

# Grays Harbor County Emergency Management

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# Preparedness on the Harbor

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# It's a grand old forest, too!



## Be careful.

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. Nearly 45 million homes abut or intermingle with wildlands and more than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk. But by working together residents can make their own property - and their neighborhood - much safer from wildfire.

### WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS TIPS

### AIR QUALITY

### WILDFIRE LOCATIONS



# “Beach Friendly Fourth”

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and community partners on Washington’s ocean beaches encouraged safe and responsible beach celebrations over the Fourth of July holiday.

In 2016, community partners on the Long Beach Peninsula created a “Beach-Friendly Fourth” campaign to help ensure the safety of people and wildlife and the cleanliness of beach areas and wildlife habitat over the holiday. This year, the campaign has expanded to the beaches north and south of Grays Harbor.

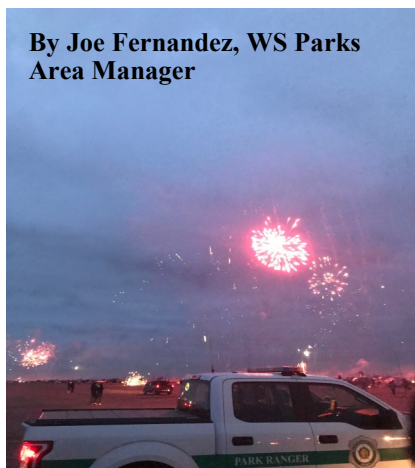


Beach-Friendly Fourth partners in **Long Beach** included the “Not a Ban—a Better Plan” community group, the City of Long Beach, Pacific County Sheriff’s Department, Grass Roots Garbage Gang, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Pacific County, the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau, the Ocean Park Area Chamber of Commerce and Washington State Parks.

**South beaches** partners included the City of Westport, Grays Harbor County, Surfrider, CoastSavers, Westport/Grayland Chamber of Commerce and South Beach Regional Fire Authority.

**North beaches** partners included the City of Ocean Shores, Ocean Shores Fire and Rescue, Grays Harbor County Sheriff’s Office, Ocean Shores Police Department, Grays Harbor Fire Districts Seven and Eight and CoastSavers.

State Parks manages 60 miles of ocean beach in the Seashore Conservation Area, partly through ranger staff assigned to state parks along Washington’s ocean beaches.



By Joe Fernandez, WS Parks Area Manager

State Parks rangers from across the state patrolled the beaches focusing on public safety concerns and preventing illegal camping, fires, sanitation and garbage. Local public safety and fire departments assisted with this effort to ensure a safe fourth. Thank you to everyone who participated and assisted with the planning process, without your collaboration this event would not have been successful.

<https://parks.state.wa.us/>



Tim Longenecker, GHFD#8 Firefighter and Chaplain, helped a family visiting the beach for the 1st time build and move their fire pit away from the dunes.



Motor homes, campers, and recreational vehicles are used for living and traveling. Each year, fires in them cause deaths, injuries, and millions of dollars in damages. Fires can start in the kitchen. They can start in the engine area. Sometimes the fires are electrical. With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent these fires from happening.

#### SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms. Make sure they work.
- Stay in the kitchen while you cook. Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- Only use one heat-producing appliance plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time. Major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet.
- Refrigerators, furnaces, ovens and stovetops use propane. Check them for leaks. Keep an updated gas leak detector on board.
- Have your propane system inspected to make sure it still works properly.
- Know two ways out. Make sure windows open easily.
- Have everyone practice the home fire escape plan.
- Do not keep camping heaters and lanterns on while sleeping.
- Before setting up a campfire, make sure it is allowed.
- If campfires are allowed, they need to be at least 25 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Have your vehicle serviced by a qualified mechanic.
- Keep a portable fire extinguisher on board. Only adults who know how to operate it should use it. Only use it if the fire is small and can be contained. Make sure everyone else is leaving. Make sure someone is calling the fire department.



#### Carbon Monoxide Awareness

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. You cannot see it. You cannot taste it. You cannot smell it. CO poisoning can result from leaks in the exhaust. It can happen because of improper use of appliances. Sometimes CO comes from another vehicle. Make sure you have a working CO alarm.

#### FACT

When the vehicle is used as a structure, the most common area for these fires to start is the kitchen or cooking area. This is followed by the engine area, running gear, or wheel area. Check for safety inside and outside of the vehicle.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



# 5TH ANNUAL NORTH BEACH COMMUNITY FAIR



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd  
11AM TO 4PM  
at Grays Harbor Fire District #8**

**Help us Celebrate 60 Years!**

**Come and meet the different groups,  
services, organizations and foundations here  
for YOU!**

**There will be Food, Vendors, Music, Dunk  
Tank, Bouncy House & Fun  
Booths Too!**

**Also, help us to raise funds for  
supplies for our North Beach  
Community Center.**



**We'll have Special Collector's  
60th Anniversary**

**T-Shirts, Hoodies & Aprons  
You can preorder them on our website  
[www.GHFD8.com](http://www.GHFD8.com)**

**We are now accepting:**

WE ACCEPT THESE MAJOR CREDIT CARDS



**Tuesday,  
August 6th**

**Check with your local  
Fire or Police Department  
for event time and locations.**



**Listen for Tammy Fairley  
of the  
Ocean  
Shores  
CERT  
Team**



**on:  
KOSW and KXRO**

**KOSW 91.3FM or <http://koswradio.com>**

**9:00am**

**July 25th**

**August 22nd**

**KXRO 101.7 FM / 1320 AM 8:40am**

**July 23rd**

**August 27th**





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## Contacts & Info

### Save the Date

#### Red Cross Blood Drive

**When:** Tuesday, September 10th (1:30-7:00pm)

**Where:** Assembly of God  
125 Sylvania St S, Montesano, WA 98563

Walk-ins welcome or call (800) 733-2767 for availability.

#### Emergency Preparedness EXPO 2019

**When:** Saturday, October 5th (10:00am - 2:00pm)

**Where:** Shoppes at Riverside (Formerly The South Shore Mall)

*MORE DETAILS TO COME!*



*June & July  
Raffle Winners*

**Karolyn Holden**

&

**Donna Abbott**