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## 2019 STATISTICS

Aug. 1 — Aug. 31

### District Average Response Time:

8 min. 52 sec.

### Responses by Type:

Fire: 16

EMS: 338

Other: 127

**Total: 481**

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communities of Blaine,  
Birch Bay, Custer, Laurel  
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## Member Bio

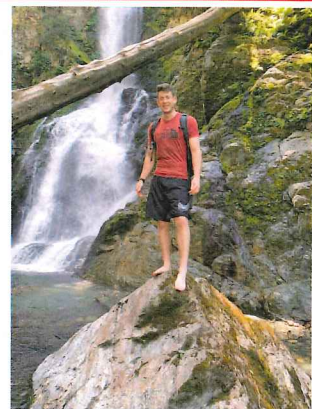


*Tye Thompson*

I was born and raised in Mount Vernon WA. on March 24, 1998. I have three sisters, two younger (Gwenn and Evangeline) and one older (Melia). I also have two loving parents, my father (Shawn) and my mother (Danna). They will both willingly admit that I'm their favorite son.

Throughout my years in high school I played basketball,

tennis and soccer. Although I excelled at tennis my subpar soccer skills managed to keep my ego in check. Growing up my parents were very adamant about making sure my sisters and I were able to get out of Skagit Valley. At a young age I had the opportunity to see most of the United States, Caribbean islands and Mexico.



During my junior year, I discovered that I had a passion for talking to the public and caring for people. After volunteering with my local fire department in Big Lake, I decided that I wouldn't want to do any other job. At the age of 18,  
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## Embrace the Resistance

### Benjamin Martin

So You Dreamed Of Being a Leader?!

Whether you are an existing or aspiring leader it doesn't take long to realize that the celebrity of leadership is overrated. More so, there is no shortage of bad leaders running around making it harder for the good ones to get people's buy-in. Why is it that so many think leadership is about bossing people around and getting things done the way they want?

The reality of leadership is that it can be hard--really hard. Life is messy and people's problems at home such as marriage, finances, substance abuse, or children occupy our attention while at work. Also, oftentimes from a lack of sleep, stress, or having traumatic experiences we struggle to reconnect and be present with our families once we get home.

Leading isn't just about training your people; it also involves a significant invest-

ment of time to help when problems arise. It's moments spent coaching and counseling. It's celebrating the good while not hiding from and dealing with the not so good.

Yesterday's leadership training is not preparing people to face the challenges of today's fire service. It neglects relationships, empathy, and the power of caring about each other. We must  
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## Member Bio cont.

*Please remember to keep the district up to date with any changes including your contact information.*

*All changes should be directed to Kelly.*

*These changes may include:*

*Phone*

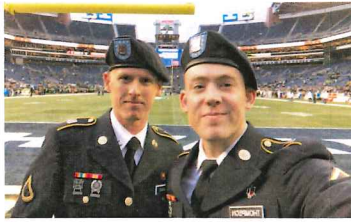
*Address*

*Email*

*Family Additions*

*Name changes*

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I joined the Washington Army National Guard as a 68W combat medic. A month after I graduated I was shipped off to basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After graduating basic training I was sent to combat medic school in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. During my time at Fort Sam I received my national EMT certification and spent three months after that drilling six days a week in TCCC (tactical combat casualty care). Daily events during this time included live IVs on myself and fellow soldiers, runs in full gear and mass casualty treatment drills. Although this time had a grab and go mentality, we were also taught skills such as tracheostomies, needle chest decompressions, chest tubes and drug administration.



other firefighters. My favorite thing to do on my days off was to compete in obstacle course races. My favorite were Spartan races that ranged from three to 13 miles and included 23 to 27 different strength obstacles. It filled a void I was missing from com-

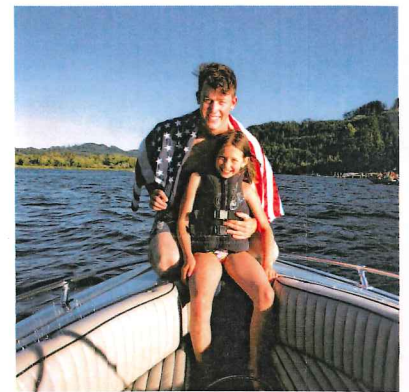


peting in sports in school. In the 2018 spartan race season I placed top five out of 50, in back to back races hosted by Snohomish County.

Other activities that interest me are water skiing, fishing, hiking and going to the shooting range. As far as my academic life goes I am two quarters away from get-



ting my AA degree and hoping at some point to go to paramedic school to further my EMS skills.



