



# Camas - Washougal Fire Department

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## CWFD

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## Commercial Fire Damages Port Business

On July 28, CWFD crews were dispatched to the report of a commercial fire in the Port of Washougal area. On arrival at Advanced Drainage Systems, responders found a fire located in a large storage yard containing plastic drainage pipe. Several pallets of the plastic pipe had caught fire and were in danger of spreading. The dramatic column of black smoke was reportedly visible from as far away as Portland. A second alarm was called, bringing in support units from Vancouver Fire Department and East County Fire and Rescue. CWFD crews were able to bring the fire under control in about an hour. The CWFD Fire Marshal's Office determined the fire was likely caused by a fallen power line in the storage yard. Fortunately no employees or responders were injured in the blaze.



## Staff Recognized at Employee Picnic

Congratulations are in order for several CWFD employees who were recognized at the annual city employee picnic held at Fallen Leaf Park. Firefighters Nick Ober and Vic Compher were recognized for carrying out a risky water rescue at Lacamas Lake in 2016. Judging that the victims would likely drown before a water rescue team could arrive, Ober and Compher elected to jump in to the lake and effect the rescue themselves and ultimately saved the lives of two people. Longtime CWFD senior administrative assistant Alicia Ramsey was also awarded the city "employee of the year" award for all the great work she does for the department and city. Once again, congratulations!

### Our Mission:

*"To provide the highest quality service to our community through the protection and preservation of life and property"*

## Burn Ban

Due to dangerously high temperatures and dry conditions, outdoor recreational fires have been banned in the cities of Camas and Washougal by order of the Fire Chief. This is effective immediately and will remain in place until further notice. Gas and charcoal barbecues are not impacted by this order.



**Burn Ban In Effect**

## Open House

On September 23rd, CWFD will once again be hosting an open house at Station 42, located at 4321 NW Parker Street in Camas. The event will run between 10 am and 2 pm and will feature safety presentations, extrication and fire demonstrations, as well as food provided by Northwest Natural Gas. An annual favorite is a visit from Lifeflight, who will land on the training grounds behind Station 42 at 12 noon (weather permitting).



## Miller Named Fire Sprinkler Advocate of the Year

### Charlotte Johnson—American Fire Sprinkler Association

Randy Miller has always had a vested interest in saving lives. From his beginnings as a paramedic with Buck Medical Services in Portland, Oregon, all the way to his current 15 year career as deputy fire marshal in the Camas-Washougal Fire Marshal's Office in Camas, Washington, Miller has demonstrated time and again his enthusiasm for fire and life safety. While he has had many impressive accomplishments in his long career, the American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA) is proud to honor him as Fire Sprinkler Advocate of the Year for his consistent efforts to ensure that fire sprinklers are installed in Camas homes.

To read the full article on Randy's achievement, please visit:

<http://reader.mediawiremobile.com/AFSA/issues/201499/viewer?page=11>

Randy will be honored at a special presentation in Las Vegas in September. Congratulations to Randy and thank you for your tireless efforts to keep our community safe!