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SPRING 2017

## EASTER EGG HUNTS

East Pierce firefighters are sponsoring three annual Easter Egg Hunts around the fire district on Saturday, April 15. All three events are free. The firefighters will be accepting food and monetary donations for the food banks.

### SUMNER

The 27th annual Sumner Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the East Pierce Professional Firefighter's Benevolent Fund & 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 60th annual South Prairie Easter Egg Hunt. The free event starts at 10 a.m. at the South Prairie City Park located at the 200 block of Third Street Southwest. Open to children up to 12 years old.

### EDGEWOOD

The annual Edgewood Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the East Pierce Professional Firefighter's Benevolent Fund, 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 on over to our annual Easter Egg Hunts in Sumner, South Prairie and Edgewood.

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## State of the Fire Department

By East Pierce Fire Chief Bud Baker

**T**hank you for supporting us in our efforts to provide for your safety and quality of life by lifting the EMS Levy Lid last April. It cushioned the blow when the regular Fire Levy ran into the 1% limitation.

We hit the limitation due to rapidly rising property values. By not allowing your fire protection levy to increase commensurate with the property value, the fire district saw a decrease of 11.5 cents in our Fire Levy collection rate. The decrease will save the owner of a \$300,000 home a total of \$34.50 in taxes in 2017, but left us unable to collect \$1.3 million to maintain your fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services (EMS).

We had hoped to take a few steps in addressing some of our staffing and resource shortages with the anticipated revenue growth. Now, we'll just have to settle for a baby step or two and consider asking you to lift our levy lids again.

We have applied for a FEMA Grant to allow us to hire nine firefighters. The grant covers a sizable amount of the cost over a three-year period for new firefighters. During that time, we anticipate that revenues will grow in order to support maintaining those new positions.

Our intent is to add a third firefighter to three of our five engine companies. This will improve capabilities when arriving on a fire scene, and also reduce the number of fire engines that we currently send to incidents that require additional personnel.

This is important. With these engines in service, we'll be prepared to respond to the next alarm—which happens often when you had a record-breaking 10,259 calls in 2016. But this can only happen if we are awarded the grant!



East Pierce Fire & Rescue firefighters ran a record number of calls last year. Pictured from left are Firefighter-Paramedic Teniel Sherman, Firefighter-Paramedic Jason Cancro and Firefighter Corey Snope.

How you can you help? Write or call your U.S. Congressperson and/or Senator and ask them to support East Pierce Fire & Rescue in their FEMA SAFER Grant application. Encourage them to help improve public safety in our area by helping us to add more firefighters.

Last year, many of those 10,259 calls required two units per call. Others, such as fires, require up to eight units in order to safely provide enough firefighters to complete needed tasks in a timely manner.

This workload places a strain on our firefighters. Many days they go from one incident to another, not returning to their station for hours. Not only does this create stress, it also reduces the time available for training.

I'm proud of how our firefighters have responded to the challenge, but I've got to get them some more help soon.

We cannot continue providing quality response at this pace with so few firefighters.

We are also studying how to address facility and emergency vehicle needs. Our ladder truck is 18 years old and unreliable. The replacement cost is estimated to be \$1.2 million. Some of our fire engines are nearing their life expectancy as well, and will need replacement soon, to the tune of about \$750,000 per vehicle. We need to look at replacing six fire engines over the next five

years.

We've made effective use of our capital reserve fund, and have been able to cost-effectively re-chassis two medic units, with a third in progress now. Two more are slated for this upgrade during the first half of 2017. A re-chassis saves about \$80,000 compared to a full replacement

In addition, in 2016 we were

### UNITED STATES LEGISLATORS

**U.S. Senator Patty Murray**  
(253) 572-3636

**U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell**  
(253) 572-2281

**U.S. Representative David Reichert**  
(877) 920-9208

**U.S. Representative Denny Heck**  
(253) 533-8332

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## Community Open Houses Set

**S**top 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, Spring Open Houses at our stations in South Prairie, Edgewood, Sumner and Lake Tapps.

