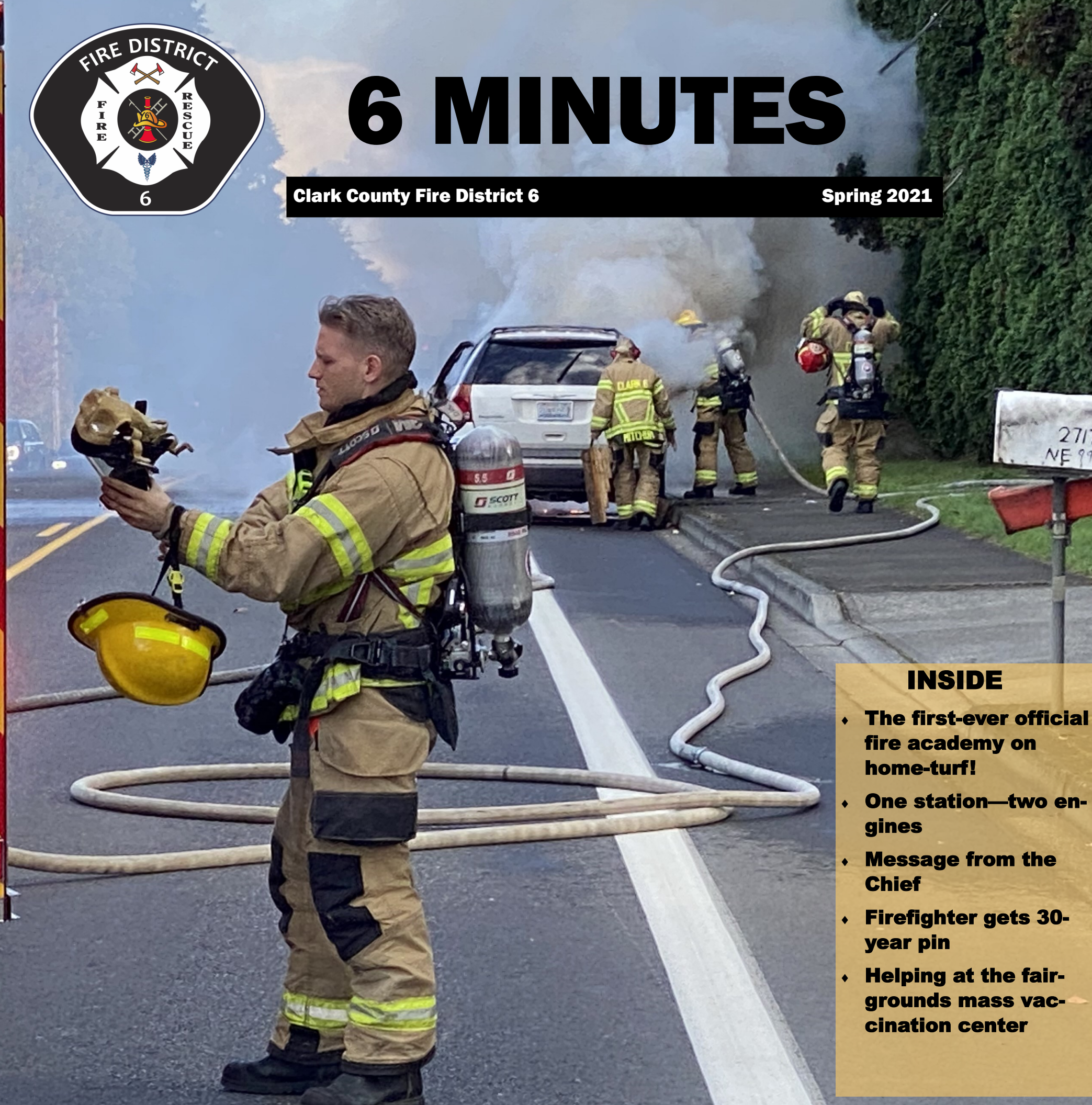




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