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Lake Stevens Fire educates public, shares new truck



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Lake Stevens Fire welcomed the community to its downtown Station 81 on Wednesday, June 28 to introduce them to their firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics and the work they do within Lake Stevens.

Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien welcomed guests and thanked them for coming and educating themselves on all that the district does.

"We want to take this time to thank you. We work for you, this is your department", O'Brien said.

Lake Stevens Fire is 70 years old this year and began as a small volunteer fire department.

"We've come a long way. We've seen unprecedented growth in Lake Stevens and sometimes it has been hard to keep up," O'Brien said. "Our service demands keep growing but we are planning ahead. Service and caring for people is at the heart of what we do."

Fire Commissioner Jim Steinruck spoke of how prepared and well-trained the district is and how it will continue to be progressive.

A resident of Lake Stevens whose daughter received care from paramedics, Crystalle Green spoke of the incident that saved her 12-year-old daughter's life.
"On October 23, 2015 my daughter Jasmine sustained cardiac arrest," she explained.

Jasmine's friend was playing with her when Jasmine fell to the ground. Her friend ran to get Green. The terrified mother dialed 911 and started CPR.

"Crystalle performed CPR and saved her daughter's life," O'Brien said, explaining that by knowing how to perform CPR, one of the many demonstrations performed that evening, she saved her child's life.

"When I got there she was unconscious and lying in the street. I started chest compressions which kept the blood flowing to her heart and brain," Green said.
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived within four minutes for which Green was extremely grateful.

"They were able to bring her back. She took a huge breath which was the best sound I've ever heard.," Green said.

Jasmine was transported to the hospital and given a pacemaker and is living a normal life today.

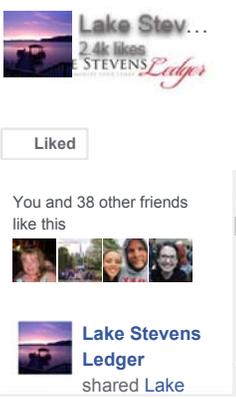
"There are no words to express my appreciation and gratitude," Green said. "We are blessed to have this level of care in our community."

Firefighters not only demonstrated the importance of knowing CPR but also shared apparatus tours and extrication drills to educate the community in just some of what they do.

After the demonstrations members of the district took leadership oaths which included Leadership Oaths & Family Recognition: Battalion Chief Welch, Captain Scott Boswell, Paramedic/Firefighter Shaun Kelly, Firefighter/EMT Adam Blue, Firefighter/EMT Nadia Kukhotskaya and Chaplain Badges: Chaplain Michael Baughman, Chaplain Alvena Baughman, Chaplain Pat Ward, Chaplain Doris Fitzgerald/ Recognition of Years of Service: Firefighter/EMT Michael Shea, Firefighter/EMT Gary Chandler.

Fire Station 81 also received a new fire truck which received its ceremonious Wet Down where the truck was sprayed with a fire hose and all in attendance got to wipe it down as an inauguration to the station.

Lake Stevens Fire has a new Strategic Plan which can be found at lakestevensfire.org.



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