There will be fun, interactive displays; kids can have their photos taken on the fire engines and Medic units. 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. ■

## SAVE THE DATE!

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15

South Prairie | Station 119  
350 State Route 162  
10:15 a.m. to Noon

### SATURDAY, MAY 13

Sumner | Station 113  
800 Harrison St.  
9:00 a.m. to Noon

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

Edgewood | Station 118  
10105 24th St. E.  
9:00 a.m. to Noon

### SATURDAY, MAY 20

Lake Tapps | Station 114  
3206 West Tapps Dr. E.  
9:00 a.m. to Noon



## CARE FOR YOUR SMOKE ALARMS (so they can take care of you!)

Smoke alarms save lives. That's why it's so important to make sure that your smoke alarms are working correctly. Here are a few tips to make sure they work when you need them:

- Airborne dust and contaminants can interfere with a smoke alarm's ability to detect smoke, so make it a point to clean all alarms in your home at least twice a year. Use your vacuum cleaner's long upholstery wand to clear away any dust or cobwebs that have settled around the alarms.
- Replace 9-volt batteries in each of your home's smoke alarms twice a year. Smoke alarms that use lithium batteries do not need to be changed. They are meant to last for 10 years. After a decade, the entire smoke alarm must be replaced.
- Test smoke alarms monthly by pressing their "test" buttons. Replace if needed.

Even with careful maintenance, smoke alarms must be replaced every 10 years. To check the date of your smoke alarm, remove the alarm from the ceiling or wall. Look at the back or side of the alarm for the date of manufacture. If you aren't sure how old the existing smoke alarms are, don't take any chances with your safety—switch them out for new units right away. Need new smoke alarms but can't afford them? East Pierce Fire and Rescue will install smoke alarms free of charge for citizens who live in our service area. Check out the map at [www.eastpiercefire.org](http://www.eastpiercefire.org) to see if you live within the jurisdiction. Then call the fire department at 253-863-1800 during regular business hours to schedule a time for East Pierce personnel to install your new smoke alarms. ■

## Making Safety Fun



The East Pierce Life and Fire Safety Squad (LAFSS) presented safety messages to local elementary school children during 25-minute assemblies. Thousands of children joined Backdraft (Lt. Marc Lash), High Rise (Public Education Specialist Dina Sutherland) and Bunkers (Firefighter Lance Schinkal) for whole lot of fun.

# Spec Ops Spotlight: Technical Rescue Team

You're having a really bad day when you see this team. These East Pierce firefighters belong to the Technical Rescue Team that responds to extraordinary or highly dangerous rescue situations such as building collapses, confined-space entrapments, wilderness and high-angle rescues.

The Technical Rescue Team is one of four special operations teams at East Pierce. The others include the Wildland Team, HazMat Team and Water Rescue Team. Selected career firefighters are given the opportunity to participate in one of these special operations teams.

There are 18 members of the Technical Rescue Team. Many are assigned to the East Pierce fire station in Sumner, which serves as the Technical Rescue station, although team members are strategically spread throughout the 153-square-mile fire district in order to respond quickly to any situation.

All Technical Rescue Team members must start with certification in five types of complex and dangerous rescues, including rope, trench, confined space, structural collapse and heavy machinery/vehicle rescues. "Firefighters must complete more than 200 hours of training to join the team," says East Pierce Captain and Tech Rescue Team member Kevin Stabenfeldt.

All Special Operations Team members attend many hours of training in addition to the firefighting and emergency medical training they receive as firefight-



The East Pierce Fire & Rescue firefighters who serve on the Technical Rescue Team respond to extraordinary and highly dangerous rescue situations.

ers, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics.

Technical Rescue Team members attend nearly 100 hours per year of additional training, plus they must complete company-level training while they are on shift. They also help teach an annual refresher course in Technical Rescue skills that all East Pierce firefighters must attend. "This gives our firefighters who aren't on the team basic skills to call for resources and take initial actions on the scene of these types of rescues," says Stabenfeldt.

The East Pierce Team also trains as a member of the Pierce County Special Operations Rescue Team (PCSORT), an association of several Pierce county fire

districts that share the cost of purchasing specialized equipment and provide extra personnel for more complicated rescues.

Currently, the Technical Rescue Team is expanding training for rescues involving heavy machinery and large vehicles. "We deal with vehicle rescues and extrications on a regular basis, but it's the passenger vehicle that's becomes wedged under a semi, or a concrete truck that tips over onto a car, or the industrial worker who gets a hand caught in machinery that we will also focus on," Stabenfeldt says. "These are not every day calls, but we have to be prepared for the predictable." ■

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able to replace two of our three aging brush engines with new units. All of this was done with funds we were able to save for this specific purpose. However, we'll probably have to ask for some help in funding the upcoming larger purchases.

