



Message from the Chief

As we enter fall and winter, it's important to be prepared for weather related or other emergencies. Thurston County Emergency Management has a wealth of preparedness resources that can be accessed through the City or Thurston County website. Resources for developing a plan for emergencies, building an emergency supply kit, and how to stay informed during an emergency. One of the best ways to stay informed is to sign up for notifications through TC Alert which can be done through the Thurston County Emergency Management website. Important notifications regarding weather events, flooding, and other emergencies that can be customized for your interests and area. Please take the time to plan ahead and be prepared!

Brian Hurley

Medical Services Officer

The department responded to 531 calls in the month of September. Out of those calls 172 were advanced life support and 8 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



Together! Mission: Together! advances the health and wellbeing of all young people.

Tumwater Firefighters have recently partnered with Together!, an organization located here in Tumwater aimed towards helping students who may be facing barriers in life and lack the resources needed to succeed day to day.

Together! has joined Tumwater School District and North Thurston Public Schools to provide support for the wellbeing of these children raised in difficult circumstances or experiencing hardships. Together! is equipped to provide services for family or personal crisis, mental health, hunger, and much more.

For more information on the Together! program, how to receive resources, or donate, visit www.thurstontogether.org.

Suppression Report



On September 9, crews responded to a two-car vehicle accident located on the offramp of the Maytown rest area. One of the involved individuals was transported to the hospital.

On September 16, crews were dispatched for a smoke investigation. Upon arrival they found a recreational vehicle completely engulfed in flames.



Fire Prevention Officer

Where should fire extinguishers be located?

Fire extinguishers that are placed correctly can be accessed more quickly to help control a fire until the Fire Department arrives. Fire extinguishers are not intended to be a substitute for evacuating the building quickly and safely.

Two factors for placing extinguishers are that they should be accessible and visible.

Extinguishers should be placed where they are readily accessible in the event of a fire, which typically includes normal paths of travel. If visual obstructions cannot be avoided then arrows, lights, or signs are needed to help indicate where a fire extinguisher is located. Travel distance to the nearest extinguisher can't be more than 75 feet in most commercial office settings. If an extinguisher weighs more than 40 pounds the extinguisher can't be more than 3.5 feet from the top of the extinguisher to the ground, and no more than 4 inches from the bottom of the extinguisher to the ground. Extinguishers under 40 pounds can't be more than 5 feet from the top of the extinguisher to the ground, and no more than 4 inches from the bottom of the extinguisher to the ground. Requirements for fire extinguisher size and spacing based on hazard levels are defined by the National Fire Protection Association.

