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Clallam County Fire District 3
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Welcome to 2022! The District has some big changes occurring!

Administration Offices are moving to Carlsborg. The Fire Chief, two Assistant Chiefs, two Administrative Assistants, and the Finance Manager will all relocate from 323 N. 5th Ave in downtown Sequim to 863 Carlsborg Road. As call volume continues to rise each year, the District has had to increase staff to keep up with service demand making the living quarters at the 5th Avenue station inadequate for current staffing. Management researched options, and it was clear that the most cost-effective, easily obtainable, and least disruptive to emergency service delivery would be to lease office space for the Admin staff. This move allows current office spaces to be repurposed as living quarters for First Responders.

The Fire Station on 5th Avenue will continue to be occupied; First Responders will continue to operate out of that station as they always have, it will just no longer be the Administration building as well. The station will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; because the station will be staffed by First Responders, temporary office closures could occur due to emergency responses.

Responses to 911 calls will not be affected by this change.

If citizens require Administration services, they can locate them at the new Administration Office at 863 Carlsborg Road, Unit C. The office at this location will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The District looks forward to having you visit at the new location, please feel free to stop by as you always have whether that is to pick up 911 Vials, information flyers, sign-up for CPR classes, etc.

Please visit www.ccf3.org for more information.

Donation



From left to right. Back Row: Chief Ben Andrews, Firefighter Paramedic Mark Karjalainen, Firefighter/EMT Scott Dickson, Firefighter Paramedic Jack Hueter, Captain Joel McKeen, Firefighter Paramedic Chase Laubach, Captain Kolby Konopaski and Assistant Chief Dan Orr. Front Row, Guild Board: Secretary Jody Sperry, President Nancy McGovern, Treasurer Christine Conroy and Vice President Suzi Schmidt.

District staff would like to thank Sequim Dungeness Hospital Guild (Guild) for a donation of \$38,000 to purchase a new Cardiac Monitor.

This is one of many donations the District has received from the Guild. The Guild is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization that runs a Thrift Store located at 204 W Bell St., Sequim, WA 98382. The shop is open the first and third week of each month, Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; they accept donations on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donated items may include new or gently used household items and small furniture. If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by the store to inquire, new volunteers are always welcome!

The monitor purchased from this donation will be used on Medical Aid calls when a patient requires a higher level of diagnostics and cardiac monitoring. The monitor reads blood pressure, oxygen saturation, and expelled carbon dioxide, as well as recording the electrical rhythms of the heart detecting abnormal cardiac conditions; the monitor also serves as a cardiac defibrillator/pacer. For patients who may be experiencing a heart attack, monitors are life-saving tools. Furthermore, monitors allow real-time diagnostic feedback allowing your paramedics to gauge treatment effectiveness and adjust treatment if necessary.

In addition, data has confirmed that well-performed CPR can make a huge difference in heart attack outcomes. To register for a CPR/AED class, please visit the District's website at: <https://ccfd3.org/community-outreach/classes-and-certifications>.

You too can make a difference in saving a life!

New Members



In one of the previous newsletters, the District had the privilege to tell you about three (3) of its retiring members who left the Fire Service after a combined 86 years of service. Now, the District would like to introduce you to its most recent new hires. Three of these new members filled the vacancies left by the retirees, and the other two filled additional staffing positions; one being a new permanent Low Acuity Unit position and the other an additional member at the Carlsborg station, bringing that station up to 3 members 24/7. All five (5) new hires are Firefighters Paramedics and started with the District on March 1st, 2022.

The first is Erik Payne, who was originally hired with the District in 2016. In 2019 he resigned to take a lateral position that allowed him to be closer to his family. As his children are growing up, he felt it was a good time to resume the commute to the District, a position he very much missed; the District welcomed him back with open arms.

The second is Jeremy Church. Jeremy comes to the District with over 16 years of previous experience; with Captain/Paramedic being the highest rank of service he held. He is married and has two children.

The third is Mark Karjalainen. Mark comes to the District with over 20 years of previous experience; with Lieutenant /Paramedic being his highest rank of service. He is married and has four children.

The fourth is Bryant Kroh. Bryant comes to the District with over 16 years of previous experience; with Captain/Paramedic being his highest rank of service. He is married and has two children.

Last, but certainly not least, is Eliza Winne. Eliza is also returning to the District. She went through the District's Fire Recruit Academy and gained her EMT certification in 2017; she then volunteered with the District until she was hired elsewhere as a Career Firefighter EMT. In 2021, she graduated from Paramedic school and decided to return to the District where her fire service adventure began. She is married and her husband volunteers with the District on the Technical Rescue Team.

Please join us in welcoming them to Clallam County Fire District 3!