

YOUR FIRE DISTRICTS: BETTER TOGETHER

CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE • GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE • ORTING VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS



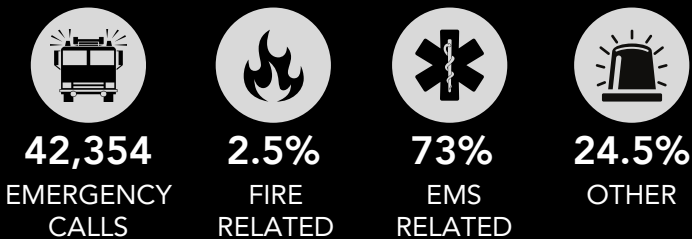
Carbon monoxide (CO), also known as the “invisible killer,” is a colorless, odorless, and poisonous gas created when fuels — such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane — burn incompletely or are not vented properly. Exposure to CO can lead to symptoms ranging from headaches and dizziness to unconsciousness and even death.

During the cold months, CO poisoning is more common due to increased use of heating sources during cold weather conditions, but it can happen at any time. It is good to be prepared by having CO alarms installed throughout the home. A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a \$250,000 CO Grant from the Federal Grant Funds provided by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and authorized through the Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2022. These funds will be used for the next two years to provide residents within our fire district with free carbon monoxide alarms, installed by our crews.

Request a free alarm today at www.centralpiercefire.org/co.

CALL DATA (JAN - NOV 2024)



The call data shown above represents the total number of emergency incidents responded to by Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, Graham Fire & Rescue, and Orting Valley Fire & Rescue between January and November 2024.

Incidents related to hazardous materials, severe weather, good intent, service calls, false alarms, and natural disasters fall under the “other” category.

BETTER TOGETHER



Your fire districts have a long, successful history of working together. We are now coming together to explore the creation of a new regional fire service organization.

The “Better Together” logo shown here was created to build excitement and unity as we continue down the path of collaboration. Over the next several months, you will see this logo and the tagline “Your Fire Districts: Better Together” used to highlight collaborative efforts. This logo does not replace the official logos of our fire districts.

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



Community Members,

As your Fire Chief, I am excited to share important news about the proposed consolidation of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, Graham Fire & Rescue, and Orting Valley Fire & Rescue. This merger, planned to be on the April 2025 ballot, represents a transformative step forward for public safety in our region.

First and foremost, if approved by voters, this collaboration would enhance emergency response performance. Uniting our resources would allow us to eliminate overlapping service areas and improve deployment of existing personnel, apparatus, and equipment to where it is needed most. This means faster and more efficient responses to fires, medical emergencies, and other incidents. When every second counts, this collaboration would help us save more lives.

Second, uniting our districts would reduce redundancies and improve efficiency. A single leadership team and operational plan would foster better communication, consistency in training, and coordination during major emergencies, ultimately leading to higher-quality service for everyone.

Another advantage is cost control. Sharing resources like stations, vehicles, and equipment would reduce unnecessary expenses and avoid costly redundancies. A unified organization would be better positioned to negotiate cost-effective contracts and maximize every dollar invested in public safety.

Lastly, consolidation would create a stronger, more adaptable fire and EMS service for our growing communities. Together, we can expand our capabilities and ensure we're prepared to meet future challenges while remaining committed to the highest standards of safety and care.

I want to assure you that our fire commissioners have made this decision with the best interests of our community at heart. Voters will ultimately decide. Please take the time to learn more at www.centralpiercefirer.org.

Together, we can build a fire and EMS entity that is even more capable of meeting the needs of our community now and for generations to come. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

Chief Morrow



YOUR FIRE DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Thank you to our community partners for inviting us to play a role in the various community events that take place throughout the year. From Fairs to Farmers Markets, we look forward to the opportunity to share these meaningful events and connect with you beyond emergency response.

If you are organizing a community event and would like to request fire district participation, please fill out an event request form at www.centralpiercefirer.org. The same request form is utilized by all three fire districts and can be found on all three fire district websites.



UPCOMING FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSES

We're hosting three open houses in the first quarter of 2025. These are free family-friendly events for everyone and will take place at the following stations:

- Station 72, January 25, 2025
- Station 96, February 22, 2025
- Station 40, March 22, 2025

Come learn about how your fire districts are working together to better serve the community, meet our firefighters, learn about fire safety, and interact with community partners! Keep an eye on our website and social media accounts for additional information.



STATIONS



Our leadership and facilities teams have been working to make station improvements and identify infrastructure that will improve response times and enhance emergency services.

Recently, we purchased the old station 72, located at the block of 10900 Shaw Rd E, from the City of Puyallup. This station is being lightly renovated and will house our Engine Academy program which replaces the traditional fire academy. Four recruits and two Officers will staff the training engine, receiving first-hand experience by responding to calls with other stations while working through academy curriculum. When opened, this location will be named station 41.

Additionally, we are remodeling stations 61 and 66 to address service gaps and longer response times within specific areas of our district. Station 61 houses an engine, ladder truck, and medic unit, while station 66 houses a medic unit and a heavy rescue unit. A heavy rescue unit is a specialized vehicle designed to handle complex and severe rescue situations, including vehicle extrication, structural collapse, and other technical rescue operations.

A new station will be built in the Graham-Kapowsin area, in place of the current volunteer station, station 92. This station will provide additional emergency response services for the growing area of 304th and Orting Kapowsin Highway. We anticipate breaking ground for the new station in 2026 and staffing it in 2028. Existing capital improvement funds will be utilized for the construction of this station.

RESPONSE & APPARATUS

We are making significant improvements to our emergency response fleet by refurbishing previously used apparatus and investing in new emergency vehicles. Refurbishing apparatus is a cost-effective way to extend the lifespan of reliable vehicles while updating them with modern equipment, improved safety features, and enhanced performance.



Currently, we are refurbishing two engines, a ladder truck, and a hazmat unit. We have also added two new jet-powered boats to our fleet, vastly improving our response capabilities during highly technical swift water rescue calls. Lastly, to aid in response we are adding two peak hour engines, and 24-hour Deputy Fire Marshals (DFMs) and Medical Service Officers (MSOs) to our response model in 2025. These service improvements are only possible due to the continued collaboration between Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, Graham Fire & Rescue, and Orting Valley Fire & Rescue.

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

Your fire districts proudly serve communities within the City of Puyallup, City of Orting, Graham, South Hill, Parkland, Spanaway, Frederickson, and Kapowsin.


*Stations 41, 42, 66, and 92 are not currently staffed. Stations 41 and 66 will open as 24/7 staffed fire stations in 2025.



OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

-  **328,000** community members served
-  **44,000** emergencies responded to in 2023
-  **490** dedicated first responders
-  **178** square miles protected

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