone has 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. “When we ask you to finance those projects, we will be transparent, and explain the needs, the costs, and where the money will go,” Backer says.

“These challenges are not insurmountable, but they will take the combined efforts of the citizens and the fire district,” he says. “I invite you to attend the upcoming Community Open Houses to learn more about your fire department and give us your feedback. We look forward to working together.” ■

HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE
A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER?

Volunteer
Corner



East Pierce Fire and Rescue is looking for volunteer firefighters.

“We expect that applications will be solicited and accepted on April 1, 2016. An orientation meeting for volunteer candidates will then take place on June 7th,” says East Pierce Assistant Chief Ed Goodlet. He notes that the fire district is especially interested in volunteers who live in the Milton, South Prairie and north Lake Tapps areas.

“Volunteers help enhance our response to fire and medical emergency calls, as well as assist with public education,” he says. They respond to 9-1-1 emergencies from outlying stations and when the career firefighters are busy with a significant number of calls or a large-scale emergency.

“Volunteers provide an important service by putting trained people in the community, particularly in outlying areas of the fire district,” Goodlet says.

For the volunteers, it can provide

a transition to a career in the fire service. Many of the current career firefighters at East Pierce were hired from the volunteer ranks.

To become a volunteer, applicants must be 18 years or older, possess a high school diploma or GED and have a valid Washington State driver’s license, with an acceptable driving record. Volunteers must also live within the East Pierce Fire District boundaries; an area that covers from Edgewood and Milton to the Evans Creek ORV Park on Mt. Rainier. Following a written test and interview process, the volunteer candidates will need to pass a rigorous physical. A background check will also be conducted.

Those selected will attend a firefighter academy and classes to become emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

Volunteer applications will be available online at eastpiercefirer.org. ■



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FIVE YEAR EFFORT INCREASES CPR PATIENT SURVIVORS

Over the last five years, East Pierce Fire & Rescue has taken multiple steps to improve cardiac arrest survival. Prior to that, the department's cumulative five-year survival rate for patients found in a "shockable" rhythm was consistent with the national average of less than 10%.

"We knew other systems that had started High-Performance CPR Programs were seeing much higher survival rates," says East Pierce Assistant Chief Russ McCallion. "We knew we could do better."

But making the necessary changes wouldn't be easy or cheap. "We made these improvements during the recession when budgets were being cut," McCallion recalls. In spite of financial challenges, the department embraced the concept of a comprehensive resuscitation program. "Although the economy made it more difficult to implement, this was the right decision to make for our community," he says.

Since the department implemented a comprehensive resuscitation program in 2011, survival for witnessed cardiac arrest patients found in a "shockable" rhythm has increased to 43%—among the best in the nation. "The numbers are small, but it means that an extra 4-5 patients per year who were in cardiac arrest—essentially dead—are now alive and at home with family and friends," he says. "The best part is that most of these patients suffer no significant neurological or physical issues. They can keep living their lives."

Crucial to the success of the East Pierce program, according to McCallion, has been the support and guidance provided by the King County Medic One system and their Resuscitation Academy.

Other components include:

- **High-performance CPR Training:** All East Pierce firefighters train twice a year in the use of high-performance CPR, a "pit crew" approach to cardiac arrest calls "Everyone has their as-



East Pierce Firefighter-paramedic Andrew House prepares to intubate a cardiac arrest "patient" during a High-Performance CPR drill with his fellow firefighters.

signed positions. We are much more effective at managing the complexities of a cardiac arrest call now," McCallion says.

- **CPR Feedback Devices:** Firefighters receive real-time verbal and visual feedback in order to provide optimal CPR.
- **Debriefs:** EMS Division staff lead "case debriefs" for selected CPR calls, giving firefighters and paramedics who responded to the CPR call an opportunity to review and critique their own performance from CPR data recorded by defibrillators during a cardiac arrest.
- **On-going Citizen CPR Programs:** East Pierce trains nearly 2,000 citizens each year, which has resulted in bystander CPR rates over 55%, twice the national average. This is critical as CPR started by bystanders doubles the chance of a patient surviving from cardiac arrest.

- **Law Officer AED Program:** Using grants and donations, East Pierce has equipped all of the police officers in the five law enforcement agencies located within the fire district with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). Every officer is trained by East Pierce to use the device.

In 2013, these efforts were recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, when they presented East Pierce Fire & Rescue with the national "Heart-Safe Community of the Year Award." The annual award recognizes organizations with creative approaches to implementing and maintaining systems to prevent and treat cardiac-related diseases within their communities.

