



## Clallam County Fire District 3

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### 4 New CCFD #3 Fire Recruits graduate from State Fire Academy

On Thursday, July 25, 2024, the Washington State Fire Academy, a division of Washington State Patrol, graduated 30 new Firefighters at a special ceremony in Snoqualmie. Included in that ceremony, Clallam County Fire District #3 had four (4) probationary firefighters graduate. Firefighter/EMT Madison Bowe, Firefighter/EMT Nicole Simson, Firefighter/EMT Matthew Aston and Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Oberly have shed the weight of the academy and earned their stripes to move onto the next phase of their career with the District.

The academy was 12 weeks in length where the recruits worked together to put all the skills and knowledge to work to be proficient in hose handling, forcible entry, search and rescue, structural firefighting, car fires, ladder deployment and hazardous materials, just to name a few. Participants in the academy were represented by agencies from all around the State of Washington to include Port Angeles, Wenatchee Valley, Anacortes, Central Mason, Key Peninsula, East Grays Harbor, Pullman, Spokane Tribal, Sequim, Burlington, North Whatcom, South Thurston, South Pierce, Bainbridge Island, Mount Vernon and Portland Airport.

Honors and recognition went to Madison Bowe as a recipient of the coveted Bulldog Award which is an award given by the instructors for the recruits that just won't quit and have that determination to see the job done. She was also recognized for her work as a member of the "1<sup>st</sup> due Engine Company" from the academy. Firefighters recognized for this award continually show strengths in pump operations and hose handling techniques and have consistent dedication, pride, integrity and teamwork.

Nicole Simson and Matthew Aston were recognized by the academy for their hard work and determination as Company Officers as they were integral to the success of this class through leadership and guidance on academy life. This academy would not have happened without their performance.

The District is pleased to welcome these four into our family and know that they have a long career in front of them to serve you.



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Pictured below are your new probationary firefighters for CCFD#3



(L-R, Madison Bowe, Steve Oberley, Matthew Aston & Nicole Simson)

*Clallam County Fire District 3 provides Emergency Medical Services, Fire Suppression and all Hazard mitigation from three fire stations staffed 24/7/365 with Firefighters, EMT's and Paramedics and three fire stations that are served by our Volunteer members year round to the communities of Gardiner, Diamond Point, Blyn, Jamestown Tribe, Happy Valley, Sequim, Dungeness, Texas Valley, Carlsborg, Agnew, Little Oklahoma, O'Brien Road communities, R Corner, and all points in between, North and South.*

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