



Message from the Chief

Recently the City received notification from the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau that the protection class rating for the city improved from a four to a three. The City is evaluated every five years with the rating used by most insurance companies as one factor in setting property insurance rates. This is good news for the residents of Tumwater and reflects on the hard work that goes on across the City. The rating is not specific to the work that the Fire Department does. Community Development and Water Resources staff also contribute directly to the process. In reality, all City departments contribute in one way or another supporting the evaluation and resulting score. The new rating is effective on July 1 and applies to a majority of properties in the City. There are some exceptions and please feel free to reach out if staff or community members have questions.

Brian Hurley

Medical Services Officer

The department responded to 440 calls in the month of June. Out of those calls 164 were advance life support and 5 cardiac arrests.

Compression only CPR is available at Tumwater Fire Department. You can sign up for classes through Thurston County Medic One. Classes are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Community Outreach



On June 6, crews attended Michael T Simmons Field Day and provided tours of the apparatuses.

Crews attended the Olympia Airshow during Father's Day weekend and were ready to respond if needed.



Suppression Report



On June 25, crews responded to a report of pylon fire. Once on scene crews were able to extinguish the fire.

On June 13, crews responded to a report of a small fire in a garden shed. Once on scene crews were able to contain the fire with no extensions. The potential cause could have been from a battery-operated toy car which was heavily damaged.



Fire Prevention

There is nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. Grills can be very hot, causing burn injuries and property damage!

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should be only used outdoors. The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container. To check for a gas leak when using propane grill, apply a light soap and water solution to the hose and fittings. A gas leak will produce bubbles, if a leak is present turn off both the grill and the tank. If the leak stops get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop call the Fire Department for assistance.

