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CLASSES & EVENTS

**Fair on 44th
Health & Safety Block Party**

**Saturday, September 7,
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, 44th Avenue
W between the Lynnwood Library
(192nd Street SW) and Fire Sta-
tion 15 (188th Street SW). Check
out South County Fire's displays
and demonstrations in front of the
fire station. Automobile extrication
demonstration, 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Rescue demonstration, 1 p.m.

**CERT: Learn how to help
during a disaster**

Community Emergency Response
Team members learn basic disaster
preparedness to help in their com-
munity. The course takes place over
three days, Sept. 20-22, 8 a.m. to
5 p.m., at South County Fire Head-
quarters, 12425 Meridian Ave. S.,
Everett. Cost is \$40. Participants
receive a course manual and back-
pack containing basic safety gear.
Learn more and register in advance
online at www.southsnofire.org/
CERT.

**Senior Stroll &
Pancake Breakfast**

Thursday, September 26
10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Lynnwood Civic
Center Fire Station 15, 18800 44th
Ave. W. Older adults and their fami-
lies are invited to join firefighters
for breakfast and to learn about the
prevention and community services
South County Fire offers to pro-
mote safe and healthy aging. FREE

**Fire Prevention Week
Open House**

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
Martha Lake Fire Station 21, 16819
13th Ave W., Lynnwood. Put on a
hero's cape and take our Kids Fire
Safety Super Power Challenge. Meet
your firefighters and tour the fire en-
gine. Spray water from a fire hose.

**Neighborhood Night
Open House**

**NOTE DATE CHANGE: Thursday,
November 14, 5:30-7 p.m.**, Es-
perance Fire Station 20, 23009
88th Ave W., Edmonds. Meet your
firefighters, tour the fire trucks and
learn about emergency services in
your neighborhood.

Register in advance for these free
classes offered at Lynnwood Civic
Center Fire Station 15, 18800 44th
Ave. W.:

[www.southsnofire.org/
education](http://www.southsnofire.org/education)

ACT First Aid: In just one
hour, learn three skills to
save a life: Antidote for opi-
ate overdose, CPR & AED
for sudden cardiac arrest
and Tourniquet for bleeding
control. *Third Thursday of
each month, 5-6 p.m.*

Child Car Seat Safety:
Learn how to properly use
your car seat from birth to
the adult seat belt. *First
Thursday of each month,
6-8 p.m.*

**Volunteer for
Fire Corps**

We're recruiting Fire Corps
volunteers to help with a
wide range of tasks includ-
ing fire and injury preven-
tion public education
programs and community
events. Learn more and fill
out an interest form at:
[www.southsnofire.org/
volunteer.](http://www.southsnofire.org/volunteer)

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MARINE 16 Fire & Rescue Boat at the Port of Edmonds

INSIDE:

**3 ways to prevent window falls
for parents of young children**

**County to go to voters to gauge
interest in fireworks ban**

Your neighborhood fire station – backed by the resources of a regional fire service

Your neighborhood fire station is backed by the resources of an entire regional fire and emergency medical service.

This map shows South County Fire's network of 14 fire stations. They work together to deliver emergency services as quickly as possible when you call 911.

To make sure we have the right resources and staffing, we look at the numbers: Where are the 911 calls occurring? When are the calls occurring? What are the drive times and traffic patterns?

We use this comprehensive analysis to make data-driven emergency response decisions. As a result, we recently increased 24-hour staffing by two. We now have at least 60 firefighters on duty during the day when call volumes are highest and 54 overnight. We also repositioned a ladder truck to better respond to our service area's commercial core.



Each neighborhood fire station has:

- A fire engine or a ladder truck.
- At least one medic unit.
- Daily staffing of 3-8 firefighters, including at least one paramedic.

Life-threatening emergencies often require firefighters and resources from more than one fire station. At least 11 firefighters are required for a cardiac arrest response. A minimum of 15 firefighters are required to perform all the tasks necessary to contain a fire to the room of origin.

