



# King County Fire District #40

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SUMMER 2018

- Don't leave children or pets inside a car even for a few minutes. Children are more sensitive to heat than adults, which means it doesn't take long for them to feel the effects of heat exhaustion.
- Bike helmets aren't just for kids. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, bicycle helmets are 85% effective in reducing brain injuries; unfortunately, only about 20% of all cyclists wear them.
- Drink plenty of fluids—but not alcohol. A dry, sticky mouth, lethargy, headache, muscle cramps or dizziness could be warning signs of dehydration.
- You shouldn't bake in the sun, and neither should your mayo. Use coolers or submerge foods in ice to keep them cold when eating outdoors.
- Bees like your perfume just as much as you do. If you've been stung and notice your face, tongue or throat is swelling, you may be having an allergic reaction, and you should call 9-1-1.



For more summer safety tips, go to the National Safety Council website at [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

## Fire Ops 101 Training



Nick Bushnell, Cheryl Nicholson, Chris Krystoflak, Ronnie Little, Justin Olney, and Samantha Babich,

Firefighters play an important role in our community and becoming one is not an easy task. On March 22-23, 2018, Fire District 40 Commissioners Cheryl Nicholson and Ronnie Little, along with Samantha Babich from the Renton RFA

had the privilege to go through the Fire Ops 101 Training in Richland, WA. This training allows elected officials and members of the media to walk in a firefighter's shoes for a day.

This year's class had over 25 "rookie firefighters" as well as being the largest class of female participants. Each rookie had a professional firefighter (their shadow) guiding them through the scenarios while ensuring every participant received a safe and authentic inside look of what firefighting involves.

The training consisted of six elements: two live-fire exercises, a ladder climb, an extrication (jaws of life) drill, a search & rescue simulation, and an emergency medical scenario.

Commissioners Nicholson and Little agree that attending Fire Ops 101 was one of the hardest things they have ever done. It was truly an eye-opener into what our first responders experience daily, and they thank their firefighter shadows for having their backs... literally!

## Fire District 40 Funding

King County Fire District 40 is financed by a limited number of revenue sources, with the primary source being property tax levies.

In 1990 the voters of Fire District 40 authorized the use of a Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) to supplement funding. The FBC is not a property tax, but instead is a charge for services provided by the District to the properties in the District.

The FBC reduces the amount of property tax that can be collected from \$1.50 to \$1.00 of assessed value while considering those who benefit more from

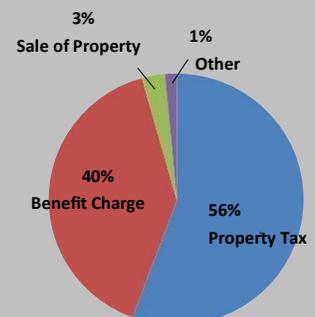
fire-protection services (e.g., massive structures and high fire-risk structures) should pay more for that service. This amount cannot be more than 60% of the total operating budget, and it is currently 40.2% of the District's 2018 expenses.

The balance of fire department revenues come from various other sources including the sale of property, contracts with the Kent School District and Seattle Public Utilities, cell tower lease payments, and interest income.

The District 40 Board of Commissioners understands they must be a diligent steward of

your money—especially as tax burdens keep rising, and they thank you for the opportunity to serve our community.

### 2018 Revenue





## 2018 Free CPR Classes

For more information or to register call 425-430-7000

Fire District 40 offers free “Friends and Family” CPR classes for those who want to be able to help others, but don’t need to be CPR certified for their job or volunteering. Classes are held at Station 13 (18002 108th Ave SE in Renton) from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Instruction includes CPR for adults, children, and infants. No first aid will be taught at this time, but an introduction to Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) awareness is included. Class minimum is ten students with a maximum of 25. Children under the age of 12 should not attend.

Participation cards are issued at the end of this non-certification class.

- Tuesday, July 17
- Tuesday, September 18
- Tuesday, November 13



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## 4th of July and Fireworks

**LAST YEAR** three (3) houses burned in Fairwood because of fireworks.

**THIS YEAR** Fairwood residents should remember that even though “safe and sane” fireworks are allowed in unincorporated King County and Fire District 40, they are never allowed on school property or in the City of Renton.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires per year. On top of fire risks, hospitals treat large numbers of fireworks-related injuries each year.

Attending a public fireworks display is highly encouraged, but if you choose to discharge fireworks, please do so safely and use the following guidelines:

- Fireworks may be discharged only on July 4th from 9 AM to midnight.
- Fireworks sales begin at noon June 28 until 11 PM through July 4th. No sales allowed after July 4th.
- You must be at least 16 years old with picture identification to purchase fireworks.

- Submerge spent fireworks in a bucket of water overnight before disposing them.
- **REMEMBER** if it has a stick or fins and it goes up or blows up, it is illegal in the State of Washington.



1:24 AM, July 5, 2017, Fairwood Greens