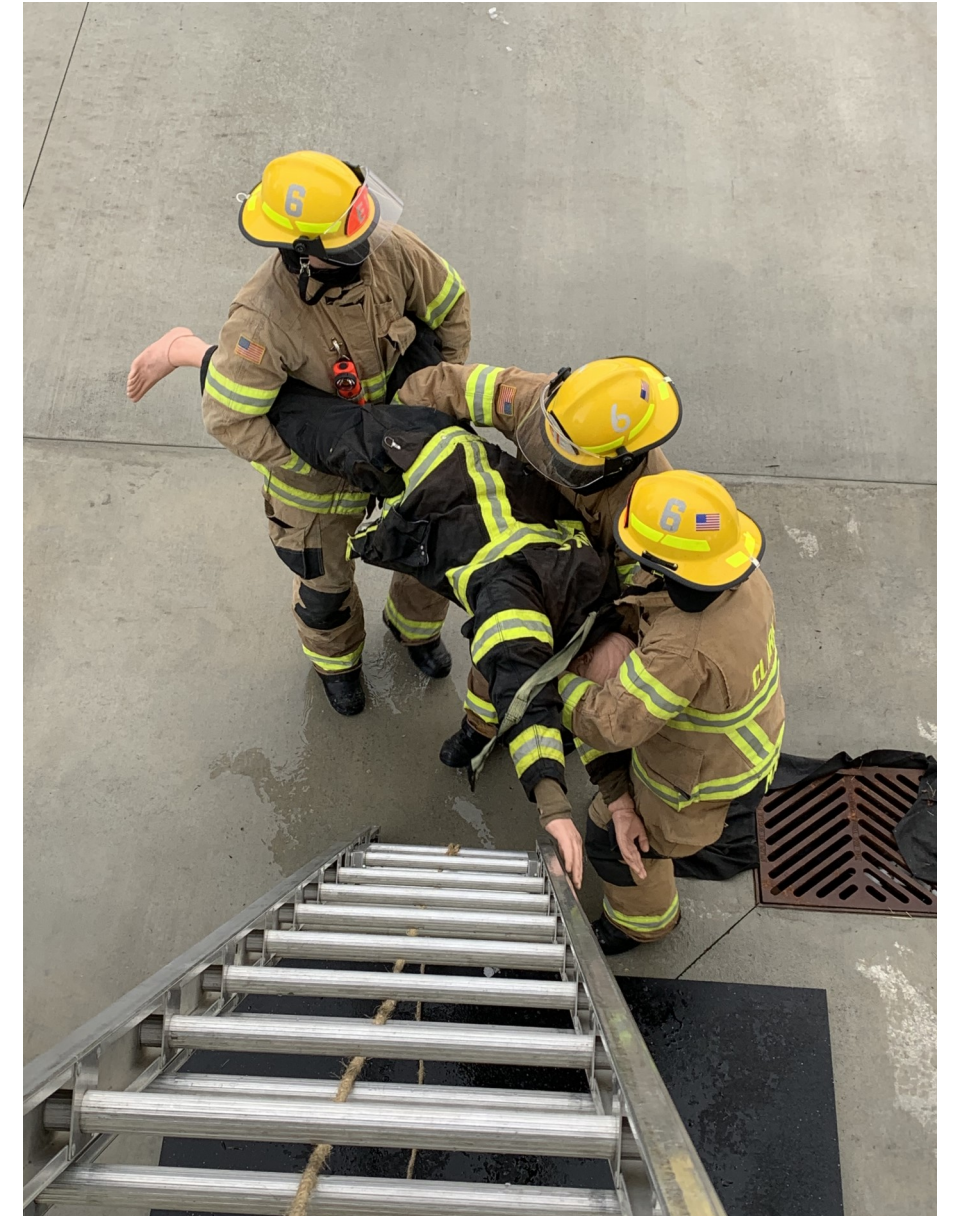
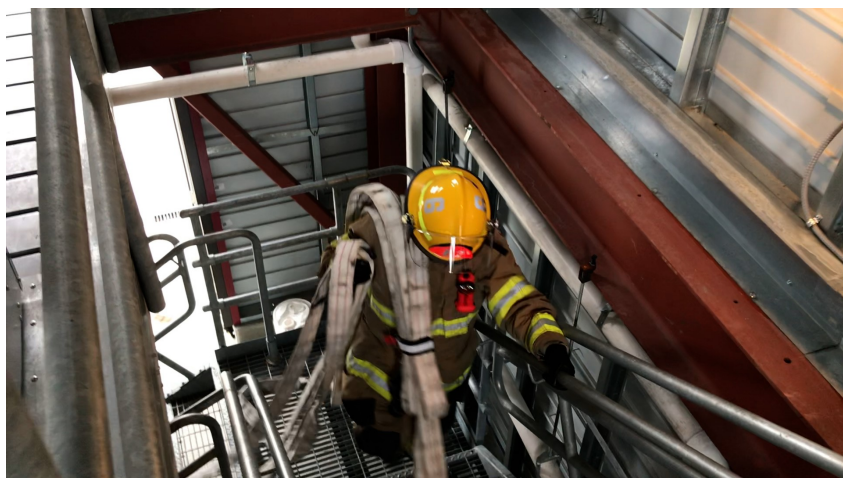
