

# GRIFFIN FIRE DEPARTMENT



## A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER



JOHN WOOD

### Greetings!

My name is Corey Rux and I am the new Fire Chief of Thurston County Fire Protection District #13/Griffin Fire Department. I am excited and honored for the opportunity to serve this department and the citizens of the Griffin community. I began my career as a Firefighter-Paramedic with the Montesano Fire Department approximately 20 years ago, of which I served as Fire Chief for the last 10 years. In July of this year, I was fortunate enough to have been selected as the next Fire Chief of the Griffin Fire Department. I certainly have large shoes to fill as I take over for Chief John Wood who retired as of October 31st, 2020. On behalf of the Griffin Fire Department I would like to congratulate Fire Chief John Wood on his



COREY A. RUX

retirement. The Griffin community has benefited greatly from his dedication, professionalism, and selfless service to our community for nearly 20 years. Chief Wood is a model individual who conducted himself above reproach, took pride in every task and exemplified the true meaning of integrity. His leadership and guidance left an indelible impact that will carry on through the whole department and this community for years to come. As we move forward, the Griffin Fire Department philosophy will remain the same, to simply serve. We are a collection of dedicated individuals, driven by professionalism, integrity, and committed to delivering an outstanding service to our citizens. Please think of us as your neighborhood fire department with an open door. I want to sincerely thank you for the opportunity to be your Fire Chief.

### NEW FACES IN FAMILIAR PLACES

— COREY A. RUX, FIRE CHIEF



### Gregory C. Rudolph - Assistant Fire Chief

We are honored to announce the hiring of our new Assistant Fire Chief Greg Rudolph. Chief Rudolph is a 20 year veteran of the fire service. His journey has led him through Camino Island, Montesano Fire Department and now the Griffin Fire Department. Chief Rudolph has spent the last 10 years as a Captain in charge of operations and training at Montesano. He is excited for the transition to Griffin and looks forward to new challenges. Chief Rudolph is an exemplary individual with high morale values and tremendous technical ability. Congratulations Chief Rudolph and welcome to Griffin Fire Department family!

### Nathan Bowman - Lieutenant

The Griffin Fire Department would like to officially announce the promotion of Nathan Bowman to Lieutenant. Bowman has been in the Fire Service since 2004 and has been with the Griffin Fire Department since 2018. He is a driven individual with tremendous technical ability. He approaches every task with professionalism and always provides exemplary service to our citizens. Nathan is an outstanding individual with excellent leadership skills and is absolutely deserving of this promotion. We are excited for Nathan Bowman and we congratulate him on his promotion.



### Bert "JJ" Shincke - Firefighter/EMT

Please join us in welcoming J.J. Shincke to our career ranks. On October 1st, 2020, the Griffin Fire Department hired J.J. Shincke for the position of Full-Time Firefighter/EMT. Shincke has been with the Griffin Fire Department since 2013 working as a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT. Throughout the past seven years, he has developed into an incredible Firefighter and a phenomenal individual. His experience and ability, coupled with an infectious personality, makes him an ideal addition to our family. We are proud of Firefighter Shincke and all that he has accomplished, and we are grateful for his selfless service to our community.

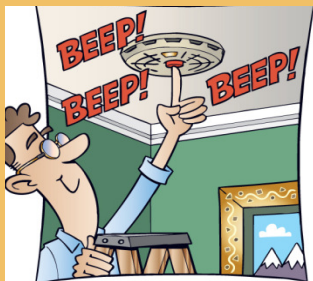
## SMOKE DETECTORS

In the event that you have a fire in your home, it is important to have a properly functioning Alerting system (Smoke Detectors).

Smoke Detectors alert people to a fire in the early stages, and this can mean the difference between life and death in a fire.

Smoke Detectors need to be tested at least once a month and batteries (usually a 9volt battery) need to be replaced every 6 months. A good habit for replacing batteries is to change them at the same time clocks are moved forward and back.

To find out more about Fire Prevention programs and activities in the Griffin Community, please contact the Griffin Fire Department at 360-866-9000 or visit our website at [griffinfd.org](http://griffinfd.org).



## 2020 THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 13

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## FIRE SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN

At the Griffin Fire Department, "We know cooking fires can be prevented," but do you know how to prevent cooking fires? We want to help you with all fire prevention needs and help you to be successful in fire safety.

"The most important step you should take before making a meal is to "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" then of course enjoy your meal. Every year the Nation celebrates Fire Prevention Week with a campaign that pledges toward Fire Safety, this year the theme is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

The Griffin Fire Department wants to share some safety tips to keep you from having a cooking fire.

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

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We pride ourselves on not only being here for you when you call 911, but also being your neighbors and friends. We love to let you know what is happening at the firehouse and keeping you up to date on projects. These web based outlets help us do just that. So if you haven't already, like us on Facebook to see what we're up to! If you see us give an update that might help you or your friends about things like road closures or back up, go ahead and help us out by sharing the post and spreading the word.