



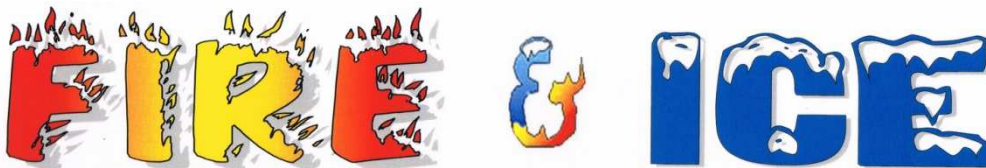
LACEY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

Community Dispatch

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Join us at Fire and Ice basketball challenge on
October 14th, 7 PM
St Martin's Marcus Pavilion

Help Lacey Fire District Win \$10,000

Liberty Mutual Insurance has a competitive online pledge program that awards fire service agencies \$10,000 for having the most citizens pledging their commitment to fire safety.

Their *Be Fire Smart Fire Safety Pledge Program* has \$100,000 available for fire service agencies across the country; the program deadline is October 31st.

1. Just visit www.BeFireSmart.com and click "Take the Quiz"
2. At the next screen, again select "Take the Fire Safety Quiz"
3. Take the quiz (good luck!)
4. When prompted, select the State (WA) and the City (Lacey)
5. Then be sure to scroll down to the bottom of the screen to ensure "**Thurston Cnty Fire District #3**" is displayed before you select the department you are voting for.

Last year, winners were from Maryland, Texas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Tampa, Michigan and three agencies from Massachusetts. This represents an alarming lack of representation from the Pacific Northwest. **Let's show them what we can do by having over 10,000 pledges by October 31st!**



Community Dispatch is the public newsletter of Lacey Fire District 3. It contains information on District news, events and happenings, as well as providing safety, emergency preparedness and health information you may find helpful. Let us know what you think – email us at info@laceyfire.com
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Achooooo – the Flu!

For millions of people each year, the flu can bring a runny nose, cough, muscle aches, sore throat, fever, chills and miserable days. But did you know that more than 200,000 people end up hospitalized because of flu complications?



You can take steps to protect yourself from this devious virus by getting a flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone 6 months and older get the flu vaccine.

For more information on the flu, visit <http://www.cdc.gov>

Station 35 (Jubilee area) Response Evaluation

In an effort to reduce operating expenses, in mid-July the District reduced the daily minimum number of firefighter/EMTs on duty to from 14 to 12.

On days with only 12 personnel, the response vehicle from Station 35 is moved to Station 31 to help with the higher volume of calls at this station.

The District has been monitoring response information closely, especially in the Station 35 area. Ongoing evaluation of the data suggests that there is about a minute (60 seconds) difference between evenings when the responders are generally in the station and daytimes when if minimum staffing is at 12 and the responders may be pulled to the main station area.

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| July & August 2011 | 90% response time; alarm to arrival |
| 8 AM – 8 PM | 12 minutes 55 seconds |
| 8 PM – 8 AM | 10 minutes 58 seconds |
| Overall July and August | 11 minutes 44 seconds |

As a comparison, here is information from January through June of 2011:

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| January through June 2011 | 90% response time; alarm to arrival |
| 8 AM – 8 PM | 11 minutes 46 seconds |
| 8 PM – 8 AM | 11 minutes 40 seconds |
| Overall January through June | 11 minutes 46 seconds |

1. Who needs a flu vaccine?

- a) You
- b) You
- c) You
- d) All of the above

Even healthy people can get the flu, and it can be serious.

Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine. **This means you.**

This season, protect yourself—and those around you—by getting a flu vaccine.

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For more information, visit www.flu.gov

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Fire Safety Month – Protect Your Family From Fire

A house fire is a scary event – one you surely do not want in your home.

This month, firefighters are out in schools in grades 1 through 3 and emphasizing fire safety. Why not ask your child about the visit from the firefighters and what they learned? Third grade classrooms focus on EDITH (exit drills in the home) and have the homework assignment of showing the layout of their house and the planned escape routes. Classrooms with 100% homework return from the children will be in a drawing for an ice cream social and visit from the firefighters later in the school year.

In addition EDITH, here are some other tips to protect your family from fire:

- Install and maintain smoke alarms. There should be one on every level of the home and outside every sleeping area.
- Test smoke alarms once a month
- Replace batteries annually. Replace your smoke detector if it is over 10 years old – they don't last forever.
- Give space heaters space – maintain at least a three foot area around a space heater
- Never leave food cooking on the stove unattended. Kitchen fires – unattended cooking fires - account for a large majority of fires annually in the United States
- Have a fire extinguisher and know how to use it.

While October is the focus **month** for fire safety, take steps to protect your family throughout the year – make your **year** fire safe.



This Halloween
Don't Get Caught in
a Web of Unsafe

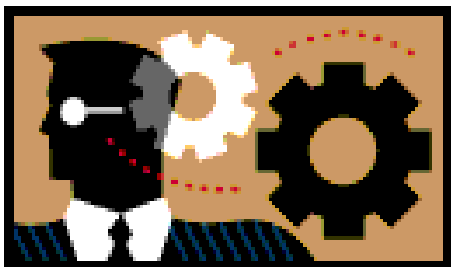
Did You Know?

Approximately 1/3 of all motor vehicle
crash fatalities involved
alcohol impaired driving.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm60e1004a1.htm?s_cid=mm60e1004a1_e&source=govdelivery



A firefighter pauses after work to keep the fire from destroying the home.



Be An Informed Voter – Proposition 1

By November 8th, you will have had a chance to cast your vote on Lacey Fire District’s levy lid lift - **Proposition 1**.

The measure asks voters to restore the levy to the 2004 level of \$1.50 per thousand of assessed property value. The chart below explains the fiscal impact on an average \$220,000 home.

| | | Without Lid Lift | With Lid Lift |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | 2011 Current | 2012 <i>Projected</i> | 2012 |
| Levy Rate | \$1.18 | \$1.30 | \$1.50 |
| Cost to homeowner | \$21.63 per month | \$23.83 per month | \$27.50 per month |
| Decreasing property values have the mathematical effect of increasing the levy rate. The 2012 rate is projected by the Thurston County Assessor to be approximately \$1.30. | | | +\$3.67 / month Above projected 2012 rate |

With a successful lid lift, the District would:

- Stabilize station staffing at headquarters and Jubilee stations and enhance service delivery to the Yelm/Lake St Claire area
- Provide funding for equipment maintenance, repair and replacement
- Restore the operational fund balance to one months’ operating costs as recommended by the State Auditor

If the levy lid lift fails:

- Daily staffing will be reduced
- Stations may be unstaffed
- Apparatus needing repairs will remain out of service
- Public education and community outreach will be reduced
- The District will ask voters again

If you have questions about the levy lid lift, please contact the Fire District:

- Visit our web page www.laceyfire.com
- Find us on Facebook at Lacey Fire District 3
- Email your questions to info@laceyfire.com
- Call us at 491-2410

If you have questions about your specific property taxes, please contact the Thurston County Assessor’s Office at 867-2200 or check out their website at <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/assessor/>