

YOUR FIRE DISTRICTS: BETTER TOGETHER

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MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

As we grow older, life brings with it both new freedoms and new challenges. One of the most important gifts we can give ourselves, our families, and our neighbors is the gift of safety. Simple steps like keeping pathways clear of trip hazards, ensuring smoke alarms are working, and having a plan in case of emergencies make a tremendous difference in allowing us to continue living well and independently.

Having aged myself, I understand firsthand how important it is to make safe living a daily priority. At Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, our purpose is *People Helping People*. That means we're not just here to respond when something goes wrong; we're here to partner with you in living safely, confidently, and fully. Whether assessing hazards at your home during an incident response, sharing resources on fall prevention, or being a friendly face in the community, we are committed to helping ensure your safety and peace of mind.

Together, we can create a community where everyone feels supported and protected. Please know that you're never alone; we are here for you and stronger when we look out for one another.

Stay safe, live well, and remember we're all on this journey together.

With respect and gratitude,
Chief Morrow

CALL DATA (JAN. – SEPT. 2025)



33,555

EMERGENCY
CALLS



2.45%

FIRE
RELATED



75%

EMS
RELATED



22.55%

OTHER

The call data shown above represents the total number of emergency incidents our firefighters responded to between January and September 2025.

Incidents related to hazardous materials, severe weather, good intent, service calls, false alarms, and natural disasters fall under the "other" category.

PIERCE COUNTY BLOOD PROGRAM CREDITED WITH SAVING YOUNG LOGGER'S LIFE



On October 10th, 19-year-old Will Mykland and his family reunited with the Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, South Pierce Fire & Rescue, and Airlift Northwest crews who saved his life following a devastating logging accident in August.



On August 15th, Will was struck by a falling tree while working in the woods. Despite his severe injuries, he managed to crawl to safety before his partner and first responders reached him. Firefighters from Central Pierce Fire & Rescue quickly assessed his condition, called for an airlift, and began advanced treatment in the field. In the medic unit, Will received a whole blood transfusion, a lifesaving intervention that, according to Airlift Northwest and the Tacoma General trauma team, made the difference between life and death.

"I was blown away when I learned the blood transfusion kept me alive," Will said. "It made me realize how important it is for people to donate blood."

Launched in January 2025, the Pierce County Blood Program equips fire department units with blood, allowing medical services officers to deliver hospital-level care before patients ever arrive at the emergency department. Since its launch, the program has provided more than 70 transfusions, with over half of those going to trauma patients like Will. Research shows that starting whole blood within 34 minutes of injury increases survivability by 50%.

"This program is saving lives today," said Medical Services Officer, Lieutenant Brett Martinson. "Stories like Will's show exactly why we carry whole blood in the field, and why it is so important for our community."

The program is a partnership between Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, Tacoma Fire Department, Bloodworks Northwest, MultiCare, and the MultiCare Health Foundation.

How you can help. Every unit of blood used in the field begins with a community donor. Will is alive today because blood was available when he needed it most. You can help save lives by donating blood through Bloodworks Northwest. To learn more or schedule an appointment, visit www.bloodworksnw.org



PATIENT REUNIFICATIONS

Over the past year, our crews reunited with nine individuals and families who either survived cardiac arrest or welcomed a baby in the field.

Once an individual is transported to the hospital, our crews rarely have the opportunity to learn what happens afterward. Cardiac arrest reunions offer a sense of closure and hope for both the responders and the individuals they assisted. Similarly, reuniting with families after a baby's delivery allows them to express gratitude and share the joy of those first moments. For firefighters, these reunions are a rare and special chance to see the happy outcome of their work and build lasting connections with the community they serve.

FACILITIES UPDATE



Our fire district has been hard at work making strategic improvements to ensure we continue meeting the growing needs of our community. From reopening a closed station to planning new facilities, each project strengthens our ability to respond quickly and effectively in times of emergency. Here is a look at some of the most recent projects and progress happening throughout the district.

One of the most exciting developments is the reopening of Station 66, located at 128th St E and 98th Ave E in South Hill. After being closed for several years, when Station 72 opened, the call volume in the area supported the need to staff the station again. As of October 1st, Station 66 is staffed 24/7 with a medic unit and a heavy rescue unit. This means faster response times for nearby residents, better coverage for surrounding neighborhoods, and improved support for crews across the district.

As our communities continue to expand, so does the need for reliable emergency services in more rural areas. We are currently in the design phase for a new fire station, Station 92, planned for the Kapowsin area. This station will help provide much-needed coverage in a growing part of our fire district. The design process is underway, and we look forward to sharing more details as the project progresses.

We recently completed the construction of a new facilities maintenance shop behind Station 64, located off 224th St E and 35th Ave E in Spanaway. Our stations require regular upkeep to stay in top condition, and this dedicated space will allow our facilities team to perform work more efficiently and effectively. This investment reflects our commitment to taking care of the spaces that support both our firefighters and our community.

Each of these projects, whether reopening a station or building new facilities, is an investment in the safety and well-being of our community. We are grateful for the ongoing support of our community, whose trust and partnership make these improvements possible.

APPARATUS UPDATE

In 2025, we continued our improvements to our emergency response fleet by refurbishing previously used apparatus and investing in new emergency vehicles. Refurbishing apparatus is a cost-effective way to extend the lifespan of reliable vehicles while updating them with modern equipment, improved safety features, and enhanced performance.



Currently, we are refurbishing two engines and a ladder truck. Earlier this year, we completed the refurbishment of a wildland transport vehicle, which went into service this summer and supported our wildland rescue team.

Station 40 in Orting welcomed a new fire engine into service last month. Outfitted with the latest technology and safety features, the new engine enhances our firefighting and rescue capabilities in the Orting community.

We have also added two new jet-powered boats and two tow vehicles to our fleet, improving our response capabilities during highly technical swift water rescue calls. Lastly, to aid in response, we are adding a new ladder truck, a new HazMat vehicle, and two Battalion Chief response units.

The new ladder truck was purchased by Graham Fire & Rescue in late 2024, and this truck is currently in production at the Spartan manufacturing plant. It is expected to be delivered in Spring 2026 and assigned to Station 91, where it will replace an aging ladder truck.

The HazMat vehicle was purchased by Central Pierce Fire & Rescue in early 2023. This vehicle was completed last month and is scheduled to be assigned to Station 63 during the 1st quarter of 2026.

Two Battalion Chief response units are being equipped with advanced communication systems and command gear to effectively oversee large-scale incidents. These two units will replace aging units.

Acquiring new apparatus and refurbishing vehicles enhances public safety and response throughout our growing district.

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

Your fire districts proudly serve communities within the City of Puyallup, City of Orting, Graham, South Hill, Parkland, Spanaway, Frederickson, and Kapowsin.

OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



328,000 community members served



48,020 emergencies responded to in 2024



530 dedicated first responders



178 square miles protected

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