

**SOUTH COUNTY FIRE**

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**ON THE COVER:** Firefighters practice highway rescue skills

South County Fire recently hosted heavy rescue training for the multi-jurisdictional Snohomish County Technical Rescue Team. The hands-on drill prepared firefighters for highway rescues involving large vehicles, including buses, dump trucks and semi-trailers. Dick's Towing demonstrated the lifting capabilities of their fleet, then firefighters tried their hand at using their rescue and extrication tools to lift, cut and pry open a variety of large vehicles. Firefighters on the rescue team also have specialized training for collapsed buildings, urban search and rescue, trench cave-ins, confined-space rescues, ice and surface water rescues and high- and low-angle rope rescue.

**Daytime EMS unit added to ease 911 call volumes during peak hours**

**S**outh County Fire added a third peak-activity EMS unit on July 1 to respond to 911 calls during the busiest time of the day.

Peak-activity units are staffed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. when 911 call volumes are their highest. They supplement the 24-hour staffing South County Fire provides at 14 neighborhood fire stations in unincorporated South Snohomish County, Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace.



The newest peak-activity unit is based at Mariner Fire Station 11. Other peak-activity units are based at Fire Station 10 located north of Lynnwood near 156th St. SW and Highway 99 and Martha Lake Fire Station 21. These

peak-activity units transport patients throughout South County Fire's service area to help keep neighborhood stations available to respond to 911 calls.

South County Fire has 52 firefighters on duty 24/7, supplemented by an additional 6 firefighters during the day when the three peak-activity units are in service.

**Did you know . . .**

All South County Firefighters are emergency medical technicians or paramedics.

Paramedics are on duty 24/7 at all 14 neighborhood fire stations. They have advanced skills to provide the highest level of care for the most life-threatening medical emergencies.

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**READY FOR RESCUES**

Hands-on training with buses and trucks prepares firefighters for real-life highway rescues



**INSIDE:** A new approach to community first aid • How to petition the county for a "no fireworks" area in your neighborhood • EMS levy on the ballot for RFA voters





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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**  
**156th Street**  
 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

**A message from the Fire Chief**

**EMS levy on the ballot for RFA voters in the City of Lynnwood and unincorporated communities**

South County Fire has a replacement levy for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) on the August 7 Primary Election ballot for voters in the City of Lynnwood and the unincorporated communities of Snohomish County Fire District 1. The amount is 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, the same rate approved by voters in previous elections.



Fire Chief  
 Bruce A. Stedman

This levy would replace two EMS levies currently paid by property owners to the City of Lynnwood and Snohomish County Fire District 1. Last year, voters approved combining the two agencies into a regional fire authority called South County Fire. The next step of the plan called for passing a replacement EMS levy paid directly to the fire authority.

Call volumes have increased 34 percent in the last five years, and EMS accounts for 85 percent of all emergencies. Funding from the EMS levy will be used to purchase and staff another ambulance to maintain response times, as well as continue to fund daily operations.

The EMS levy provides both basic and advanced life support – the highest standard of care – for area residents and businesses. South County Fire’s EMS program has been recognized nationally with awards from the Journal of Emergency Medical Services and Congressional Fire Services Institute for the innovative care provided to residents and businesses.

The EMS levy will not be on the ballot in the cities of Brier, Edmonds and Mountlake Terrace. These cities contract with the fire authority to provide emergency services, paying a fee supported by their city taxes.

More information about the EMS levy can be found at South County Fire’s web site at [www.southsnofire.org/EMSlevy](http://www.southsnofire.org/EMSlevy). Public Information Officer Leslie Hynes also is available to answer questions at (425) 551-1243, [lhynes@southsnofire.org](mailto:lhynes@southsnofire.org).

**Firefighters install 135 smoke alarms for senior citizens at mobile home parks**

South County Fire teamed up with the Red Cross to install 135 smoke alarms for older adults at mobile home parks this spring: 100 alarms at the Alpine Ridge mobile home parks in Lynnwood in April and 35 alarms at Youngs Mobile Home Park in Mountlake Terrace in May. Our goal is to make sure residents have updated smoke alarms to give them the early warning they need to escape in a fire.



**Academy graduates are now on duty at neighborhood fire stations**

Congratulations and welcome to our newest recruits, who graduated in the inaugural class of the Snohomish County Fire Training Academy: Felipe Aguirre, Cory Dowell, Chris Fezer, Theodore Martin, Spencer Sommer, Casey Wilson and Joshua Young. They are now working as probationary firefighters at neighborhood fire stations throughout the South County Fire service area.



**PROMOTIONS**



**Thad Hovis**  
 promoted to  
 Deputy Chief of Operations



**Karl Fitterer**  
 promoted to  
 Assistant Fire Marshal