Regional resources:

- Hazardous materials team and decontamination unit based at Hilton Lake Station 12.
- Technical rescue team and truck based at Martha Lake Station 21.
- Two ladder trucks with dedicated 24-hour staffing.
- Marine 16 fire rescue boat at the Port of Edmonds.
- Air 10 truck based at Keeler's Corner Station 10 provides on-scene air bottle refills, supplemental lighting and other support equipment.

WATCH A VIDEO to learn more:
www.southsnofire.org/AboutUs

Burnett appointed to Board of Commissioners



Drew Burnett has been appointed by the Snohomish County Fire District 1 Board of Commissioners to fill a vacancy created by the passing of Commissioner Richard T. Schrock in May.

All Fire District 1 Commissioners also serve on the South County Fire Board. Commissioner Burnett will serve on the Fire District 1 Board through the end of this year when Fire District 1 will be dissolved. He will serve on the South County Fire Board for the two years remaining in a six-year term.

Commissioner Burnett is currently the national director of technology services for OptumCare. He also served as the City of Lynnwood's director of information technology for nearly two years and has held information technology executive positions for healthcare agencies in Arizona and Kentucky. Burnett has 19 years of combined healthcare and municipal government technology and leadership experience.

Commissioner Burnett has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Western Governors University in Salt Lake City and an Executive Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Washington.

"My passion for our community and public safety made the Commissioner role a natural fit. I am humbled and honored for this opportunity and will strive to make good policy in the best interest of our community and citizens," Commissioner Burnett said.

3 ways to prevent window falls

An open window may help cool your home on a hot day, but it also poses a hazard for curious young children. We've already responded to more than half a dozen 911 calls this summer for toddlers seriously injured in falls from second- and third-floor windows.

1. Install window guards or stops. Screens are meant to keep bugs out, not children in. Properly installed window guards prevent unintentional window falls. Include an emergency release device in case of fire. Window stops are also a great idea. They allow fresh air and a cross breeze and still ensure windows can't open wide enough for kids to fall out. Guards and stops can be purchased at most home improvement stores.

2. Open windows from the top and close after use. If you have windows that can open from both top and bottom, make a habit of opening just the top to prevent accidental falls. Keep in mind that as kids grow, they may have enough strength, dexterity and curiosity to open the bottom so try to keep windows locked and closed when they are not being used.

3. Keep kids from climbing near windows. For your crawlers and climbers, move chairs, cribs and other furniture away from windows to help prevent window falls. Never move a child who appears to be seriously injured after a fall – call 911 and let trained medical personnel move the child with proper precautions.

Source: Safe Kids Worldwide. South County Fire is the lead agency for Safe Kids Snohomish County, a childhood injury prevention coalition.

Bike team is ready to roll for events

The South County Fire Bike Team has been busy at community events this summer. The 24 firefighters on the team work in pairs at special events such as the Mountlake Terrace July 3 Celebration, Edmonds Fourth of July, Tour de Terrace and Taste Edmonds. Bicycles allow firefighters to maneuver through crowded venues to reach medical emergencies during these large events. Split between two bicycles is some of the same gear you would find on a medic unit, but in smaller quantities. This includes trauma kits, oxygen, a defibrillator and medications to initiate care for life-threatening emergencies.



Preparing for wildland fire season



A brush truck on loan from Snohomish County Fire District 22 in Getchell is based at Martha Lake Fire Station 21 for this wildland season. Equipped with specialized wildland gear, the truck can access greenbelts and other undeveloped areas we can't get to with a fire engine. This is a great resource for our 34-member wildland team, especially with the higher than normal potential for fires on this side of the state.



Headquarters

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South County Fire

Board of Commissioners regular meetings: 7 p.m., first and third Tuesday of each month. Board work sessions: 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month. All meetings take place at Headquarters unless otherwise posted and are open to the public. Agendas, minutes and videos are available at www.southsnofire.org.