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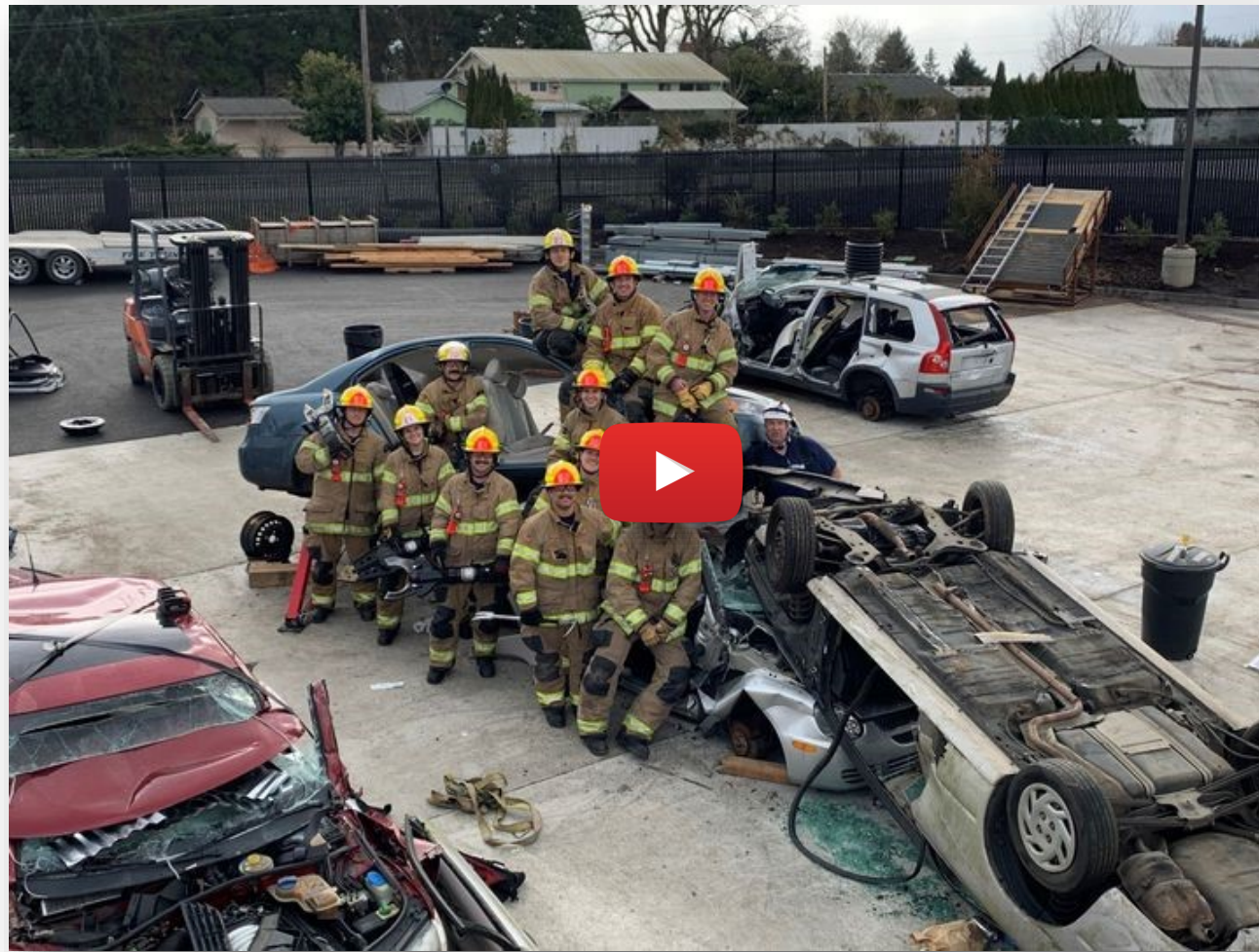
First, Largest Ever!



