

NEWSLETTER

KRESS LAKE SAFETY DAY

Date - Saturday, May 19, 2012

Time - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Place - Kress Lake



Bring your family and join us for a fun and informational journey around Kress Lake.

Cowlitz County Fire District #5 and our friends have prepared numerous safety displays and informational booths to help keep you safe & healthy throughout the years. After finishing our Safety Course, children ages 4 - 14 will have a chance to fish for Rainbow Trout in a special netted section of the lake.

Tentatively Scheduled Calendar of Events

- **May 19** - Kress Lake Safety Day 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **July 21** - Fireman's Pancake Breakfast at St. 51 7:30 a.m. - 10:30
- **August 7** - National Night Out, crime & drug prevention event at Port of Kalama Marine Park 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- **August 19** - Fireman's Pancake Breakfast at St. 51 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

If you have questions or comments please feel free to write, e-mail, call us or even come by the District office.

Regular Board Meetings

Held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Station 51

Meetings are open to the public.

Our friends that made it a great day last year were:

- AMALAK's
- Bob's Sporting Goods
- Child & Adolescent Clinic
- Crime Stoppers
- Cowlitz County Dive Team
- Farmers Insurance
- Kalama Chevron
- Kalama Fair Board Princesses
- Kalama High School student volunteers
- Kalama Lions Club
- Kalama VFW

- Life Flight Network
- Pacific NW Securities
- Washington State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- Washington State Fire Marshals - Sprinkler Trailer
- Washington State Patrol SWAT
- Watkins Tractor
- Wildwood Enterprises
- WA. Hunter Education Instructors Assoc.
- Woodland Moose Lodge
- Joe Lawson
- Scott & Cherie Bishop

- ◇ Free blood pressure checks!
- ◇ Ask about CPR classes!
- ◇ We install smoke detectors!

**Kress Lake will be closed to the public
Midnight Thursday, May 17 through
6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 19**

MAY WE NOT FORGET



2012, actually to be exact, February 14th, 2012, marks the 30th anniversary of the M/V Protector Alpha event.

On that February evening in 1982, the 644 foot long by 85 foot wide break bulk cargo ship M/V Protector Alpha was at berth here in Kalama at Harvest States grain. It was there that during a refueling operation the vessel caught fire. Over the course of the next three days, many issues arose. There was economic impact to the region due to the shipping channel being closed. There was a lack of a multi-jurisdictional contingency plan. A failure to establish an incident command organization. A lack of shipboard

fire-fighting for land-based firefighters, and the ultimate sacrifice with the death of a U.S. Coast Guardsman during fire-fighting operations.

Historically this event placed Kalama on the maritime map forever. Though tragic, the event spawned major changes and advancements in marine fire-fighting both regionally and nationally. MFSA (Maritime Fire Safety Association) was formed. Today, MFSA consists of industrial, commercial, private and public partners.

F-PAAC is the fire-EMS emergency response component of MFSA. Currently eleven fire-EMS agencies from Astoria, OR to Portland, OR provide a variety of resources in the event of a marine vessel incident. As well, hundreds of first responders have been trained in land based marine fire-fighting techniques by attending schools at Texas A&M in College Station, Texas, MERTS symposium in Virginia Beach, Virginia, the Washington State Fire Academy in North Bend, Washington, MERTS facility in Astoria, Oregon, as well as annual refresher training hosted throughout the lower Columbia River system.

Yet training does not mitigate an incident by itself. With the assistance of federal funding, shipping fees and membership dues, great strides acquiring and maintaining state of the art equipment has occurred. On the lower Columbia River system, MFSA has staged oil skimmers, caches of booming, fire foam pods, specialized CO2 delivery equipment, incident command trailers and even wildlife rehab trailers. Technologically, MFSA's ability to respond to and mitigate a marine vessel incident today is far more advanced than in 1982.

Reminder *Seasonal Burn Ban* July 15 - September 30

Interested in being a volunteer? We can't do this job alone.

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Add the nationwide adoption of NIMS (National Incident Management System) and the industry standard, NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) 1005 and you can see that a tragic historical maritime incident was not "swept" under the carpet. Positive changes have occurred, from training to equipment to interagency workings. Cowlitz County Fire District #5 is proud to be a part of MFSA, a partner in our community, supporting our industries and our Port.

We have not forgotten the events from February 1982, we hope you will not either.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Lt. Chris Amren, experienced Firefighter & EMT, has completed his training to add IV technician to his list of skills.



Melissa Baker has completed her training and certification requirements to become a Nationally Certified Emergency Medical Technician.

"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you."
B. B. King (born 1925)



Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Casey successfully completed the rigorous testing/hiring process to become our newest full-time staff member.

Jared is filling the vacant position left by FF/PM Aaron Flemens after he was hired by the Longview Fire Department in March.



Congratulations to the latest 3 recruit Firefighters for completing the Academy!

FF Jerry Barker



FF Heather Sinkler



FF/EMT Jessica Tangen



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Don't dig into trouble!

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SHARPS DISPOSAL

Many people are faced with the medical necessity of using hypodermic needles to administer various types of medications. It is very important to dispose of those used "SHARPS" in a safe and hygienic way.



Prevent needlestick injuries by disposing of used needles properly

- Never place loose syringes, needles or lancets in the trash
- Label a plastic container with a screw on lid with the words "SHARPS Do Not Recycle"
- You can also purchase SHARPS containers from most pharmacies
- Place syringes and lancets in marked containers point first
- Secure the screw on lid with strong duct tape or packaging tape when the container is about half full

Waste Control Recycling, Inc in Longview, offers FREE household hazardous waste disposal.

Tuesday & Saturdays
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

***Note from Waste Control Recycling Inc.** SHARPS must be deposited into a sealed plastic container, such as a 2-liter plastic bottle, with duct tape around the lid. Your SHARPS container will not be returned to you.

HazWaste Facility
(Building A)
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Longview