Being as my father is in law enforcement and my mother is a school teacher, the importance of public service was not lost on me or my sisters. As a result, my older sister became a Bellevue police officer and I became a firefighter. In my short time as a firefighter and combat medic, I have had the amazing opportunity to work with many incredible men and women. I look forward to many more encounters.



After returning to my new home unit in Marysville, I was picked up by Sedro-Woolley fire department as a resident living with six



# 18th Annual 9-11 Memorial Service

Join first responders, Border Custom and VIP guests on Wednesday, September 11th at the Peace Arch Park Border for the 18th annual 9-11 Memorial Ceremony and reception. The ceremony is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. followed by a BBQ lunch.

Guests of honor from New York will attend the event to represent their fallen comrades and all those who perished on September 11, 2001.

The event was founded in 2002 to commemorate the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks, including more than 400 police officers and firefighters.



## 9-11 MEMORIAL

17TH ANNUAL 9-11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

**TUESDAY, SEPT 11TH**  
**Peace Arch Park Border**  
**10:00am**

[nw911memorial.org](http://nw911memorial.org)

[BehindTheBadgeFoundation.org](http://BehindTheBadgeFoundation.org)

[HonourHouse.ca](http://HonourHouse.ca)

Those interested in participating in a Canadian ride to the border that morning should call Guy Morall at (778) 988-1012

• Join us as we welcome First Responders from NYC as our honored guests.

• Join dignitaries, officials, as well as fellow citizens of America and Canada as we remember and honor those who sacrificed all on September 11th, 2001.

• Ceremony at the border is scheduled for 10:00am followed by a special BBQ luncheon with donation proceeds benefiting Behind the Badge Foundation and Honour House.



## Events to Celebrate September Birthdays

19 — Brian Botta Pillo

25 — Robert Mulrooney



## Fire Commissioner Meetings

### NWFR

Thurs. September 19

9408 Odell St 61 Blaine —  
1:00 p.m.

### District 4

Wed. September 18

4142 Britton Loop St 12  
Bellingham — 12:00 p.m.



## Embrace the Resistance cont.

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teach leaders to focus less on themselves and strip away the vanity and ego of leadership. Our mission at Embrace The Resistance is to do just that: Create leaders with a heart for serving others.

It's time for the fire service to return to its roots by embracing the heart of a

servant, humbling ourselves to our purpose, and loving each other—not just the lauded accolades of what we do. Today, and every day forth, our actions must seek to reclaim our mission and our brotherhood

from the grasp of those who only see the opportunity of celebrity, instead of service. Are you in?

Click [here](#) for more information

# #LEADERSWANTED







4142 Britton Loop Rd.  
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### Free Friends and Family CPR Classes 2019

Class will be held  
from 6:00 p.m.—9:30  
p.m. at various fire sta-  
tions around the district.  
Check out  
[www.nwfrs.com](http://www.nwfrs.com) for more  
information and to re-  
serve your spot.

March 27  
April 24  
May 29  
June 15 CPR and First  
Aid  
June 26  
July 31  
August 21  
September 21  
September 25  
October 30  
November 20  
December 18



*Donations of nonperishable food  
items are encouraged but not  
mandatory. All food donations  
will be forwarded to local area  
food banks.*



## Hog and Horses Fundraiser

North Whatcom Fire and Res-  
cue hosted a car show on Sun-  
day, August 18 at Britton Loop  
Station 12. The event raised  
\$1,208 for the Whatcom Coun-  
ty Support Officers.

In addition to the car show  
there was a children's happy  
hour including a coloring con-  
test. Children also made bird  
feeders, played corn-hole and  
enjoyed ice-cream, complete  
with sprinkles.

The day was filled with good  
conversation, music and ended  
with a raffle and prizes in vari-  
ous categories including Best in  
show Classic, Muscle, Motorcy-  
cle, truck and Peoples' Choice.

A HUGE thank you to all  
those who participated, donat-  
ed, and/or contributed: DJ  
Clint Westwood, Judges, Klaus  
and Reiner Klix, Service Pro,  
Jim's Automotive, Master Auto  
Detail, Cycle Gear, Wings, Au-

to Zone, O'Reilly's Auto Parts,  
GearAid, Asian 1, Donna Klix,  
Doc Holliday, Ron Brown.

A special thank you to Jerilyn  
Klix-Luna and Captain Ray  
Davidson for organizing the  
event.

