
Klickitat County Fire Protection District No. 12

Quarter 2 Newsletter, April – June 2022



Providing structural/wildland firefighting services and EMS support to the residents of Klickitat and surrounding areas

Chief's Message



Tim Johnson, Chief

Welcome to our first Klickitat County Fire Protection District No. 12 (KCFD12) quarterly newsletter! I'm excited to represent KCFD12 as your fire chief. I have been serving as the KCFD12 chief for the past year and a half and came to KCFD12 with 15 years of structural and wildland firefighting experience. Our department is looking forward to continuing to engage with the community of Klickitat. Thank you for all of your support!

Fire Department News

Volunteers Needed – KCFD12 is staffed entirely by volunteers and is in need of additional volunteers to help serve the community of Klickitat. No prior firefighting or EMS experience is necessary. KCFD12 staff respond to dozens of EMS calls and several fire-related calls within the community of Klickitat every year, as well as mutual-aid wildland and structural fire calls in surrounding districts within the county. For more information, please contact Chief Tim by email (listed at the bottom of this letter) or visit us at one of our weekly training opportunities!

Trainings – KCFD12 has increased our training schedule to weekly trainings in order to better prepare for wildland fire season. KCFD12 volunteers meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month from 3:00-5:00 PM and on Mondays from 6:00-8:00 PM on alternating weeks. Please visit the KCFD12 page on the Klickitat Community website (www.klickitatwa.org/kcfd12) for a complete list of upcoming training dates.

New Logo Design – KCFD12 recently adopted a new logo for the fire department! The logo features the classic font featured on the original Klickitat mineral springs soda and water bottles and that is seen throughout town. The new logo also embraces the region's strong relationship with steelhead salmon and the Klickitat River. Look for the logo as we make the transition! Also look for the new logo stickers that our volunteers will be sporting on their vehicles!

Address Signs for Sale – KCFD12 is selling reflective street address signs to help KCFD12 and other County emergency services in locating correct addresses during fire/medical calls, as well as to help support KCFD12. Signs are \$25, or \$50 with installation. Please email Chief Tim if you would like to purchase one.

Quarter 1 (Jan-Mar) Response Report – Calls for Service

EMS: 8 Fire (structure/vehicle): 0 Fire (wildland): 0 Fire (mutual aid): 0

Quarter 2 (Apr-Jun) Response Report – Calls for Service

EMS: 13 Fire (structure/vehicle): 3 Fire (wildland): 3 Fire (mutual aid): 1

Upcoming Events

Monthly Fire Commissioners' Meetings – First Thursday of every month (July 7, August 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6) at 7:00 PM at the KCFD12 fire hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Canyon Days Fire Hall Breakfast – Saturday, July 30, 7:00-10:00 AM. Cost is \$6 for seniors/kids, \$8 for adults. Fuel up for a busy day with pancakes or biscuits and gravy, sausage, and hot beverages!

3rd Quarter Preparedness Information

Burn Ban in Effect – A burn ban for all zones within Klickitat County is in effect, per Klickitat County ordinance. Please protect our community, our canyon, and our firefighters during this period of high fire risk!

Think “Defensible Space” - Keep your property lean and green to help protect your family and home. Defensible space is essential to improve your home’s chance of surviving a wildfire. Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat. Proper defensible space also provides firefighters a safe area to work in, to defend your home. Visit <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/defensible-space/> for more information on creating and maintaining “defensible space”!

KCFD12 Volunteers

Tim Johnson (Chief)	Donald Liebermann (EMT)	Darrell Geary
Jeff Geary (Asst. Chief)	Audra Leming (EMT)	Sandy Hayden
Melvin Curtis (Asst. Chief)	Natalie St. John (EMT)	Brenda Clack
Todd Jacobsen (Sergeant)	Richard Browning	Bretta Curtis
Rachel Bryan (Treasurer)	Brien McNair	Skylar Sanders
Christine Browning (Secretary)	Kaelene McNair	Lee Shults
	KC Watson	Mo Ayach

KCFD 12 Commissioners

Carl Coolidge	Jim Reed	Audra Lemming
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To contact KCFD12, or for more information:

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