



**Kachemak Emergency
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The Smoke Signal

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June Newsletter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday wishes to our June Birthday Members: Jessi Dullinger, Mike Roy, Kiel Moe, Jeanette Johnson, John Cox, Nick Schmitt, Daniel Reynolds, and Joe Sallee. Enjoy your "Special Day".

EQUIPMENT

All equipment at Station 1 and Station 2 are operating and ready for response. The following equipment is out of service and stored until further notice: Engine-11, Squad-2, Rescue-1, and Medic-3.

Ladder 1 Foam System: The Foam system on Ladder 1 is out of service – awaiting parts. All other parts of the truck are operational – just no foam available. Stay tuned.

Radios: KES has purchased several new Motorola APX1000 radios. These radios will replace some of the older ICOM and Motorola EX560 radios. The new radios are at Pro-Com being programmed now. They should be ready for our use soon.

Tanker-3 Replacement: KESA has requested a revised bid from Rosenbauer for a new replacement tanker/pumper on a custom chassis. The decision was made to pursue a Tanker/Pumper, rather than just a replacement tanker. Pierce has also submitted a bid, so will also be in consideration.

Replacement Temporary Loaner Tanker-Pumper

In Mid-June, KESA will receive a replacement loaner 4000 gallon tanker/pumper from Nikiski (pictured below), which will be on loan to us until our new replacement tanker/pumper arrives. Until the replacement tanker arrives, old Tanker-3 remains in service, so don't poke at the seeping pits in the side of the tank.

Brush Trucks: All of the Brush Trucks have been upgraded with their newly installed covers. The new covers cover and protect the hose reels and the electric motors. The trucks are ready to roll.



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: The date for Fire Training in June has been changed to Wednesday, June 13th at 6pm at Station 1. The switch with the EMS training night is to accommodate Dr. Levy's schedule. We will be debriefing the several fires that we have had. Training is only one night a month. Support and EMS folks are always welcome to attend and stay familiar with the fire-ground activities and their roles on fire scenes.

EMS Training: NOTE: The date for EMS Training in June has been changed to Wednesday, June 27th at 6pm at Station 1. The switch with the Fire training night is to accommodate Dr. Levy's schedule, who will be on hand to go over recent runs and also cover new material. Come and check it out. Stay current in your skills. Fire and Support personnel are also welcome to attend.

HVFD Invitation: HVFD has invited KESA Members to join in a training exercise on Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30pm at the HVFD Station. The topic is "Skills with Distractions". All are invited to attend.

Rope Rescue: The June Rope Rescue training has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 20th at 6pm. The training will focus on Low-Angle Rescue – with picket anchors and improvised anchor systems. We hope to train out at Diamond Creek Trail, but will confirm the location later.

Officer's Meeting: The next regularly scheduled Officer's Meeting is slated for Monday, June 4th at 6pm.

Advanced ALS Training: Advanced ALS Providers will not meet in June. On July 26th, the training topic will be on renal failure. A specialist will be coming down from Anchorage to cover challenges to expect from a home-dialysis patient. Note: This is a date change. Contact Samantha Cunningham for details. This training is only open to EMT III and Paramedic individuals.

Trauma Review at SPH: The next SPH Multidiscipline Trauma Review session will be held at the SPH Conference rooms 1 & 2 at 6pm on Wednesday, June 6th. 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.

Alaska State Firefighters Conference: This year's Conference will be held in Kenai September 24th – 28th. With it so nearby on the Kenai Peninsula, it will allow several people to attend. It's not too soon to start planning for this opportunity! KESA Ladder-1 will make an appearance at the Conference – as a Demo-Display for Rosenbauer, who will be there.

Next FF-I Class: The next Fire Fighter-1 class is currently waiting for a few more people to express an interest. If you or a friend are interested, see a Chief. We hope to have a class this fall.

2018 EMS Symposium: It's never too soon to start planning your schedule: The 43rd Alaska Emergency Medical Services Symposium will be held in Anchorage November 7 – 10, 2018.

