



Message from the Chief

In 2024 Medic One is celebrating 50 years of providing emergency medical services to residents of Thurston County. The Medic One system was the first county-wide system of its kind in the nation. County-wide Advanced Life Support (ALS) paramedic services are provided under contract with Tumwater, Olympia and Lacey Fire District 3. The City of Tumwater, through its Fire Department, has been a partner since the beginning. The first full-time paid staff in Tumwater were hired in partnership with Medic One. In the beginning there were three paramedic units servicing the county. Currently Med One is planning to add the eighth Medic Unit and its proposed location is Station 2 in Tumwater. The added benefit for the residents of Tumwater is that the paramedics are also trained as firefighters and respond to all fires in Tumwater. We are proud to partner with Medic One and look forward to continuing to jointly serve the residents of Tumwater and Thurston County.

Brian Hurley

Medical Services Officer

The department responded to 454 calls in the month of August. Out of those calls 144 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 August 6, crews participated in National Night Out by visiting several communities within Tumwater.

The Fire Department has a certified child passenger safety (CPS) technician on staff to conduct child safety seat checks, provide education material and offer hands on experience to assist in the installation of car seats.

You can call (360) 754-4170 to make an appointment or visit <https://cert.safekids.org/> to find technician.

In the month of August our CPS technician assisted three families.

Suppression Report



On August 15 crews responded to Pioneer Park for a brush fire. Once on scene crews located a fire smoldering at the base of a tree. The use of the Departments ORV was used to get the crew to the location being secluded.

On August 2 crews responded to Deschutes Valley Park for a report of a small fire. Once on scene crews located a small trash fire in the trees and bushes near the park. Crews extinguished the fire.



Training Officer

Crews prepare and train at the Mark Noble Regional Fire Training Center and practice deck gun operations. What is a deck gun you may ask? Deck guns are fixed nozzles that supply large volumes of water to a fire.

The first operation utilized an engine mounted deck gun. Crews are tasked with arriving at a hydrant, deploying hose, and applying water into a simulated propane tank with fire threatening the tank. This operation involves "taking the fire hydrant" by laying 300 feet of supply hose, connecting to the hydrant and engine, and turning the water on at the hydrant. The pump operator then positions the engine mounted deck gun at the target and opens the valve to allow water to be directed at the target. The goal is to complete this operation in under three minutes.

The second operation uses a ground monitor deck gun. Just like the first operation, crews arrive at a hydrant, deploy 300 feet of five-inch supply hose, and connect to the hydrant. Crews then have to deploy two 100-foot smaller supply lines to the ground-based deck gun. This operation has a target time of five minutes due to the extra time it takes to position the ground monitor base.

