



# CAMAS-WASHOUGAL FIRE DEPT EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE



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## CWFD

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## Partnering for the Community

In 2011, the Washougal and Camas Fire departments began a trial merger in an effort to improve efficiencies and reduce costs through elimination of duplication of effort. This effort has provided for many improvements to the level of service enjoyed by the citizens of East Clark County, including a paramedic transport unit being located in the Washougal fire station. In November of 2016, CWFD and ECFR embarked on a new partnership as well when elected officials on both sides approved a one year consolidation of their fire department administration. This agreement allows for the CWFD fire chief to simultaneously serve as the ECFR fire chief. It will allow ECFR to save money by avoiding hiring another full time fire chief. CWFD will benefit by having some salary costs reimbursed by ECFR in recognition of the hours their fire chief will spend tending to District business. Despite the complex nature of the arrangement, the true winners are our citizens that we are all sworn to protect.

As emergency calls increase for most departments nationwide, agencies have begun to explore service mergers or other partnerships as a way to maintain or improve levels of service in an atmosphere of tight operational budgets. Such partnerships can take on many forms. The Camas and Washougal merger was implemented as a 10 year contract for service. The administrative sharing arrangement between ECFR and CWFD was enacted through an interlocal agreement that must be re-evaluated and

renewed (if the parties so choose) after one year. While different in scope and structure, the intent is the same: To maintain levels of service, to harness efficiencies, and to save money where possible. This in turn leads to direct benefits for our communities. Whether you live in Camas, Washougal, or the unincorporated county area served by ECFR, our members will continue to work tirelessly to protect the lives and property of our citizens. If you have any questions or comments about the services we provide, please contact me directly at [nswinhart@cityofcamas.us](mailto:nswinhart@cityofcamas.us).

Nick Swinhart  
Fire Chief  
Camas-Washougal FD  
East County Fire and Rescue



**C.A.R.O.L.**

As they have since the 1950s, members of CWFD and ECFR came together in December to bring Christmas to needy families in East Clark County. The CAROL program aims to bring food and toys to members of our community who need help over the holidays. Generous donations of food, toys, and monetary contributions, allowed us to bring Christmas to over 100 families in their time of need. This would not have been possible without CWFD administrative assistant Alicia Ramsey and Captain Brooks Cooper (among others), who for many years have taken on the rigorous task of coordinating donations and delivery. We also wish to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped with packing and delivery!



**Hands-only CPR**

The latest research shows that chest compressions alone are the most effective way for an untrained bystander to save a life after an adult collapses from cardiac arrest. The technique shown here should not be performed on infants, children, drowning victims, or in cases involving a drug overdose. Otherwise, here's what to do.

- 1** Call 911 or ask someone else to.
- 2** Kneel beside victim's chest. Loosen clothing if practical.
- 3** Place the heel of one hand in the middle of the victim's chest.
- 4** Cover first hand with your other hand, locking fingers.
- 5** Push down hard and fast. Try to maintain at least 100 pushes per minute. Lock your elbows and push with all your weight, depressing the chest 2 inches each pump. Don't worry about hurting the victim - you're trying to save a life. Continue until medical help arrives.

SOURCES: American Heart Association; www.azshare.gov

DAVID BUTLER/GLOBE STAFF

**PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER FIRES**

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

**Half of all home heating fires** occur in the months of December, January, and February.

Heating equipment is involved in **1 in every 7** reported home fires and **1 in every 6** home fire deaths.

Keep anything that can burn at least **3 feet** from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.

Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your house.**

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**

Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.

Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/) and [www.nfpa.org/winter/](http://www.nfpa.org/winter/)

**Your Stations:**

CWFD Station 41  
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Camas

CWFD Station 42  
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Camas

CWFD Station 43  
1400 "A" Street  
Washougal

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Camas

ECFR Station 92  
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Camas

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