"The firefighters and paramedics are justifiably proud of their accomplishments in improving survival rates in their community," McCallion adds. ■

Employees Receive Recognition

The recipients of the 2015 Recognition Awards were honored by the East Pierce Fire & Rescue Fire Commissioners and command staff in a ceremony held on February 16 at the headquarters station in Bonney Lake.

East Pierce Fire Chief Bud Backer congratulated all of this year's recipients, noting that they were selected by their peers for their leadership skills and efforts to mentor and educate others, setting a standard for themselves and others. ■

2015 RECOGNITION AWARD HONORIES

Officer of the Year
Lieutenant Matt Gilbert

Career Firefighter of the Year
Firefighter Matt Reinke

Emergency Medical Services Provider of the Year
Firefighter-paramedic Mike Gladstone

Volunteer Responder of the Year
Volunteer Firefighter Kyle Mosher

Mike Roberts Goodwill Award
Firefighter-paramedic Hunter Chumbley

Ken Thawsh Inspirational Award
Volunteer Firefighter DeAnn O'Leary

Fitness Award
Firefighter-paramedic Ben Pieper

Support Staff of the Year
Rob Hansen

Chief's Company
Captain Tim McCoy
Firefighter-paramedic Adam Lathrop
Firefighter Brian O'Leary
Firefighter Matt Lee

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- would provide:
- Training for additional firefighter-paramedics in preparation for adding another Medic Unit in the Milton/Edgewood area,
 - Offset the rising cost of EMS supplies and equipment,
 - Maintain current services, and
 - Cover the costs of the election.
- Backer says that, without the Maintenance and Operations Levy

that was voted down in 2014, East Pierce must receive the entire \$2.00 per thousand of assessed property value every year in order to maintain the current level of service. Voter-approved levies provide \$1.50 per thousand of assessed value for fire service and 50 cents per thousand for EMS. "This means that we will be back every other year to maintain these levies at their maximum rates," he says.

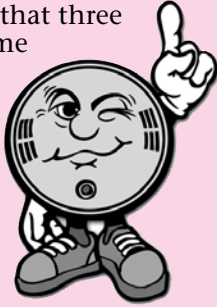
Backer notes that East Pierce is at a disadvantage operating at

\$2.00 per thousand, when many of the neighboring fire departments receive more. However, he does not wish to ask the voters to increase the amount above \$2.00 per thousand or extend the levy requests at this time. "We need to rebuild the public's trust," he says. "It's going to drive up election costs for us, but if that's what we need to do for the public to maintain control of the revenue stream, that's what we'll do." ■

SMOKE ALARMS

A Sound You Can Live With

Studies reveal that three out of five home fire deaths in the U.S. resulted from fires in structures without working smoke alarms. Homes with working smoke alarms



reduce the risk of fire fatalities by an astounding 50%. Thanks to a grant, East Pierce Fire & Rescue is able to continue a long-standing smoke alarm program to its residents – while supplies last.

The program is specifically intended for at-risk citizens including older adults, low income households and those who reside in a mobile home. Firefighters will install the smoke alarms at no cost to the resident. The smoke alarms are equipped with batteries that last approximately 10 years.

"In the event of a fire, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms can save your life," says East Pierce Captain Chuck King.

"Smoke alarms provide early detection of a fire to allow your family time to escape safely." Alarms should be installed inside and outside all sleeping areas, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Since smoke and poisonous gases rise, installing smoke alarms on the ceiling is ideal and provides the earliest detection.

"A working smoke alarm continuously scans the air for smoke, 24-hours a day, seven days a week. It never sleeps," says King.

Hearing impaired alarms, equipped with a lower-frequency tone and bed shaker component, are available upon request.

To schedule a smoke alarm installation, call East Pierce during regular business hours at 253-863-1800. To learn more about smoke alarms, or tips for home escape plans, got to eastpiercefirer.org. ■

Safe Sitter Classes Offered

SAFE SITTER 2016 CLASSES

FOOTHILLS

Location: Station 116
10515 234th Ave. E.

June 27	8:30am – 12:30pm
June 28	8:30am – 12:30pm
June 29	8:30am – 1:00pm

EDGEWOOD

Location: Station 118
10105 24th St. E.

Aug. 8	8:30am – 12:30pm
Aug. 9	8:30am – 12:30pm
Aug. 10	8:30am – 1:00pm

Registration forms and additional information are available at www.eastpiercefirer.org. Register early! Classes are limited to 26 students.

