



CLALLAM 2 FIRE-RESCUE

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Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue Receives Grant from Port of Port Angeles

Port Angeles, WA – Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue’s Fire & EMS Explorer Post will be more informed and better educated once they complete their training thanks to a grant from the Port of Port Angeles. \$2,567.00 in funds were provided to fire district under the Port’s “Community Partner Program” according to fire Chief Sam Phillips. The fire district applied for the funding in 2018 as part of their training and education of future firefighters who are enrolled in their Fire & EMS Explorer Scout Post 1012. The grant allowed the fire district to purchase 25 student manuals, which cover all aspects of firefighting and hazardous materials response. Each manual is over 1,500 pages in length and can be re-used for class after class of recruits. Currently the Fire Explorer Post has 14 young adults between the ages of 14-18 years old. The Fire Explorer training program is geared toward career opportunities, problem solving, leadership training, conflict resolution, citizenship, and building character through ethical decision making. The post meets two Monday evenings monthly at the Dry Creek Fire Station, 700 Power Plant Road and is generally considered a feeder group for those interested in becoming firefighters, EMTs, or paramedics. The goal is to prepare young adults for

the workplace by building a diversified and skilled workforce, said Chief Phillips. As part of the grant, the fire district provides the instructors and expendable materials as an in-kind contribution.

The Port of Port Angeles' 2019 Community Partner Program offers matching funds of up to \$70,000 for use in eligible economic development projects, education projects, community events, and tourism promotion projects in Clallam County. To be eligible, the applicant must be a public or non-profit group or an incorporated or unincorporated small city of no more than 10,000 residents. A qualifying education project will identify, evaluate, and/or provide exposure to local needs and opportunities in the areas of workforce training, vocational outreach and/or career education for Clallam County residents in manufacturing and the skilled trades.

Clallam County Fire District 2 provides fire suppression and Advanced Life Support emergency medical service to 9,500 people over 85 square miles outside the city of Port Angeles serving the communities of Deer Park, Gales Addition, Mt. Pleasant Community, Black Diamond, Dry Creek, and Lake Sutherland. Forty volunteer and six full-time Firefighter/Medics respond to an average of 1,700 emergency calls per year. Clallam County Fire District 2 operates under a balanced budget, and has one of the lowest tax rates of any full service fire district in the county.

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Left to Right: Advisors Mike Jensen, Sarah Springob, & Lt. Troy Tisdale. Explorers Annika Volkmann, Malachi DeLano, Tristan Lowman, Annika Slowey, and Theo Saxe. Photo by Jay Cline C2FR