



Kachemak Emergency  
Services

# The Smoke Signal

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## November Newsletter

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday wishes to our November Birthday Members: Don Moran and Kevin Jones. Enjoy your "Special Day".

### EQUIPMENT

**Apparatus:** All equipment at Station 1 and Station 2 are operating and ready for response, except for Car-2, which is out of service due to a moose collision. Deputy Chief Sallee is driving U-3 while we are waiting for repairs on Car-2.



The following apparatus are out of service and stored for Reserve at Station 1 until further notice:

Engine-11, Squad-2, Rescue-1, and Medic-3.

**Brush Trucks:** Brush-1 and Brush-3 have been demobilized and winterized for the winter months. Brush-2 remains in service at Station 2.

**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.

**Replacement of Tanker-3:** KESA is working with the Borough on a new replacement tanker/pumper on a custom chassis. Chief Cicciarella met with the Pierce factory rep while at the Fire Conference in Kenai to work out some of the specification and pricing details. Delivery of the new truck is expected in late summer of 2019.

## 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. Grab the chance to learn!

**Fire Training: NOTE SCHEDULE AND LOCATION CHANGE:** November Fire Training will be held on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Station 2 at 18:00 hrs. The date change is a result of Dr. Levy's availability forcing the switch between Fire and EMS training in November. Fire training will focus on Forcible Entry and Ventilation Techniques using Ladder-1. There will be a newly constructed ventilation prop for us to use. It is important to stay well trained on these important skills. Come join in for some fun. EMS personnel are welcome to come and refresh their roles on the fire-ground.

**EMS Training: SCHEDULE – DAY AND DATE CHANGE:** The EMS and Fire Training nights have been switched in November, due to Dr. Levy's availability. The EMS Training in November will be on the last **Tuesday** of the month, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 18:00 hrs at Station 1. Dr. Levy will be doing Run Reviews and training. There will be a chance to do some IV training! Stay current in your skills. Fire and Support personnel are also welcome to attend.

**Rope Rescue:** The November Rope Rescue training would normally fall on Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup>. Since it is the day before Thanksgiving, Rope Rescue training is cancelled for November. Try your knots at home as you tie up your turkey for roasting.

**Officer's Meeting:** The December Officer's Meeting is set for Monday, December 3rd at 18:00 hrs at Station 1.

**Advanced ALS Training:** Advanced ALS Providers will meet on Thursday, November 29<sup>h</sup>, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The training will be held at Samantha Cunningham's house. It is a pot-luck event, so bring some food to share. Paramedic Bill Mackreth will be traveling down from the Mat-Su area to teach – possibly on brain injuries. There will not be an Advanced ALS Training meeting in December. They will resume again in January.

**ICS 300-400 CLASS:** An ICS 300-400 class is being offered through South Peninsula Hospital November 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending, contact Chief Ciccirella or Deputy Chief Sallee.



**Trauma Review at SPH:** The next SPH Multidiscipline Trauma Review session will be held at the SPH Conference rooms 1 & 2 at 18:00hrs on December 5<sup>th</sup>. These reviews are always interesting, tracking cases from field treatment through the emergency room and into the care provided post-ER. The Trauma Reviews are open to anyone in the Emergency Services.

**Next ETT Class:** The next ETT class is scheduled to run from November 13 through December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you, or someone you know, is interested in this class, please see Chief Ciccirella or Deputy Chief Sallee.

**Next FF-I Class:** The next Fire Fighter-1 class is being planned for Early January. If you or a friend are interested, see Chief Ciccirella or Deputy Chief Sallee.

**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 TOOL OF YOUR CHOICE**

There is an ETT class and a FF-1 class coming up in the next couple of months. Now is your chance to get a \$100 certificate towards a 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 “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.



## **FIELD TESTING NEW PAGER SYSTEMS**

KESA has completed field testing of the new pager systems to replace the current I-M-Responding system. KESA has selected the “e-Dispatch” system for our new replacement system. Everyone should have the codes for down-loading the e-Dispatch app into your phone. If you don’t have the codes or the app on your phone, please contact Chief Ciccirella right away. Make sure you get the app loaded in your phone, and that it is working properly for you. The I-M Responding system will continue to operate through the end of the year, but will then be discontinued. Get your phone app switched over as soon as possible. Questions? Contact Chief Ciccirella.

## **NEW TRAINING PROP AT STATION-2**

A new training prop has been built behind Station-2. It is designed especially to allow ventilation and roof operations from the Ladder Truck. It has an overall height of 30 feet. It will be used during the November Fire Training on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Come and check it out!



## **ROTARY HEALTH FAIR**

KESA participated in the 2018 Rotary Health Fair on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Homer High School. KESA had an ambulance on display, and also had a booth inside the fair. Over 1,000 people came through the doors. Thank you to everyone that assisted with the project. KESA got some great exposure, and stood out for its spirit of Community Service. KESA stands tall in the eyes of our neighbors.

## **LADDER & PUMP & HOSE TESTING**

Ladder testing and Pump testing are complete. Hose testing is still ongoing. Stop by and help when you can. Your help is always appreciated. Thanks to those that have pitched in.

## **REQUIRED BI-ANNUAL PHYSICALS**

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.

## HEARD FROM SOMEONE UNEXPECTEDLY?

If you get an unsolicited phone call (or personal contact) from anyone asking questions about an EMS run or a Fire call, do not respond. Get their name and contact number, and advise them that you will have your Chief call them back. You are not authorized to give out any information regarding KESA operations. Next, contact a Chief Officer as soon as possible and advise them of the situation.

## HOLIDAY PARTY

If you are interested in serving on a Holiday Party Committee, contact Jeanette. Your help would be appreciated. The target date is Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## PERSONNEL

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

**Staff:** Bob Ciccirella – 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 Ciccirella  
**Deputy Fire Chief:** Joe Sallee  
**Captains:** Greg Collins, Jose Diaz, Kevin Jones, Maynard Kaufman, Jason Miller, Gary Thomas, Samantha Cunningham (EMS)  
**Lieutenants:** Rob Porter (Fire & EMS), Terry Sumption (Fire)

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.

## KESA'S NEW FIREFIGHTER TECHNICIAN



A few words from Samantha Cunningham:

“Hello fellow KESA members,

I am delighted to be accepting the position of Fire Tech here at KESA. It is an honor to have a chance to work full-time with all of you, after all these years of seeing KESA grow into the dynamic station it is **today**. As most know I have been volunteering as a Paramedic with KESA since folks were trying to decide what the name would be around a kitchen table. The title “Fire Tech” makes me smile, because the “fire” part is the only thing most of you don’t regularly see me in- it’s been years since I worked EMS in bunker gear using the Jaws, and it sounds like I will be seeing that training again very soon. I’m looking forward to learning more in the fire side. My love of EMS is only surpassed by my passion for teaching and supporting volunteers, so for me this is a true dream job. Thank you and see you at the Station.”

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*“Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.”*

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