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2019 STATISTICS

Aug. 1 — Aug. 31

District Average Response Time:

8 min. 52 sec.

Responses by Type:

Fire: 16

EMS: 338

Other: 127

Total: 481



Proudly serving the communities of Blaine, Birch Bay, Custer, Laurel and the unincorporated areas of Lynden & Bellingham

“Providing Quality Service for a Safe Community”

Member Bio



Tye Thompson

I was born and raised in Mount Vernon WA. on March 24, 1998. I have three sisters, two younger (Gwenn and Evangeline) and one older (Melia). I also have two loving parents, my father (Shawn) and my mother (Danna). They will both willingly admit that I'm their favorite son.

Throughout my years in high school I played basketball,

tennis and soccer. Although I excelled at tennis my subpar soccer skills managed to keep my ego in check. Growing up my parents were very adamant about making sure my sisters and I were able to get out of Skagit Valley. At a young age I had the opportunity to see most of the United States, Caribbean islands and Mexico.



During my junior year, I discovered that I had a passion for talking to the public and caring for people. After volunteering with my local fire department in Big Lake, I decided that I wouldn't want to do any other job. At the age of 18, *continued on pg. 2*

Embrace the Resistance

Benjamin Martin

So You Dreamed Of Being a Leader?!

Whether you are an existing or aspiring leader it doesn't take long to realize that the celebrity of leadership is overrated. More so, there is no shortage of bad leaders running around making it harder for the good ones to get people's buy-in. Why is it that so many think leadership is about bossing people around and getting things done the way they want?

The reality of leadership is that it can be hard--really hard. Life is messy and people's problems at home such as marriage, finances, substance abuse, or children occupy our attention while at work. Also, oftentimes from a lack of sleep, stress, or having traumatic experiences we struggle to reconnect and be present with our families once we get home.

Leading isn't just about training your people; it also involves a significant invest-

ment of time to help when problems arise. It's moments spent coaching and counseling. It's celebrating the good while not hiding from and dealing with the not so good.

Yesterday's leadership training is not preparing people to face the challenges of today's fire service. It neglects relationships, empathy, and the power of caring about each other. We must *continued on pg. 3*

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I joined the Washington Army National Guard as a 68W combat medic. A month after I graduated I was shipped off to basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After graduating basic training I was sent to combat medic school in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. During my time at Fort Sam I received my national EMT certification and spent three months after that drilling six days a week in TCCC (tactical combat casualty care). Daily events during this time included live IVs on myself and fellow soldiers, runs in full gear and mass casualty treatment drills. Although this time had a grab and go mentality, we were also taught skills such as tracheostomies, needle chest decompressions, chest tubes and drug administration.



After returning to my new home unit in Marysville, I was picked up by Sedro-Woolley fire department as a resident living with six

other firefighters. My favorite thing to do on my days off was to compete in obstacle course races. My favorite were Spartan races that ranged from three to 13 miles and included 23 to 27 different strength obstacles. It filled a void I was missing from com-



peting in sports in school. In the 2018 spartan race season I placed top five out of 50, in back to back races hosted by Snohomish County.

Other activities that interest me are water skiing, fishing, hiking and going to the shooting range. As far as my academic life goes I am two quarters away from get-



ting my AA degree and hoping at some point to go to paramedic school to further my EMS skills.



Being as my father is in law enforcement and my mother is a school teacher, the importance of public service was not lost on me or my sisters. As a result, my older sister became a Bellevue police officer and I became a firefighter. In my short time as a firefighter and combat medic, I have had the amazing opportunity to work with many incredible men and women. I look forward to many more encounters.



Please remember to keep the district up to date with any changes including your contact information.

All changes should be directed to Kelly.

These changes may include:

Phone

Address

Email

Family Additions

Name changes



18th Annual 9-11 Memorial Service

Join first responders, Border Custom and VIP guests on Wednesday, September 11th at the Peace Arch Park Border for the 18th annual 9-11 Memorial Ceremony and reception. The ceremony is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. followed by a BBQ lunch.

Guests of honor from New York will attend the event to represent their fallen comrades and all those who perished on September 11, 2001.

The event was founded in 2002 to commemorate the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks, including more than 400 police officers and firefighters.



9-11 MEMORIAL
17TH ANNUAL 9-11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

TUESDAY, SEPT 11TH
Peace Arch Park Border
10:00am

nw911memorial.org

BehindTheBadgeFoundation.org

HonourHouse.ca

Those interested in participating in a Canadian ride to the border that morning should call Guy Morall at (778) 988-1012

- Join us as we welcome First Responders from NYC as our honored guests.
- Join dignitaries, officials, as well as fellow citizens of America and Canada as we remember and honor those who sacrificed all on September 11th, 2001.
- Ceremony at the border is scheduled for 10:00am followed by a special BBQ luncheon with donation proceeds benefiting Behind the Badge Foundation and Honour House.



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teach leaders to focus less on themselves and strip away the vanity and ego of leadership. Our mission at Embrace The Resistance is to do just that: Create leaders with a heart for serving others.

servant, humbling ourselves to our purpose, and loving each other--not just the lauded accolades of what we do. Today, and every day forth, our actions must seek to reclaim our mission and our brotherhood

from the grasp of those who only see the opportunity of celebrity, instead of service. Are you in?

Click [here](#) for more information

It's time for the fire service to return to its roots by embracing the heart of a

#LEADERSWANTED



Events to Celebrate September Birthdays

19 — Brian Botta Pillo

25 — Robert Mulrooney



Fire Commissioner Meetings

NWFR

Thurs. September 19

9408 Odell St 61 Blaine — 1:00 p.m.

District 4

Wed. September 18

4142 Britton Loop St 12 Bellingham — 12:00 p.m.





Hog and Horses Fundraiser



4142 Britton Loop Rd.
Bellingham, WA 98226

Providing quality service for
a safe community



Free Friends and Family CPR Classes 2019

Class will be held from 6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m. at various fire stations around the district. Check out www.nwfrs.com for more information and to reserve your spot.

- March 27
- April 24
- May 29
- June 15 CPR and First Aid
- June 26
- July 31
- August 21
- September 21
- September 25
- October 30
- November 20
- December 18



Donations of nonperishable food items are encouraged but not mandatory. All food donations will be forwarded to local area food banks.

North Whatcom Fire and Rescue hosted a car show on Sunday, August 18 at Britton Loop Station 12. The event raised \$1,208 for the Whatcom County Support Officers.

In addition to the car show there was a children's happy hour including a coloring contest. Children also made bird feeders, played corn-hole and enjoyed ice-cream, complete with sprinkles.

The day was filled with good conversation, music and ended with a raffle and prizes in various categories including Best in show Classic, Muscle, Motorcycle, truck and Peoples' Choice.

A HUGE thank you to all those who participated, donated, and/or contributed: DJ Clint Westwood, Judges, Klaus and Reiner Klix, Service Pro, Jim's Automotive, Master Auto Detail, Cycle Gear, Wings, Au-

to Zone, O'Reilly's Auto Parts, GearAid, Asian 1, Donna Klix, Doc Holliday, Ron Brown.

A special thank you to Jerilyn Klix-Luna and Captain Ray Davidson for organizing the event.