Fire Investigation: If you are interested in serving on the Fire Investigation Team, please let a Chief know.

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.

PACK TESTS

If you have completed your S-130 and S-190 classes, and want to do the Pack Test for your DOF Red Card, contact Chief Sallee or Chief Ciccarella. We may be able to arrange for the Pack Testing to be done locally.

RIG CHECKS

The first Wednesday of each month is devoted to rig checks (Both EMS and Fire). The Rig Checks in June will be on June 6th at 6pm. Some folks will meet at Station 1 and go over the rigs there. The Rig Check Lists at Station 1 are on the board by the entrance. Other folks will meet at Station 2 and check the rigs there. The Check Lists at Station 2 are next to the panel box. Use the Operative IQ system for checking the EMS supplies and gear. The June Rig Checks fall on the same day as the Trauma Review at SPH. To avoid a conflict, feel free to do your rig checks sometime earlier in the day, or another day of your choice. Thanks for your help in keeping our equipment, and yourself, response ready.

\$100 CERTIFICATE FOR A TOOL OF YOUR CHOICE

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. 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 for the number of new recruits a member can sponsor!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the recent graduates of the EMT-II Class – and becoming officially State of Alaska Certified EMT IIs. Hats off to Wendy Bales, Jodi Andrews, and Colton Frankhauser.

Congratulations to the recent Firefighter II graduates, Phillip Boyle, Travis Ogden, and Courtney Moody. Thank you for the extra effort in improving your skills.

Congratulations to Philip Boyle for certified as an EMS Instructor.

FIELD TESTING NEW MSA SCBAS

Two new MSA SCBA units have been made available to KES to Field Test. They will be carried in C-1 and C-2. They are available on the fire scene to those firefighters that have been FIT tested for the MSA masks.

NINILCHIK CLAM SCRAMBLE

The 4th Annual Ninilchik Clam Scramble is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th at 9am. This 5K Run takes you from Deep Creek to Ninilchik. It is sponsored by the Ninilchik Chamber of Commerce, and is a lot of fun.

MAKE SURE THE RIG IS READY FOR THE NEXT CALL!

At the end of a call, you are tired and looking forward to heading back home. But wait!!! Make sure that the rig is fully stocked and everything is in its proper place. That attention to detail makes a huge difference for the next call, and could make the difference in being able to save a life. Additionally, make sure the rig itself is ready to respond. That especially means turning off battery switches & radios, and plugging in the shore power before leaving the building. Keys should be left in the ignition of the ambulances (not set on the dashboard). Fire Engines should have air supply hoses connected. Stay alert... be aware.

THANK YOU

KESA has been very busy the past several weeks. Call volume is more than 50% over our historical averages. We are running about the same number of Fire Calls as EMS Calls. Everyone’s participation is appreciated by our community. As an example, check out this email that was sent to Chief Ciccirella:

We have a home off Greer and Hill street. The efforts of your groups saved the homes in our area and helped calm a very scary situation last night. THANK YOU for your expediency and diligence. We are so fortunate to have our home in such an incredible community. THANK YOU!!

Shannon and Matt Ellis

YOUR NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter is for and by KESA Members. That includes YOU! The Editor is looking for recipes, stories, jokes, cartoons, quotes, photos, volunteer profiles, and other interesting things. It is best if they are not copyrighted by someone else. If you have an interest in being a part of the Newsletter team, let me know.... I would love some help! Thanks. Gary.

STATION-2

The large water tank has been buried behind the station. The water line from the tank to the building has also been installed. Further installation is waiting for the Borough to locate a suitable Fire Pump.



THE SMALL CORE GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP

The KESA volunteer group has dwindled to a small core group of members that are doing most of the work and going on the bulk of the calls. Please help out your fellow members and step up to help as you can, even if it is only to drive an apparatus or lend a hand at an emergency scene. Let's try and give those few in the core group a break and some help. Every hand is appreciated.

You are all greatly appreciated and It takes participation from all of you to make us successful. KESA and the community needs each and every one of you!

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

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 (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.

