

Feature Firefighter



Meet Firefighter Kyle Shoecraft

Kyle is a firefighter. He's a fun guy. He loves to snowboard. Firefighter Kyle likes riding his bike. He always wears his helmet. Hiking is another fun thing Firefighter Kyle does. He hikes with his dogs. Their names are Baxter and Chocolate.

Firefighter Kyle works hard. He is an Inspector. He inspects buildings. He makes sure they follow fire safety rules. Firefighter Kyle says "the best way to stay safe from fire is to stop a fire before it starts." He prevents fires. He keeps people safe. He keeps firefighters safe.



Staying safe is important to Firefighter Kyle. He prevents fires at his house. He tests his smoke alarms. He practices his fire drill. He keeps things that can burn away from heaters. Keeping his home safe is important. He loves Baxter and Chocolate and wants them to have a safe home.





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Firefighter Jay's Idea



Meet Feature Firefighter **Jay Schreckengost**. Firefighter Jay works at the Magnolia Fire Station.

Smoke alarms save lives. Firefighter Jay knows this. He is smart. Smoke alarms are loud. They smell for smoke. When there is smoke, smoke alarms beep loudly. They warn people to get outside quickly. "If you hear a smoke alarm there might be a fire," says Firefighter Jay. Get out fast!

Firefighter Jay and his crew check smoke alarms. They check them when they go to a house for an emergency. Some people do not have smoke alarms. Some people do not have working smoke alarms. But Firefighter Jay had an Idea.

He wanted every fire engine to carry smoke alarms. If the fire engine had smoke alarms then firefighters could put smoke alarms in homes that needed them. They want people to be safe. Smoke alarms save lives.

Firefighter Jay had a plan. He needed help to make his idea work. He worked hard. Now, firefighters have smoke alarms. They are kept on the fire engine. They can be put in homes that need smoke alarms.

Firefighter Jay says, "If you have a good idea, stick with it." You never know when your good idea might save someone's life. Firefighter Jay's smoke alarms help save lives. Be sure to ask your parents to test your smoke alarm at home.







Help the Family Find Their Way to Safety!

Make a story by putting the parts of the story in order. Start with number 1. We did it for you. Decide what comes next for numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 by putting the numbers in the boxes. Then color a path for the family to follow.



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Can you get out of this house? Count the number of ways out of this house. How many windows do you see? How many doors? Can you find all eight?





Feature Firefighter Meet Battalion Chief Mike Nakamichi



Chief Mike is a Battalion Chief with the Seattle Fire Department. Being a Battalion Chief is like being a school principal. Your principal does things for the teachers and students at your school. Chief Mike makes sure that the firefighters have the tools they need to do their job. He makes sure they take classes to keep learning.

Safety is part of a firefighter's job. Safety is part of a chief's job. "Safety is the bottom line," says Chief Mike. Firefighters did not wear face masks in fires when Chief Mike first became a firefighter. They did not know how bad it was to breathe smoke. They did not know how important it was to protect their eyes and faces. "If I could make my choice again, I would have worn a mask even though it was not a rule. It would have kept me safer" says Chief Mike. Now it is a rule for firefighters wear a face mask in a fire.

As a Battalion Chief, Mike Nakamichi makes choices everyday. He makes safe choices. He shows people how to be safe. He is safe everyday. He is a good example to his firefighters. He is a good example to his community. "My goal is to send every firefighter home to their family as safe and sound as when they came to work"



Chief Nakamichi and the crew of Station 17 in the U-District.

Major Madlib

Choose Wisely!

Fill in the blank by choosing one of the two words under each line.

Jacob, Emily and their dad were watching TV. The phone rang. Their dad answered the phone. "I will be right back," he said. "The neighbor needs my help________ something. Be good." hiding, fixing Emily wanted to try and _______ Dad's lighter. She thought it light, break would be _______. Jacob did not like that _______. Emily was sure that they would not get caught.

Emily made the lighter light. Jacob was scared. He told Emily to stop. Emily told him that he was being a baby. But Jacob had learned that lighters were tools for grown-ups.

Jacob thought about what he could _____. He could watch and hope Emily **be, do** didn't burn anything. He could just play along so she wouldn't think he was a ______. Or he could run outside and find his _____. What should toy, dad.

Write down each letter that is circled. If you filled in the blanks correctly, you will have the answer for what Jacob should do.

Don't Get Burned!

1

All of these things can burn you. Use



2

3



Feature Firefighter John Ellis



Firefighters do many things. They put out fires. They help sick people. They teach fire safety. Firefighters answer 911 phone calls in Seattle. This is an important job. These firefighters are called **dispatchers**.

