

# NEWSLETTER

## Tentatively Scheduled Calendar of Events

- August 16th- Bike Rodeo at Station 51.  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- August 17th- Car Show Firemen's Pancake breakfast at Station 51.  
5:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- October 5 - 11 - National Fire Prevention Week
- October 11th - Open House

**The County Wide Seasonal Burn Ban is now in effect.**

## Regular Board Meetings

Held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Meetings are open to the public.

Come in and check out the Free services offered to our community!

- Blood Pressure checks
- Smoke Alarms installed
- Children's Bicycle helmets
- Station Tours
- Public Education/Awareness information

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

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### CAN WE FIND YOU?

As our area continues to grow, large tracts of land are divided up into smaller ones. Next thing you know there are four houses on one driveway. You know where you live, but we don't!

In your time of need, peace of mind is a must. Peace of mind in knowing that your neighbor who volunteers will be coming to assist you. But what happens to your piece of mind when no one shows up in 5 minutes, 7 minutes or 10 minutes? Were there no volunteers available to respond? Are they able to drive their response vehicles down the driveway? Did they find the address?

These are some of the issues your responders face every time they are requested to assist you. Here are some things you can do to assist your local responders.

- Have an address marker at the beginning of your driveway.
- Address numbers are to be 3 inches or greater, reflective and of a contrasting color to what they are mounted on.
- Keep access roads clear.
- Trim all trees up to 12 feet of clearance.
- Trim all brush and trees to 10 feet wide.
- Access roads greater than 150 feet in length should have a turn out or turn around.



These are simple, yet important items to remember and maintain.



### Fireman's Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, August 17th from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Breakfast will benefit the Breast Cancer 3 - Day Walk.



## KEEP HARMFUL CHEMICALS PROPERLY CONTAINED



According to the State of Home Safety in America 2002, household chemicals caused more than 45,000 emergency room visits in a single year. The Home Safety Council recommends the following guidelines when storing and handling dangerous products, including gasoline, pool chemicals and pesticides:



- **Use child-resistant caps on dangerous products**, including those stored in the garage, such as pesticides, automotive fluids, charcoal lighter, paint thinner, antifreeze, and turpentine. Ideally, hazardous products should be stored in a locking cabinet.
- **Store all products in their original containers** and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- **When using harsh products follow safety recommendations**, such as wearing gloves and masks. Do not mix products together because their contents could react together with dangerous results.
- **Never transfer poisonous or caustic products to drinking glasses, pop bottles, or other food containers, which could be mistaken and the contents consumed.**
- Make sure all chemicals are stored in their original containers according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- **Store only a small amount of gasoline**, in a garage or shed, and always in an approved, vented container designed and labeled for gasoline. Because of its highly volatile flammable vapors, gasoline must never be brought indoors.
- **Read the use and storage directions** before using products. Original labels on product containers often give important first-aid information.
- **Pesticides are extremely hazardous** – consider substituting non-poisonous insecticides whenever possible.
- **Mix insect sprays outdoors**, away from areas used by your family and pets.
- **Store and use pool chemicals according to the manufacturer's directions**, always in tightly covered original containers, in a dry place. Keep these away from other chemicals and products.



### The Firefighter...

It's 2:00 in the morning and you wake up to a dog barking, a child crying and an overwhelming smell of smoke. You climb out of bed and slowly open your bedroom door. Panic and fear consume your body as you see a flame running up your living room wall. Your house is on fire! You stumble through the darkness to the phone and call 911.

Miles away an alarm sounds at your neighboring Fire Department. A tired Fire Fighter rolls out of bed, gathers his team and deploys Fire Rescue Units to your home. A few minutes later they arrive at your home and attempt to put out the fire. In some cases, they run into the burning building to save your life. You may even know this Fire Fighter. This Fire Fighter could be your son, spouse, dad, brother or even a complete stranger...but tonight, you call him your 'hero'.

This story is one of the millions of 911 calls that Fire Fighters respond to each year. They put their lives on the line for their community each time they respond to a serious call—a motor vehicle accident, a structure-fire, a wild-land fire, a ship-fire or a medical emergency. It's a dangerous job, performed with little recognition, but they do it anyway. They do it because they know they are making a difference in their community.

Let's support our local Fire Fighter who dedicates their life each day to serving this community.

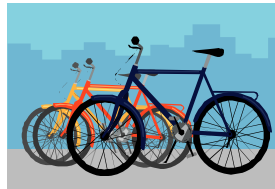
Karyn Anderson (Wife of Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Anderson)



Chris Anderson is one of 3 full-time FF/PM on staff.



## BICYCLE AND SCOOTER SAFETY DAY & RODEO



Bring your bicycle, scooter, roller blades, skateboard and helmet to the main Station, Saturday, August 16th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Events include:

- Safety Rodeo, where kids will learn and demonstrate safe riding techniques.
- Bicycle & Scooter Safety Inspections
- Safety Helmet fittings & FREE Safety Helmets for those children that need them.
- Free food and drink provided by the AMALAK's.
- Prize raffle and lots of fun!



It's almost time for school again! Are your kids prepared? Of course they are. It's always the same supplies right? Paper, pencils, backpack, etc.

What about emergency preparedness? Does your child know what to do in the event of an emergency? Does your child know their address and phone number? (especially if you have recently moved.)

Review your plans for what to do in an emergency.

- Use a toy phone and let them practice 9-1-1.
- Talk to your kids about what an emergency is.
- Make sure they know their address.

**Even a child can make a difference when they know what to do!**

[Volunteers for Cowlitz County Fire District 5 are always Needed, Wanted & Appreciated.](#)

### Recreational Fire Pit Standards

- Must be made from steel or non-combustible material. Decorative cutouts must be screened with 1/8" steel mesh.
- Pit size - Maximum 36" diameter, between 7 3/8" and 16" high.
- Remove all combustibles down to bare soil within 1 1/2' of the pit.
- Trim up all branches, bushes and fire fuels within 10 feet vertically and horizontally.
- Keep fire pit at least 25' away from all buildings and structures.
- Fire pit must be 50' away from all logging slash/debris
- Maintain your fire pit and keep it free of debris.



**Always be safe and never leave the fire unattended.**

**CCFD5 is now offering CPR, FIRST AID & AED classes to the public, local businesses and community organizations.** This American Heart Association class includes instruction on adult/child CPR, foreign body airway obstruction (choking), and bleeding.

Our instructors bring to your class years of experience in life saving techniques. Students will find a relaxed, informal, supportive learning environment.



Classes will be held on a student demand basis, with a class minimum of 4 students.

For more information please contact CCFD5 at 360-673-2222.

### Car Seat Clinic

Saturday, September 20th  
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue  
701 Vine St. Kelso

Let certified Car Seat Technicians check your child's car seat to make sure they are riding safely.





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## NEW INSURANCE RATES FOR DISTRICT 5 RESIDENTS



**Congratulations!**

Cowlitz County Fire District #5 recently completed its review with the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB). WSRB is the agency that evaluates and sets insurance ratings for geographical areas in the State of Washington. The evaluation process encompasses many components, response times, equipment, training, structures and facilities protected, water distribution systems and availability, just to name a few.

We are pleased to announce that the WSRB rating for the majority of the unincorporated areas of Cowlitz County Fire District #5 has been changed from an 8 to a 7.

We encourage all District residents to stop by the main station at 382 NE Frontage Road, pick up a copy of the WSRB letter, and then check with your insurance carrier to see if you qualify for a premium decrease.

This change will take effect October 1, 2008.