As part of the growing pains of merging several fire departments into a single, more efficient organization, we need to address our facility needs. We may lose our lease on some buildings soon, while others are older, deficient in serviceability, not designed for 24/7 occupancy by career firefighters, making them too small to efficiently remodel.

In addition, we are evaluating relocating at least one station in order to better respond to population growth. Frankly, that station is one that should have been replaced some time ago, so it will be a win for everyone.

Our Headquarters Station is leased from the city of Bonney Lake. The city has graciously extended the lease on several occasions, but time is running out. Our current lease ends in 2019. With projected increases in population and the need to increase services, the city anticipates that they will need

the space in the Public Safety Building we share with the Bonney Lake Police Department.

We currently own the large empty lot at the corner of Veterans Memorial Drive and Main. This was purchased with an eye toward building a new headquarters there one day. It

appears that day is now. In order to fund such projects, we will have to ask you to support a bond issue. I know that's a big request,

but that's the only way to address these larger projects that simply can no longer wait. I will

recommend to the Board that we consider a bond issue early next year.

To help us plan a reasonable path, we will be asking for citizen input by forming a committee for the purpose of providing us with feedback on options for fire stations and emergency vehicles. We'll advertise for that soon. If you are interested in serving on this committee, send an email to [info@eastpiercefire.org](mailto:info@eastpiercefire.org) and let us know that you'd like to help decide our future.

You can keep apprised of changes within your fire district by visiting our website at [www.eastpiercefire.org](http://www.eastpiercefire.org).

Once again, we thank you for the privilege of serving you. ■

### VEHICLE IMPROVEMENTS

#### Budgeted cost for each unit:

Medic Unit Re-Chassis	\$115,00
Brush Engine	\$130,00

## BE A SAFE SITTER THIS SUMMER

SafeSitter® prepares students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they are home alone, watching younger siblings or babysitting. The three-day class includes childcare techniques, behavior management skills and appropriate responses to medical emergencies.

The cost is \$40 per student. Call 253-863-1800 to register. Register early! Classes are limited to 26 students. Registration forms and additional

information are available at [www.eastpiercefire.org](http://www.eastpiercefire.org).

#### CHOOSE ONE CLASS OPTION

JUNE 26, 27 AND 28

Edgewood | Station 118  
10105 24th St. E.

AUGUST 7, 8 AND 9

Buckley | Station 116  
10515 234th Ave. East



HEALTH WATCH

Answering Your Questions about Ambulance Fees

**Q: Why did we receive a bill for ambulance service? I thought East Pierce residents receive free ambulance service in the district?**

**A:** East Pierce ambulance service is not actually free. However, if you are an East Pierce resident, who is transported by an East Pierce Medic unit (ambulance), you should have no “out-of-pocket” expenses. “The “bill” you receive from us is usually a request for additional information. We bill your insurance company, Medicare or Medicaid for the cost of the ambulance ride. Any additional costs, such as co-pays that you would normally need to pay, are “written off” against the funds received through our EMS Levy.

**Q: What happens for people who have no insurance or those who live outside the fire district?**

**A:** If you are a district resident but don’t have health insurance your entire bill is covered. Non-residents, who happen to be in the district, when they are transported by Medic unit to the hospital, are responsible for any co-pays or other costs not covered by their insurance.

**Q: Does East Pierce attempt to bill our insurance company?**

**A:** Yes. East Pierce will bill your insurance company, Medicare and Medicaid providers to recover payments for ambulance transport. To be included in the “no out-of-pocket” cost EMS transport program, residents must complete and return any required paperwork sent to you by our billing service, Systems Design, or any paperwork sent to you by your own insurance provider. Correct, updated information is crucial for our ability to successfully bill insurance providers. 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.

If district residents don’t comply with requests for information, they could end up being liable for the entire amount of the ambulance transport fee, and even end up being turned over to a collection agency.

**Q: What happens to the revenues collected from Medic unit patient transport fees?**

**A:** More than \$2.6 million in ambulance transport

fees were collected last year from health insurance companies, Medicare and Medicaid. These funds help cover a portion of the cost of providing EMS response and transport services to the community.

**Q: What happens if East Pierce doesn’t have any Medic units available for a 9-1-1 Medical call? Who comes, and do I have to pay the other ambulance provider?**

**A:** East Pierce has four Medic units available 24/7. We are able to handle more than 98% of the EMS transports with our own Medic units. Last year we transported more than 5,500 patients to area hospitals.