Meet Firefighter John. He is a dispatcher. He has been a dispatcher for many years. His job is to answer the phone when you have an emergency and call 911. His job is to send help to you or whoever needs it.

Firefighter John works as a part of a team. There is a team of four dispatchers every day. They answer the phone for an emergency 300 times every day! That is a lot of phone calls! They work together to make sure people get the help they need.

Firefighter John says "Listening is an important part of my job." He can listen to many different things at once. To do his job well, he has to pay attention all the time.

Listening is an important job for you if you ever need to call 911. The dispatcher will ask you



questions. You will need to listen to them and answer carefully. Firefighter John says "Kids who have to call 911 do a good job. Sometimes they do better than the grown-ups. Kids are good listeners."

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Word Search.

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Help is on the way!

Draw a picture of the 3 types of emergency cars that might come when you call 911. Then draw a road from your picture to the emergency it would go to.







A Safety Activity for Kids

Draw a red circle around the things that are hot. Draw a blue square around the things that are not.





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Meet Firefighter Patti Mann



Firefighter Patti is a Medic. Medics are important. Medics help people. They help people who are hurt badly. They save lives. Medics drive an aid car. It is like an emergency room on wheels. It even has a bed inside! Hurt people lay on the bed while Medics care for them.

Firefighter Patti is a good Medic. She likes helping people. Sometimes people get hurt badly. Firefighter Patti takes care of them. They are often scared. She helps

make the scary time better. She makes it better by taking care of them.

Firefighter Patti does not want people to get hurt. She teaches people to be safe. She teaches people to wear helmets when they ride a bike or skate. Her family rides bikes. Her husband, who is also a Medic, and their two children always wear their helmets. Her daughters, Katie and Alex, are 7 and 9 years old. Do you wear your helmet like they do?

"A helmet is part of the gear needed to ride a bike or skate," says Firefighter Patti. "Just like the aid car is part of the gear a Medic needs." Firefighter Patti knows that helmets save lives. She has seen it happen. "When you wear your helmet your head is protected. Your head makes your body work. If your head gets hurt your body might not work right anymore." Protect yourself. Always wear your helmet!

Firefighter Patti is a lot of fun. Maybe you will see her while she is working in Seattle. If you see her, show her how smart you are by wearing your helmet when you bike or skate.



Firefighter Patti and her partner Firefighter Raeann. These two Medics stay very busy. On this day they are assigned to Medic Unit 31 near Northgate.

Safety Stars

Crash is an alien from the planet Accidents Happen. Crash wants to be a Safety Star. Help Crash figure out when people wear helmets to protect their heads. Look at the pictures of the people wearing helmets. Match the people wearing helmets to the activity they do when they wear their helmet.



Teach Crash, an alien from the planet Accidents Happen, how to do one of the

following: Put on a bike helmet Safely cross the street Put on a life jacket Tell a grown-up you found a lighter

Draw a picture to show Crash how to do it right.



Write down some words to help Crash remember how to stay safe.





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Meet Firefighter Roy Mason



His friends call him Bear. He is big and huggable like a teddy bear. He drives the tiller on the Ladder Truck. The tiller is the back of the Ladder Truck. The Ladder Truck is long. It takes two people to drive the long fire truck. One person drives the front. The other person drives the back. Bear learned special skills to drive the back of the fire truck. Driving the tiller is an important job.

Bear was born in the country of Panama. That is in Central America. Can you find it on a map? He moved to the United States when he was nine years old. He can speak Spanish and English. He is bilingual. He moved to Seattle because he likes the mountains and green trees. He is a firefighter at Station 10. He has been a firefighter for 22 years.

Bear stays safe when he drives the tiller in Seattle. There are three important things he always does. 1. He always puts on his seatbelt. 2. He adjusts the mirrors so he can see all around him. 3. He puts on his headset. His headset is a radio. Bear uses it to talk to the driver at the front of the fire truck. The driver and Bear work as a team. They drive the same truck at the same time. They have to work together.

Bear wants you to know that there are things you can do to be safe in a car. "Always ride buckled up," he says. "Check to make sure everyone else is buckled up, too." Kids should be quiet so the driver can watch the road. These things will help you stay safe, like Bear. He taught these things to his kids so they can be safe drivers and passengers. He wants you to be safe too.

Abroche su cinturón de seguridad is Spanish for Buckle your seatbelt.



Make it click!

Wearing a seatbelt when you ride in a car is very important. Just ask Firefighter Bear Mason.

Crash thinks it is important to wear a seatbelt whenever riding in the car (or space ship). When Crash's mom drives the family to the store, Crash rides in the back seat. It is safer there. Crash always wears a seatbelt and never takes it off while the car is moving. Crash is careful to be very good and quiet in the car so the driver can pay attention to the road.