Welcome to the graduating class of Fire Academy 2021-01. These 11 new CCFD6 Firefighters are what are called “Laterals”, which means they come from other agencies in the area and specifically want to work for District 6. It’s the first time we’ve been able to hold an academy on our own turf and the largest number of Firefighters we’ve ever hired. It’s all possible because of your support.



Fire Academy: “Behind The Scenes”



So what happens during Fire Academy? Well, it's tough, physically demanding and mentally challenging. And although these are experienced Firefighters, we need to teach them they way we do things the “District 6 way”. So check out the video and see how you'd do at Fire Academy.



One Station, Two Engines....

One other benefit from the passage of last years' levy lid-lift is we now have the ability to run two engines out of Station 63. We've needed to boost staffing at the station, as the community continues to rapidly grow and call volume has sharply increased.

An additional engine enables us to handle a larger volume of more serious calls, like medical emergencies and serious crashes. We have the voters to thank for allowing us to better serve.



“Happy Birthday to You....”

As the pandemic started to spread across the country we opened the new Fire Station 63. The Salmon Creek Station has been growing ever since. Going from one Engine Company we quickly added a Squad. At the beginning of this year we replaced the Squad with a second Engine Company—Engine 64. And the long term goal is to replace one of the engine companies with a Truck.

We also completed the construction of a new Training Tower, which we quickly put to use. While the pandemic has forced us to keep the building locked down to the public, as soon as things return to “normal” we plan on opening it up for tours.

Bill Dunlap: 30 Years and Counting



Firefighter Bill Dunlap started at District 6 more than 30 years ago. He says he didn't think he'd ever make it through probation. Well, clearly he not only survived the first year, but 29 more. In the short video above Billy get's his 30 year pin from Assistant Chief Dave Russell. We can honestly say that this fire district wouldn't be the same without Bill, and we'll gladly take 30 more years!



We are fortunate that so many recognize the fire service in times of crisis. I watched other heroes through the pandemic who delivered supplies to the stations, made sure the grocery stores were open and went to work to care for others. It is really all of us who are serving during this pandemic.

We are making progress, but this is not over. Although we are all tired, it is important that we continue to move forward with caution. Wear a mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands and get the vaccine. Thank you to every single one of you. This is a team effort, and we will get through it together.

With Gratitude,
Fire Chief Kristan Maurer

Quick Shooting at the Fairgrounds!



Shortly after Governor Jay Inslee designated the Clark County Fairgrounds as a mass vaccination site for the COVID-19 shots, we agreed to staff the post-shot observation area. Here Firefighter Reamer and Battalion Chief Baum work the first day in the parking lot. Now we're also helping give shots inside.