Fire Stations

Fire Station 10

Keeler's Corner
3922 156th Street SW
Lynnwood WA 98087

Fire Station 11

Mariner
12310 Meridian Avenue S
Everett WA 98208

Fire Station 12

Hilton Lake
3525 108th Street SE
Everett WA 98208

Fire Station 13

Silver Firs
13611 Puget Park Drive
Everett WA 98208

Fire Station 14

Lynnwood Blue Ridge
18800 68th Avenue W
Lynnwood WA 98037

Fire Station 15

Lynnwood Civic Center
18800 44th Avenue W
Lynnwood WA 98036

Fire Station 16

Edmonds Maplewood
8429 196th Street SW
Edmonds WA 98026

Fire Station 17

Edmonds Downtown
275 Sixth Avenue N
Edmonds WA 98020

Fire Station 18

Brier
21206 Poplar Way
Brier WA 98036

Fire Station 19

Mountlake Terrace
5902 232nd Street SW
Mountlake Terrace WA 98043

Fire Station 20

Edmonds Esperance
23009 88th Avenue W
Edmonds WA 98026

Fire Station 21

Martha Lake
16819 13th Avenue W
Lynnwood WA 98037

Fire Station 22

Hilltop
20510 Damson Road
Lynnwood WA 98036

Fire Station 23

Lake Serene
4323 Serene Way
Lynnwood WA 98087

November vote set to gauge interest in county fireworks ban

Voters will have the opportunity to be heard on whether fireworks use should be banned in Snohomish County in the November general election.

The Snohomish County Council authorized the non-binding, advisory vote to gauge public opinion on the issue before considering any action to ban fireworks. South County Fire filed a petition with the Snohomish County Council in June requesting a ban on consumer fireworks in our unincorporated service area. Consumer fireworks are already banned in the cities we serve – Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace.

Fireworks put people, animals and property at risk in our area every July 4. This is predictable and it's also preventable. Fireworks bans in the cities we serve have effectively reduced injuries, property loss and 911 calls. Eight counties and 92 cities in our state ban fireworks.

The November ballot measure asks voters if consumer fireworks use should be banned countywide. This will give our residents a chance to be heard on this issue.

Search begins for new Fire Chief

South County Fire Board of Commissioners is conducting a search for a new fire chief.

Bruce A. Stedman retired Aug. 1 after going out on medical leave on May 22.

The Board of Commissioners named Assistant Chief of Operations Doug Dahl to serve as Interim Fire Chief. Dahl started his fire service career in south Snohomish County in 1989 with the Edmonds Fire Department and worked his way through the ranks to his current position. He also serves on a state interagency incident management team that has been deployed regionally and nationally to wildland fires and other major disasters, most recently for Hurricane Michael in Florida.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Support 7 responds alongside firefighters to help victims and survivors



By Commissioner Bob Meador

All of us here in South Snohomish County are fortunate to have the services of a special group of volunteers who stand ready to respond alongside your firefighters and police to support victims and survivors in their darkest moments.

Support 7 is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization supported entirely by donations. Community volunteers on the Support 7 Incident Response Team respond in a converted motor home for large-scale incidents such as fires, rescues or crime scene investigations. This motor home provides shelter and a private gathering place for victims and survivors at the emergency scene. The volunteers also provide refreshments for first responders when they will be working at an emergency scene for an extended period of time.

Support 7 chaplains are part of the Incident Response Team at these major incidents, but also are called on by our firefighters to 911 calls that don't make headlines. While firefighters are tending to

the emergency at hand, chaplains are there to provide physical and emotional support to those experiencing an unexpected tragedy such as the death of a loved one. These trained, compassionate volunteers devote hundreds of hours each year to caring for members of our community during times of crisis.

This was the vision of Support 7 founder Ken Gaydos, who passed away last year after a bout with cancer. For 45 years, Ken was the first to respond when the call came, day or night, to provide comfort to those in need. His legacy lives on in all those who continue this work today.



The Support 7 motor home at a fire scene with South County Fire crews.