However, approximately 100 times per year, when all of our Medic units are busy on other 9-1-1 Medical or fire calls, we need to request “mutual aid” from neighboring fire departments and private ambulances. They send units to back us up if we don’t have any available Medic units.

We have reciprocal “mutual aid” transport agreements with most of our neighboring fire districts. If one of their Medic units responds into our fire district and takes you to the emergency department, you receive the same “no out-of-pocket cost” ambulance service as if an East Pierce Medic unit took you to the hospital. We reciprocate when we respond into their districts when they need mutual aid. ■

FIRE DISTRICT SEEKING BUDGET OPTIONS

East Pierce Fire & Rescue has applied for a Federal grant to address staffing shortfalls. If awarded, the SAFER Grant would allow the department to hire nine entry-level firefighters. According to East Pierce Fire Chief Bud Backer, even with the additional firefighters, the fire district will remain understaffed. “The nine firefighters represents less than one third of the firefighters we need to be fully staffed,” he said.

**SAFER Grant**  
The fire district applied for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). According to FEMA, the grant was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, “front line” firefighters available in their communities.

The SAFER grant assists the local fire departments’ abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

If approved, the matching grant would cover 75% of the cost in the first year, and then reduces over the next two years. East Pierce is responsible for the entire employee cost beginning in the fourth year.

Backer is hoping that the SAFER Grant will help the fire district hire additional firefighters to meet the growth in both the number of alarms and the increase in population for the area served by East Pierce, including Bonney Lake, Sumner, Lake Tapps, Tehaleh, South Prairie, Edgewood, Milton and the ridge communities—a total of 153 square miles. In 2016, East Pierce firefighters responded to a record 10,259 alarms—an increase of nearly 19% over the past five years.

**Funding Issues**  
“Funding a fire district is both complicated and simple at the same time,” said Backer. “Fire districts are limited to the funding sources available by state statute. Any taxes that a fire district collects are property based in nature.” There are few other options for fire districts to raise the necessary funds to do their job. “Fees for emergency medical transports make up close to

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East Pierce Recognizes Outstanding Service



The annual Recognition Award recipients were honored at the February Commissioners Meeting. Congratulations to all! Pictured from left are Mike Blaylock, Lieutenant Jason Sanders, Firefighter-Paramedic Jeff Berry, Volunteer Captain Mark Nevill, Lieutenant Matt Gilbert and Firefighter Jim Clarke.

The East Pierce Fire & Rescue Fire Commissioners and command staff honored the recipients of the 2016 Recognition Awards in a ceremony held in February at the headquarters’ station. The recipients were selected by their peers for their leadership skills and efforts, setting a stan-

dard for themselves and others. The sole exception is the Chief’s Company, which is determined by the command staff. Join us in congratulating these exceptional people for providing compassionate service and rapid response to our community. ■

AWARD HONORIES

**Career Officer**  
Lieutenant Matt Gilbert

**Career Firefighter**  
Firefighter Matt Reinke

**EMS Provider**  
Firefighter-Paramedic Jeff Berry

**Volunteer Responder**  
Captain Mark Nevill

**Mike Roberts Goodwill Award**  
Firefighter-Paramedic Hunter Chumbley

**Ken Thawsh Inspirational Award**  
Volunteer Firefighter DeAnn O’Leary

**Support Staff**  
IT Specialist Mike Blaylock

**Fitness Award**  
Firefighter Daryl Flood

**Chief’s Company**  
Lieutenant Jason Sanders, Firefighter Scot Lynch, Firefighter-Paramedic Sean Alix and Firefighter Jim Clarke



## 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 153 square miles and protects residents from 10 stations – six staffed, three 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 called fire commissioners govern the agency. ■

## Commisioners

Dale Mitchell, Chair	
Mike Cathey	Pat McElligott
Edward Egan	Jon Napier
Kevin Garling	Victor Proulx

## Station Locations

Station 111	(Headquarters Station) 18421 Veterans Memorial Drive East Bonney Lake
Station 112	12006 - 214th Ave. E., Bonney Lake
Station 113	800 Harrison Street, Sumner
Station 114	3206 W. Tapps Drive E., Lake Tapps
Station 116	10515 - 234th Ave. E., Buckley
Station 118	10105 24th Street E., Edgewood
Station 115 Volunteer	1602 210th Ave. E., Lake Tapps
Station 119 Volunteer	350 State Route 162, South Prairie
Station 124 Volunteer	1000 Laurel St., Milton

## Calling All Scouts!

East Pierce Fire invites all Scout groups to join us for our annual Scout Night event scheduled for 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 28 at our Headquarters Station, at 18421 Veterans Memorial Drive East in Bonney Lake. The event is for scout groups up to fifth grade who live in our service area.