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Meet the Seattle firefighters that work on the fire boat

The Seattle Fire Department has a special type of fire engine. It is a fire boat named Chief Seattle. The fire boat does the same things a fire engine does, but it does them on the water. The firefighters who work on the fire boat help people who are sick or hurt. They put out fires. They rescue people.

The firefighters who work on the fire boat practice water safety all the time. They have special life jackets that look like bright red coats. Firefighter John Hill says, "We wear life jackets any time we are on the boat."

The firefighters who

work on the fire boat want kids to know that it is important to be safe around the water. Pilot Bob Burtch says, "Kids should always wear their life jackets when they are on a boat."

There are four jobs for firefighters to do on the fire boat. The Pilot drives the boat. The Engineer makes sure the engines keep running. The Officer is



in charge. Then there are the Deckhands. Engineer Brian Griffin says, "The deckhand is one of the hardest jobs on the fire boat." They have to be able to do everyone's job. The whole crew works together as a special team. Pilot Bob Burtch says, "We have a big job to do. We work together to get the job done."

Fishing for Safety

Help the firefighters on the fire boat catch all the safe things under the water. Draw a line from each fishing pole to the safe thing. Be careful! There is one thing under the water that is dangerous. Draw a red X through it.



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Meet the Bike Medics

Meet Carlos Valdivia and Russ Wiseman. They are Bike Medics with the Seattle Fire Department. Medics are special firefighters who help people who are hurt.

Carlos and Russ say being a Bike Medic is different than being a regular Medic. Regular Medics drive medic trucks to a place where someone is hurt. Bike Medics ride bikes. Bike Medics get more chances to talk with people. Carlos says they get to talk with kids. "When we work at

parks we show kids how to wear their helmets right. We also show them our equipment so they can get excited about riding bikes."

Carlos and Russ are safe bike riders. They follow the rules. They always wear their helmets. They ride with a buddy. They warn each other when cars are coming. They wear bright red clothes and silver helmets that are easy to see. Russ says, "We also wear safety glasses. When we ride in a crowd, we could



get poked in the eye. Bat Day at Safeco Field can be dangerous!"

Bike Medics work at fun events. They work at parades, concerts and Mariners games. They work at Seahawks and Huskies games too. This year the Bike Medics will be at over 130 events. If you see them, tell them how you stay safe on your bike.



What do you wear whenever you ride your bicycle?

I always wear my



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Station 6 Crew: Battalion Chief Bonnie Beers, Captain Darnell Factory, Lieutenant Scott Gray and Fire Fighters Wes Lang, Bill Parker, Mark Place, Andre Shaffer and Pretzel White.

like your school, are safe from fire. They teach kids about safety. They talk to the children about the firefighter's job. "We like to visit kids the most," says Lt. Scott Gray. "We want kids to know how to be safe every day."

The next time you see a firefighter be sure to tell them what you know about fire safety!

Meet some real heroes

Meet the firefighters that work at Station 6. Their job is to help people. The firefighters help in many ways.

"We are always there to help", says Firefighter Wes Lang. "If a house catches on fire, we come quickly to put it out." Firefighter Pretzel White adds, "If someone gets trapped or hurt in a car crash, we are there to rescue them. If someone is very sick, we take care of them before they get to the hospital." Can you think of other ways firefighters help people?

Firefighters also fight fires before they start. They make sure buildings,



Show the Way!

The Firefighters from Station 6 have been called to put out a fire. Draw a line through the maze to lead them to the fire.





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Meet Captain Val Hecker

Captain Hecker works with the Seattle



Fire Department. She has worked there for more than 20 years. She works hard. She studies and learns. She learns how to be the best firefighter she can be. This has helped her get promoted. Promoted means being given more responsibility. Captain Hecker is a Recruiting Captain. Her job is to find people who want to be firefighters in Seattle. Do you want to be a firefighter when you grow up?

Captain Hecker wanted to be a firefighter for many reasons. She wanted to use her strength. She

exercises. She is strong. She wanted to help others. Firefighters help people who are sick or hurt. Captain Hecker wanted to use her college education. She is smart. Working at the fire department lets Captain Hecker use all her skills.

What does a Recruiting Captain do? She finds people who might want to be firefighters. She shows them what being a firefighter is about. She talks to groups of students. She tells them about the job of a firefighter. She

uses the Internet to tell people about being a firefighter. She puts ads in the newspapers. She plans fun events. One of these fun events is a women's basketball team. The team is all women firefighters. They play basketball before Seattle Storm games. Do you like basketball?



How does Captain Hecker do her job so well? She says, "I must work well with other people. I must be a good leader. I must be truthful and fair. I must do what I say I will do." You can count on Captain Hecker!

