

**DARRINGTON
FIRE
DISTRICT 24**

NEWSLETTER

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happy new year

Darrington Fire District 24 is the provider of fire, emergency medical, life safety, and rescue services for our community.

A Word From the Chief

2020 has been a period of challenges and great advancement. Our most significant improvement was staffing a medic unit in the fire district. We are now capable of providing advanced emergency medicine 24/7! This was made possible through a partnership with the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe.

We were also able to hire a full-time training captain through a federal grant. This position coordinates the training of all personnel in Darrington and Oso.

The presence of Covid-19 has affected every aspect of our service. It has required new approaches and creativity to operate in this new environment. Thankfully our team has adapted well and has worked diligently to continue serving our community.

Also, as a reminder, Commissioner meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month at 7pm. Please see our website or call the district office for more info.

Darrington Fire District Earns New Rating



Earlier this year, members of Darrington Fire District 24 earned a "Water Tender Credit" through the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB). A tender credit is applied to fire departments who show proficiency in flowing large volumes of water for an extended period of time in an area where fire hydrants are not available. This is done through an independent onsite evaluation of our training and operations by an official WSRB auditor. In addition to the insurance rating improvement, this shows that we are continually working to

provide the best level of service that we can, even in our rural areas.

This accomplishment is due to the continual efforts of our outstanding volunteers and staff.

By receiving our tender credit, there is an opportunity for home owners and renters in the non-hydrant areas to see a possible improvement in home/rental insurance premiums. This positively affects Whitehorse, Sauk Prairie, and other areas outside of town. Please visit darringtonfire.org or call Deputy Chief Drew Bono at (360) 913-5003.



Receive a Free Moisture Meter!

Join our challenge and we'll send you a Clean Burning Kit



PUGET SOUND
Clean Air Agency

Ready to transition to a cleaner heating option?

See if you qualify for a cash incentive for scrapping your old stove:

www.pscleanair.gov/woodstove

We want to provide you the tools you need to stay warm this winter, while also burning clean and reducing air quality burn bans.

The kit contains a moisture meter to test your wood before you burn and other useful information about wood burning and storage.

To qualify, you must have a wood stove, pass our short quiz, sign up for our burn ban alerts, and live in Snohomish County.

Learn more about the Clean Burn Challenge:

www.pscleanair.gov/CleanBurnChallenge or call (206) 689-4054

VOLUNTEERS WANTED - Join an Amazing Team

The Fire and EMS service is one of the most diverse and challenging vocations today. It is interesting, exciting, and provides an amazing way to serve family, friends, and neighbors. The dedicated volunteers of Darrington Fire District 24 provide all-hazard emergency response to our amazing community.

We realize that emergency response may not be for everyone, but we believe we can always find ways to volunteer and give back. There are plenty of opportunities either on an emergency scene or behind the scene - including assisting with the support, administration, and community outreach functions of Darrington Fire District 24. We are always excited to have more people join the team. Plus, the District will pay for all of your training and equipment!

If you are interested in joining us, we would love to chat with you more. Please email Captain Joel Johnson at jjohnson@darringtonfire.org or call our office at (360) 436-1338. You can also find more information about our organization at darringtonfire.org. Thank you!



September 16, 2020

Fire Chief Dennis Fenstermaker
Snohomish County FPD No.24

Fire Chief Fenstermaker,

Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) has completed its evaluation of the tender operations, as they relate to fire insurance rating, of your community. It is our pleasure to inform you that Snohomish County Fire District 24 will receive WSRB Tender Credit, effective October 1, 2020.

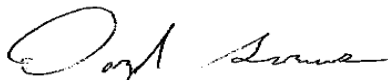
WSRB Tender Credit will apply to dwelling properties located within 7 road miles of a responding fire station but not having a standard fire hydrant within 1,000 feet. Dwellings in your community that meet these conditions will receive a Protection Class 7 (within 5 miles) or Protection Class 9 (5 to 7 road miles), which is an improvement from the previous Protection Class 8A or 9A that applied to these properties. Protection class ratings for individual properties are available by calling WSRB customer service at (206) 217-0101. We recommend residents of your community that have a dwelling that meets the above conditions contact their insurance agents to determine the relative effect this new protection class will have on their insurance premiums.

We wish to thank you and your staff for their cooperation during the evaluation.

This survey is not conducted for property loss prevention or for life safety purposes. The purpose is to gather information needed to determine a fire insurance relevant Public Protection Classification that may be used to develop fire insurance rates or loss costs. Our evaluation criterion incorporate many national recognized standards, such as those developed by NFPA, ICC and AWWA, and have been filed with and approved by the Washington State Office of Insurance Commissioner.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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December 7, 2018

Fire Chief Dennis Fenstermaker
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Chief Fenstermaker

Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) has completed its evaluation of the fire protection capabilities of your community as they relate to fire insurance rating. It is our pleasure to inform you that the Protection Classification (PC) for the Town of Darrington has improved from Protection Class 6 to Protection Class 5, effective April 1, 2019.

A Protection Class (PC) 5 rating will apply to dwelling and commercial properties located within five road miles of a responding fire station and having standard fire hydrant distribution and water supply. Properties in the community not meeting the above requirements will receive a different PC rating. Protection Class ratings for individual dwelling and commercial properties are available free of charge by calling WSRB Customer Service at (206) 217-0101 or emailing customerservice@wsrb.com. We recommend residents of your community contact their insurance agents to determine the relative effect this new community protection classification will have on their insurance premiums.

We wish to thank you and Captain Drew Bono for the cooperation during the evaluation.

Please find enclosed a copy of the new Protection Class Report. This report shows the various items evaluated and points associated with each item. The points total for all items determines the Protection Class of the community.

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A Protection Class (PC) 6 rating will apply to dwelling and commercial properties located within five road miles of a responding fire station and having standard fire hydrant distribution and water supply. Properties in the community not meeting the above requirements will receive a different PC rating. Protection Class ratings for individual dwelling and commercial properties are available free of charge by calling WSRB Customer Service at (206) 217-0101 or emailing customerservice@wsrb.com. We recommend residents of your community contact their insurance agents to determine the relative effect this new community protection classification will have on their insurance premiums.

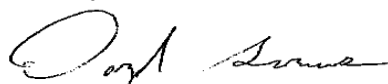
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