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

- Home Escape Planning: Scouts will design a home escape plan identifying two ways out of every room, designate a meeting place, learn to crawl low under smoke and when and how to shelter in place.
- Emergency Preparedness: Learn why it's important to have an emergency plan, how to assemble an emergency kit and the importance of an out-of-area contact.
- Firefighter & Paramedic Tools, Equipment and Careers: Get an up close look at the equipment firefighters use to stay safe and do their job and ask the firefighters why they chose their career.
- 9-1-1: Practice making a "9-1-1" call on our simulator.
- Law Enforcement Equipment and Careers: Learn about what equipment law enforcement officers use to keep our community safe and what it takes to be an officer.
- Knot Tying: Watch firefighters demonstrate



Scouts can earn several merit badges at the fourth annual East Pierce Fire Scout Night, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 28 at our Headquarters Station.

- various knot tying, and then spend some time practicing the skill.
- Home Safety: Learn the importance of smoke alarms and how to fix or prevent various home hazards.
  - Basic First Aid

Sign up for this event today! Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. To secure space for your scout group, call 253-863-1800, or email at **info@eastpiercefire.org** with your unit number and the number of scouts to attend. ■

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10% of our revenue." Backer said. "We don't have other taxes such as Sales, B & O, Utility, and REET that are used by other county or city entities."

East Pierce voters approved a Fire Protection Levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (AV), plus an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy of 50 cents per \$1,000 of AV, for a total of \$2.00 per \$1,000 AV.

"These two levies make up 89% of our revenues," Backer notes. "We could have an additional Maintenance and Operations Levy or a Benefit Charge, but for now, we do not use either of those. Compared to the 12 fire districts in suburban Pierce County, we rank 10th in tax collection rate. The top fire district collects at a rate of \$1.37 more than we do," he said.

One of the challenges is a state law that limits most local governmental entities to a 1% annual increase in property tax growth, preventing the district from collecting the full voter-approved tax rate. If there is a

large increase in property values, East Pierce is limited to the 1% increase, unless voters reset (or lift) the levy lid.

Last year, East Pierce ran a "lid lift" to return the EMS Levy to voter-approved levels of 50 cents per \$1,000. This year, the Fire Protection Levy hit the 1% limitation, decreasing the collection rate from \$1.50 to \$1.38 per \$1,000 AV. This reduced our available revenues by more than \$1.3 million dollars. "That is a big reduction for us. Although we will receive 1% more than last year (plus new construction), it doesn't keep up with the cost of doing business—and it's nowhere near what is needed to add staffing to address our operational shortcomings," said Backer.

The fire district should hear if it is awarded the grant by the end of September.

If you have questions, email Chief Backer at **chief@east-piercefire.org** or call the office at 253-863-1800. ■

## April Pools Day

### LEARN WATER SAFETY SKILLS

Come play in the pool with firefighters and police officers at the annual April Pools Day. East Pierce Fire & Rescue is partnering with the Bonney Lake Police and the Gordon Family YMCA to host the free event on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the YMCA, at 16101 64th Street East, in Sumner. Activities focus on open water safety in a controlled pool environment. The YMCA is waiving the membership fee for non-members to attend.

Activities will be geared toward children ages 7-12. An adult must accompany children age seven and younger. The first two hours will include activities and prizes followed by an open swim.

For more information go to **www.eastpiercefire.org**. ■

## 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 staffed 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) May 22, July 25 & Sept. 25

### SERVICES OFFERED

- CPR 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | BASIC FIRST AID 1:00–4:30 p.m.**  
East Pierce Fire & Rescue Headquarters Station  
18421 Veterans Memorial Dr. E., Bonney Lake
- April 20 or 29 |  
May 13 or \*23 (CPR Only) and \* 24 (First Aid Only)  
Jun. 17 or 29 | Aug. 12 or 16 |  
Sept. \*12 (CPR Only) and \*13 (First Aid Only) or 16 or 30  
\*Evening Class: 6:00-9:30p.m.
- The cost for citizens residing within the jurisdiction of East Pierce Fire & Rescue, including Sumner, Bonney Lake, Lake Tapps, South Prairie, Milton, Edgewood and Tehaleh, 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.eastpiercefire.org](http://www.eastpiercefire.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