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Quarterly Newsletter Fall 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF By Nick Walsh, Fire Chief

On behalf of South Whidbey Fire/EMS, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the citizens of our district for your overwhelming support in approving the 2024 levy. Your trust and investment in our mission make it possible for us to continue providing the high level of emergency service that our community deserves.

SWFE staff have been working hard to ensure a rapid effective response when you call for help. In 2025 we hired 2 new firefighters to staff our Freeland station around the clock, which significantly improves our response times across the district.

Our next focus is bringing additional staffing to the Clinton area, ensuring that our southernmost community receives the same level of protection and rapid response. We are also proud to report that two new water tender trucks were placed in service this year,



replacing fire apparatus that had served our community faithfully for more than 30 years. These new vehicles increase our firefighting capability in areas without hydrants and provide modern, reliable tools for our crews.

Together, these improvements represent meaningful progress toward a safer South Whidbey community. Its all made possible by your continued trust and support.

FIRE DISTRICT NEWS!

Effective September 1, 2025, South Whidbey Fire/EMS (SWFE) along with Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR), are staffing a joint Battalion Chief position. The Battalion Chief will be providing 24-hour on-duty management and incident command for CWIFR and SWFE firefighters. The coverage area for the Battalion Chief will be all of Whidbey Island south of Libbey Road, the geographic area of Central and South Whidbey Island Fire Districts. This will assist in coordinating programs and increase the level of services we provide to our districts.



The Battalion Chief will be stationed out of SWFE Station 31 located in Freeland and will respond as a single command resource for complex incidents such as fires, auto accidents, technical rescues, and CPR responses.

The three rotating Battalion Chiefs are John Lloyd, Alex Magallon, and Joe Burbank. (Pictured left)

Events & Holidays

- Trunk or Treat

October 25th

- Halloween

October 31st

- Veterans Day

November 10th

- Thanksgiving

November 27th

- Santa's Sleigh

December 4th-6th

- Christmas Day

December 25th

***Public Strategic Plan Meeting* October 29, 2025 at 5:30 pm.**

Located at 5579 Bayview Rd. Langley, WA 98260

INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY?



The best way to survive any disaster is to prepare your neighborhood!

You can find more information on how to become a neighborhood Champion at Southwhidbeyprepares.com

South Whidbey Fire/EMS (SWFE) is committed to providing the best service we can in order to keep our community safe. If you are interested and would like to learn more about becoming one of our Amazing volunteers, please visit our website at swfe.org

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