



## Kachemak Emergency Services

# The Smoke Signal

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## January Newsletter

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday wishes to our January Birthday Members: Maynard Kaufman, Charmaine Blaine, Rob Porter, Bob Ciccarella, and Harlon Engebretsen. Enjoy your "Special Day".

### EQUIPMENT

**Apparatus:** All equipment at Station 1 and Station 2 are operating and ready for response. Deputy Chief Sallee is driving Car-2 again, even though the repairs have not yet been completed. The most recent target date for repairs is before the end of January. Samantha Cunningham is driving U-3.

**Snow-machine and Snow-bulance:** The Snow-machine, Snow-bulance, and their trailer have been moved inside Station 1, and are ready for response. Members must first be checked off by the Chief before operating it.

**Tanker-3:** Tanker-3 remains in service, but has some seeping water issues. The tank continues to leak water from some spots in the tank, so don't poke at the seeping pits in the side of the tank. We will still be using this truck for a while, so be gentle with it.

**Replacement of Tanker-3:** KESA is working with the Borough on a new replacement tanker/pumper on a custom chassis. Chief Ciccarella has explored options with both Pierce and Rosenbauer. Supplier details are being worked out with the Borough. Delivery of the new truck is pending selection of a supplier and build / delivery time-lines. Don't hold your breath.



**In Reserve:** Engine-11, Squad-2, Rescue-1, and Medic-3. are out of service and stored for Reserve at Station 1 until further notice.

## TRAINING

Keep your eye on the calendar schedule board located in the entry into the training room. It is constantly being updated with new opportunities. Or check out the training calendar at the KESA web-site: [www.kesafire.org](http://www.kesafire.org)

**Fire Training:** The January Fire Training will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, January 23rd. The training will be at Station 1 at 18:00 hrs. Training will include a debriefing of the house explosion at mile 166. Thanks to all that helped out with that long call. Water supply is also on the agenda as well as some other interesting activities. Come join in for some fun. EMS and Support personnel are welcome to come and refresh their roles on the fire-ground.



**EMS Training:** The EMS Training in January will be on the second Wednesday of the month, January 9th, at 18:00 hrs at Station 1. Topics will include I-Gels, BLS Scenarios, Capnography Review, along with a review of written run reports using the scenarios mentioned above. Come join the fun. Fire and Support personnel are also welcome to attend.

**Rope Rescue:** The KESA January Rope Rescue training will be held on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at KESA Station 1. The topic will be “Anchor Systems”.

**Officer’s Meeting:** The February Officer’s Meeting is set for Monday, February 4th at 18:00 hrs at Station 1.

**Special BLS and ALS Super-Duper Training:** The Advanced ALS Training in January is open to all KESA Members. This special Training will be on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> with Dr. B.J. Coopes. All skill levels are welcome to share in this training from 18:00 to 20:30 at KESA Station 1. Dinner will be provided, so bring your appetites.

**Next FF-I Class:** The next Fire Fighter-1 class is being planned for Early 2019. If you or a friend are interested, see Chief Ciccirella or Deputy Chief Sallee. Remember, every additional new member helps to make our team stronger and our load lighter. Take the initiative to reach out and help encourage interested folks to sign up. It is a great way for community members to give back to their community and have a little fun too!

**Ideas / Suggestions:** If you have any ideas or suggestions for training, please let Deputy Chief Sallee know. He is eager to put together training that is interesting and helpful for the members. Let him know your thoughts. He will appreciate the feed-back.

### **\$100 CERTIFICATE FOR A FIRE OR EMS TOOL OF YOUR CHOICE**

There is a FF-1 class coming up in the next couple of months. Now is your chance to get a \$100 certificate towards a Fire or EMS tool of your choice. A \$100 purchase certificate will be awarded to any member that signs up a new recruit for an ETT or FF-1 Class. The new recruit must complete the class and pass the final testing before the purchase certificate will be awarded to the sponsoring member. No limit on the number of new recruits a member can sponsor! With your certificate, you get to pick out any Fire or EMS “gear, equipment, or clothing approved for emergency services” from “The Fire Store” – (value up to \$100.00). KESA will order it for you – and it will be yours as part of your personal KESA gear. Congratulations to Greg and Philip for qualifying for their tool of choice.

## HOLIDAY PARTY ... YEA!

The KESA Holiday Party was a smashing success. Lots of members attended, and every one had a fun time. The food was fabulous. Thank you to our hosts, Mr. & Mrs. Don Cotogno of the Timber Bay Bed & Breakfast.



## YUMMY PANCAKES FOR ALL – COMING SOON!!

Remember that great Pancake breakfast that we had for everyone last fall? Well, we are going to have another one. The date is Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at Station 1 – from 9am ‘till 1am. Rob Porter will be the pancake – master. If you would like to help man-handle the sausage and potatoes, please let Rob know. Gary will even whip up a few Gluten-Free pancakes! Hope to see everyone there! Bring the whole family and have some fun!

## NEW BOROUGH ISSUED KESA ID TAGS

All Volunteers need to stop by the Station and get their photos taken for an ID Badge that the KPB is requiring. Stop by and see Jeanette, Bob or Joe, or make sure you get a photo taken during a training meeting.



## REQUIRED BI-ANNUAL PHYSICALS –2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND

The Chiefs are reviewing the requirements for physical exams of all volunteers. Check with Jeanette to make sure you have gotten the proper paperwork. If you have questions, call Deputy Chief Sallee. If you have been contacted by Jeanette or one of the Chiefs to have your Physical done, please do it as soon as possible.

## WINTER DRIVING CONDITIONS

Freezing temperatures are here. Slow down and be extra careful. If conditions warrant, tire chains will be laid out for apparatus at the station – or even installed as needed. Refresh yourself on how to get them on or off. Remember to slow way down when you are driving an apparatus that has chains on it. Ending up in the ditch really doesn't help our response to help others. Slow down and make sure your windshield is free of snow and ice before responding out onto the road from home.

## HAVE YOU LOST YOUR SUNGLASSES?

These were found at the Christmas Party. They are waiting for you at Jeanette's front desk.



These were found in one of the rest rooms at Station 1. Stop by the station to claim them.



## PERSONNEL

Here is the current run-down of Staff and Officers:

### Staff:

- Bob Cicciarella – Fire Chief
- Joe Sallee – Deputy Fire Chief
- Harlon Engebretsen – Mechanic
- Jeanette Johnson – Administrative Assistant
- Samantha Cunningham – Firefighter Technician
- Jason Miller – Part-time Temporary

### Officers:

- Fire Chief:** Bob Cicciarella
- Deputy Fire Chief:** Joe Sallee
- Captains:** Greg Collins, Jose Diaz, Kevin Jones, Maynard Kaufman, Jason Miller, Gary Thomas, Samantha Cunningham (EMS)
- Lieutenant:** Rob Porter

AND all the rest of the dedicated volunteers which help to make our community a safer and better place to live. Thank you for all you do.

Stay safe.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*“You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.”*

- C. S. Lewis