



Fire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2024

Each year, the National Fire Protection Association, (NFPA) recognized Fire Prevention Week with a different theme. This year's theme, **"Smoke alarms: make them work for you!"**™ aims to promote the vital role that smoke alarms play in home fire safety, helping ensure that households are adequately protected in the event of a home fire.

Smoke alarms save lives. Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms play a crucial role in reducing fire-related deaths and injuries. Fire spreads quickly—working smoke alarms provide early warnings, giving you the precious time needed to escape safely.

Did you know?

Smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half.

Installation Tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area (like hallways), and on every level of your home, including the basement.
- Ensure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

Maintenance Tips:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pressing the test button.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years or if they do not respond when tested.

Learn more by visiting <https://sparkyschoolhouse.org/for-families/>

The South Bay Fire Department provides free smoke alarms to our residents.

Visit our South Bay Station 8-1 during business hours to get one.

Stay safe and make sure your smoke alarms are working for you!



Install



Test



Replace



Stop by our main station 8-1 to get a free smoke alarm

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Connecting with Our Community!



Our fire department members cherish every opportunity to connect with our wonderful community. June was an especially eventful month for us. We kicked off by visiting Boston Harbor Elementary for their annual Field Day, where we brought along a fire engine for the kids to explore. Students were excited to climb aboard and learned about our equipment.



On the last day of school, we returned with a tender, and the students had a blast being sprayed down with a hose as they celebrated the start of summer. Parents joined in the fun too, enjoying a "car wash" as they departed with their children.

Our commitment to community safety was evident during the Boston Harbor 4th of July celebration, where we provided a reassuring safety presence. In August, we were thrilled to participate in the National Night Out event, fostering a sense of unity as neighbors came together to get to know one another better.



Recently, our crew visited South Bay Elementary to strengthen our relationship with the school. We had a productive meeting with the principal to discuss potential partnerships for next year's events. Additionally, we conducted a thorough safety survey, identifying key locations for water and electricity shutoffs, alarm panels, and the HVAC hub.

FREE FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

CPR Training

Compression only CPR training is offered monthly and held at our North Olympia Station 8-3. Dates are listed on our website. Sign-up is required through Medic One. Call 360-704-2790 to sign up.

Blood Pressure Checks

Stop by our South Bay Station 8-1 any time and receive a free blood pressure check.

Home Address Markers

We can't help you if we can't find you. If you need a free home address marker, please call us or order one on our website.

www.southbayfire.com

Covid-19 Tests

To get a free Covid test, stop by our South Bay Station to pick one up.

Congratulations to Our Members!

WELCOME EMT MEMBERS

We're thrilled to welcome George Allan, John Hebert, Joel Jones, and Matthew Swenson to the South Bay Fire Department! They recently graduated from the Thurston County Medic One EMT Academy and are eager to bring their skills and enthusiasm to our team.

This year, we also welcomed two lateral members, Paul Evans and Kiefer Hanson, who bring valuable experience and certifications.

If you're interested in volunteering with South Bay Fire, training is provided at no cost. Visit southbayfire.com to learn more.

South Bay Fire Dept. News

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Chief VanCamp, Swenson, Jones, & Allan
(not pictured Hebert)

LIEUTENANT PROMOTION

Congratulations to Firefighter Allie Choate on her well-deserved promotion to Lieutenant!

Since joining our department in 2019, Allie has been an invaluable member of our Community Outreach Team. Her engaging social media posts and active participation in school education programs have made a significant impact.



Lieutenant Allie Choate

As one of our dedicated EMS instructors, Allie has also excelled in the role of "acting officer" prior to her promotion. We are proud to have Allie as part of our team and look forward to her continued contributions in her new role.

FIRE CHIEF'S



Chief Brian VanCamp

PROPOSITION 1 NOVEMBER 5TH ELECTION

In 2022, Fire District 8 approved a five-year master plan to enhance community response, including two ballot measures: 1) a 2023 property tax levy restoration to \$1.50 per thousand of assessed valuation, and 2) a 2024 excess levy for an additional \$0.50 per thousand over four years (2025-2028). Voters approved the 2023 levy restoration.

As planned, the excess levy, "Proposition One," was on the August 6, 2024, primary election ballot in Thurston County, requiring a super-majority to pass. This means at least 40% of the previous general election's voters must participate, and 60% of those must vote "yes." In the 2024 primary, 5,041 voters participated, with 58.3% voting "yes" and 41.7% voting "no," so the measure did not pass.

Following the 2022 plan, the District resubmitted Proposition One for the November 5, 2024, general election.

Emergency medical and fire services impact community health, safety, and homeowner insurance rates. **Levy measures allow voters to weigh these benefits against the cost.**

For more information, visit southbayfire.com (About Us/Ballot Info) or attend the public forum on October 8th following the regular Board meeting. Questions? Email vancamp@southbayfire.com or call 360-491-5320.

Thanks again for your continued support, Chief Brian VanCamp

JOIN US

Public Presentation

Join us for a special public presentation to learn more about the ballot issue and have your questions answered at our October 8, 2024 Board meeting held at our South Bay Station 8-1.

The meeting begins at 5:30 pm and the public presentation at 6:00 pm.

We will also offer this meeting virtually. See our website for the link. www.southbayfire.com