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, Tehaleh, Edgewood and Milton. The district covers approximately 152 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
Edward Egan
Kevin Garling
Mike Cathey
Pat McElligott
Jon Napier
Victor Proulx

Staffed Stations

Station 111	(Headquarters Station) 18421 Veterans Memorial Drive East Bonney Lake, 98391 253.863.1800 www.east.piercefirer.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., Foothills
Station 118	10105 24th Street East, Edgewood

New Commissioners Welcomed To Board

November's election brought two new commissioners to the East Pierce Board of Fire Commissioners—Jon Napier and Pat McElligott. Both races were tight. Napier was elected with a margin of 51 to 49 percent over Kirby T. Polard. McElligott's margin over incumbent commissioner Ron Scholz was 54 to 56 percent.

Three other commissioners were re-elected in uncontested races, including Dale T. Mitchell, Mike Cathey and Victor Proulx. All five men were sworn in during the monthly commissioner's meeting in January.



Jon Napier
Although it is his first time seeking public office, Napier has a significant background in the fire service as division chief

for the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority. He serves as fire marshal for Kent, Covington and SeaTac.

"With my 24 years of fire service experience and as a chief officer with a large regional fire service provider, I am uniquely qualified and experienced in the complexity of contracting, managing, budgeting and planning in these difficult financial times," he says.

His goal is to provide the needed oversight and assistance to the department. "I will ensure that the services provided by the fire district to the residents will continue to exceed their expectations and be of the highest quality possible," he says.

Napier has lived in the Bonney Lake area with his wife and four children for more than 14 years, building strong ties to the community. Still, he understands that his role as commissioner is to represent more than just Bonney Lake. "Our department covers a large area



Pat McElligott
McElligott also has extensive experience with the fire service. He began his career as a volunteer firefighter in 1979, when he

arrived in Washington State, at Naval Base Kitsap. In 1981, was hired by the Federal Way Fire Department, now South King County Fire and Rescue.

For the past 35 years, McElligott served as a firefighter for the Tacoma Fire Department, most recently as assistant fire chief. However, he feels a strong connection to the East Pierce fire district, where he has made his home since 2008. "Once here, I felt that I had a lot to give to the community," he says. "Every aspect of our district is growing, from Milton and Edgewood to South Prairie, and including a new housing development in Tehaleh. With the assistance of Chief Backer and the other commissioners, we can provide improved fire, rescue and EMS services," he says.

Saying Good-bye
At the January meeting, the Board said good-bye to two commissioners. Karlyne McGinnis, who chose not to run for re-election last year, left the board after serving for 23 years. She was elected to the Lake Tapps Fire Department Board of Fire Commissioners and began serving in 1992. Lake Tapps Fire was one of the original founding members of East Pierce Fire & Rescue. She served on the East Pierce board since the merger in 2000. Ron Scholz was elected to the board, beginning his term in 2010. He served for five years. ■

FIREFIGHTERS INVITE SCOUTS

East Pierce Fire & Rescue invites all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire members up to fifth grade to attend the third annual Scout Night from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, April 29 at the headquarters station in Bonney Lake, at 18421 Veterans Memorial Drive. The free event is intended for groups within fire department's service area, including Bonney Lake, Sumner, Lake Tapps, Milton, Edgewood, South Prairie and unincorporated Buckley.

"Each year, East Pierce firefighters facilitate numerous public education requests from scout groups trying to achieve certain badge requirements. In an effort to reach more scouts, we thought they deserved an event of their very own Scout Night," says East Pierce Public Education Specialist Dina Sutherland.

Scouts will rotate through various learning stations at this free event designed to address several badge requirements.

Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. Scout leaders can call 253-863-1800 or email info@eastpiercefirer.org with the unit number and number of scouts who plan to attend. ■

Join Us For April Pools Day

Saturday, April 30

10a.m. to 1p.m.

At the Gordon Family YMCA
16101 64th St. E., Sumner

FREE

No membership required
Activities geared
for 7-12 year olds

Go to eastpiercefirer.org
for more info

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 battery. 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
Non-certification class for adult CPR, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
(1 hour) March 14 | May 23 | July 21 |

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
Mar. 16 or 19 | April 16 or 22 |
May 14 or May 18* (CPR Only) or May 19* (First Aid Only) | June 17 or 25
* Evening Class: 6:00pm - 9:30pm

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. Multi-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