



# King County Fire District #40

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## Upcoming Events:

- **April 4**  
Easter Sunday
- **April 5—9**  
Spring Break  
(Renton & Kent Schools)
- **April 8**  
Fire District 40 Board Meeting
- **April 27**  
Spring Election Ballots Due
- **May 9**  
Mothers Day
- **May 13**  
Fire District 40 Board Meeting
- **May 31**  
Memorial Day
- **June 10**  
Fire District 40 Board Meeting
- **June 19**  
Juneteenth
- **June 20**  
Fathers Day
- **June 23**  
Last Day of School (Renton)
- **June 25**  
Last Day of School (Kent)

## SHERIFF KING COUNTY

Fire District 40 holds regular public meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 5 PM at the King County Sheriff's Fairwood Substation Office at 17620 140th Ave SE #C10, Renton, WA 98058.

Meetings may be held electronically due to COVID-19. Please visit [www.fd40.com](http://www.fd40.com) for current meeting information.



Chief Steve Heitman

**Steve Heitman** was hired as the new Fire Chief of King County Fire District 40 and the Renton Regional Fire Authority effective February 1, 2021.

## Meet your New Fire Chief

Steve began his career in the fire service in 2001 at the Mercer Island Fire Department, and there he moved his way up the ranks until finally becoming Fire Chief - a position he has held for the past six years.

Chief Heitman has three Associates Degrees, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Safety Administration, and a Master of Arts Degree in Security Studies from the Naval Post Graduate School. He is also a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer (EFO) and Chief Fire Officer (CFO) programs

from the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. WOW!

Prior to entering the fire service, Steve served in the 2nd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment before being honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant in 1990.

Steve's support group includes his wife Darla (to whom he's been married over 24 years), and his three children (Dylan, Karly and Claire). Steve loves playing golf, hiking, camping, reading and taking on each and every item Darla thinks to put on his "to-do" list.

*Welcome to Fairwood Steve!*

## PETS ARE FAMILY TOO

Did you know that according to the National Pet Fire Statistics 40,000 pets are killed in house fires every year? When rescuing pets in house fires, emergency responders' options are limited to 1) trying to improvise human oxygen masks for use on rescued pets, or 2) providing pet-friendly oxygen masks [like those veterinarians use] to first responders.

The Station 17 aid car is currently equipped with a pet oxygen mask kit to respond to all pet-friendly emergencies that may arise. These special cone-shaped oxygen masks have enough depth to fit over an animal's nose and mouth, making the delivery of oxygen more effective than it is with masks made for a flatter human face, as well as a rubber seal that creates a snug fit around the snout.

Recently Joanna Koseff contacted Fire District 40 as she and her fiancé, Daniel Kaner, are on a mission to help save our 4-footed family members (in case of fire or other life-threatening emergencies). Daniel is currently in paramedic school and after doing a ride along with a fire department that had pet oxygen masks they did some research to find that fire departments don't usually carry the masks. They then got the idea to raise money and donate pet oxygen mask kits to all the fire departments in the Greater Puget Sound area that either don't have them or don't have enough for all of their engines and aid cars.

They want to help firefighters be better equipped with tools to help save lives of pets they rescue from fires. They have set up a GoFundMe

page to help raise the funds to purchase the 101 masks needed to fulfill their mission.





*If you can't call 911 during an emergency, you have the option to text.*

*While texting is an option, residents should still call if they can. The current system only accepts messages in English, and dispatchers also can't receive photos, videos or emojis.*

*Your Station 17 is staffed 24 hours each day and responds to 911 emergencies. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions it is temporarily closed to the public.*

Cedar River Water & Sewer	425-255-6370
Century Link	800-491-0118
Comcast Cable (XFINITY)	888-266-2278
Fairwood Library	425-226-0522
<b>King County Fire District 40 (office)</b>	<b>425-225-0931</b>
King County Sheriff's Office	206-296-1311
Metro (Hazardous Waste)	206-684-1233
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
Puget Sound Energy (Gas & Electricity)	800-321-4123
Puget Sound Energy (Street Lights)	888-225-5773
Republic Services/Allied Waste	206-682-0735
Renton Regional Fire Authority (office)	425-276-9500
Securitas (Fairwood Greens)	425-221-8170
Waste Management	800-592-9995

For up-to-date COVID-19 information please visit: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov>



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## FIREHOUSE FAVORITES



Most everybody knows that firefighters are really great cooks.

So we will now feature a recipe in each newsletter from one of your Station 17 crew, which is picked especially for you.

*Try it!...  
We think you'll love it!*

RECIPE

*This recipe shall be known as* **Firehouse Chili, prepared by Firefighter Swinford**

*From the kitchen of* **Station 17, B Shift** *This recipe serves* 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

INGREDIENTS	DIRECTIONS
3 pounds <b>ground turkey</b> , browned & drained	✓ Place all ingredients in crock pot. Add chili powder, cumin, oregano and other spices to taste.
5 or 6 slices <b>cooked bacon</b>	
1 large <b>onion</b> , diced	✓ Cook on low setting for 4 to 6 hours, stirring occasionally.
1 <b>jalapeno</b> , 4 cloves <b>garlic</b> , minced	
1 green <b>bell pepper</b> , diced	
5 or 6 large <b>carrots</b>	✓ Top with avocado, cheese and sour cream. Excellent with corn bread and green salad.
2 or 3 cans of <b>beans</b> (black & pin-	
1 28-oz can fire roasted <b>crushed tomatoes</b>	
1 small can <b>tomato paste</b>	