

# Community Connection



November 20, 2018

## Congratulations to Our HS Fair Winner!

Congratulations to our first grade winner of the Classroom Visit with Lake Stevens Fire and Lake Stevens Police! He qualified to enter the drawing for this free raffle prize by visiting over 20 booths at the 2018 Health & Safety Fair. It was a great day connecting with Mrs. Morris' first grade class. Students explored the fire engine and police car, learned about fire safety and when to get low and go, learned that police officers are our friends, and let's not forget the pizza snack ~ yum!! We look forward to this event each year and hope to see you at the 2019 Health & Safety Fair scheduled for Saturday, June 8 from 10am – 2pm. Thank you to Mrs. Morris' Class at Highland Elementary for spending time with us!



## Happy Thanksgiving Lake Stevens!

Each year from 2014 to 2016, an estimated 2,400 residential building fires were reported to fire departments in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day and caused an estimated 5 deaths, 25 injuries and \$19 million in property loss.

Lake Stevens Fire offers the following safety tips to help keep your holiday season fire safe and injury free.

- ◆ Cook with caution and be alert! Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, or grilling food.
- ◆ Keep anything that can catch on fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains—away from the stovetop.
- ◆ Have a “kid-free zone” of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared.
- ◆ If you have a small grease cooking fire and decide to fight the fire; use a lid to remove the oxygen from the fire to put it out. Turn the burners off and leave the pan covered until completely cooled.
- ◆ Do NOT use water as it can spatter the fire and multiply its effects.
- ◆ Plan ahead! Make a home escape plan by drawing a map of your home. Identify at least two ways out. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE your escape plan together so everyone knows what to do and where to go.
- ◆ Close all doors behind you if you have to exit the home. This contains the fire to where it started and prevents the fire from spreading.
- ◆ If your smoke alarms sound, it's time to get out. Once out, stay out until the fire department personnel says it's safe to go back inside.



We at Lake Stevens Fire are incredibly thankful for the support from our Lake Stevens community. It is our privilege to serve you!

# LSF Receives Clean Audit & Adopts 2019 Budget

Lake Stevens Fire is pleased to announce they have received another positive report from the Washington State Auditor. The focus of this audit was the Financial Statements Audit Report for January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The auditor confirmed the results of their tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. This success is a direct result of continued internal quality controls and accurate financial reporting within the District.



Additionally at the November 15 Commissioner Meeting, Lake Stevens Fire adopted their 2019 Budget. The draft 2019 Budget was initially presented to the Commissioners at the November 1 Commissioner Meeting; and then a Special Commissioner Meeting/Budget Hearing was held on November 6. The purpose of the Budget Hearing was to provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions prior to the adoption of the 2019 Budget.



In an effort to remain accountable and transparent to the citizens of the Lake Stevens Fire District, both the Financial Statements Audit Report and the 2019 Budget have been posted on the website: [www.lsfire.org](http://www.lsfire.org) / **Funding**. Please feel free to contact Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien with any questions or concerns.

## STATS 10/28 - 11/3/2018

Service Response	Week 42, 2018	2018 YTD	% Change from 2017
EMS	89	3,878	0.26%
Fire/Rescue	21	1,190	-9.57%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>-2.24%</b>

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Saving Life,  
Protecting Property  
& Safeguarding the  
Environment**

## Connecting with Families at Halloween Festival

The Halloween Festival downtown Lake Stevens was a great opportunity to connect with families and what fun to see everyone dressed up in their costumes! Lake Stevens Fire handed out their new fire safety card with treats, and offered tours of the fire engine and ambulance. A huge thank you to the Lake Stevens Police Department for hosting the event this year!



# ★ LSF Firefighter Oath Ceremonies ★



Lake Stevens Fire recently recognized two firefighters with their Firefighter Oath Ceremony, Firefighter Rhoades and Firefighter Seda. Lake Stevens Fire considers it a privilege to serve the Lake Stevens community, and each firefighter takes an oath of commitment at the beginning of their career. We are dedicated to providing exceptional service to our Lake Stevens community.



## Lake Stevens Fire Appreciates Support from Chaplains

Chief O'Brien meets with our LSF Chaplains once a month to check in and see how things are going, and thank them for their service. When someone faces a personal emergency within our community, our chaplains are available to assist our crews as needed throughout the day.



*Pictured above: Captain Terry, Chief O'Brien, Alvena Baughman, Michael Baughman, Pat Ward, and Doris Fitzgerald.*

## Coffee with the Chiefs

The next Coffee with the Chiefs is scheduled for 3pm-4pm Wednesday, November 28 at the Lake Stevens Haggen Cafe. Fire Chief Kevin O'Brien and Police Chief John Dyer look forward to connecting with the people they serve. We hope you can join us!



## Upcoming Events...

### Coffee with the Chiefs

Wednesday, November 28th from 3 - 4pm  
Lake Stevens Haggen Cafe

### Dickens Fair

Saturday, December 1st from 10am - 4pm  
Cavelero Mid High School, 8220 - 24th Street SE, LS

### Winterfest

Saturday, December 1st from 4:30 - 8pm  
Main Street, Downtown Lake Stevens

### Tips for Firefighters!

Saturday, December 8th from 5pm - 9pm  
Ixtapa Restaurant  
303 - 91st Avenue NE, LS



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# Thank You Lake Stevens Community for Your Support!