

Olympic College and the Navy Team up on Fire Fighting Training:

The Navy can now obtain Fire Fighting Training for its personnel locally. Olympic college spent \$400,000 and the Navy spent \$250,000 to equip a new "Emergency Readiness Center". Before, more than 700 Navy personnel annually had to travel to North Bend to attend the "Fire Training Academy" there. The new ERC located in Bremerton can also train Coast Guard, National Guard, ferry personnel, police and, of course, local firefighters. Olympic College hopes to make the Emergency Readiness Center a regional training ground for fire fighting training for the entire Olympic Peninsula. Even commercial fisherman and Holland America Cruise Lines have expressed interest.

Olympic College Provides Culinary Arts and Barber Training for the Navy:

Olympic College now provides training to Navy personnel in Culinary Arts, Barbering and other skills. In the past, they used to travel to San Diego, CA for such training.

PSNS Provides Welding Courses:

Instead of Navy personnel trekking off to Illinois for months of training, they now can attend 14-week welding courses locally. The courses are offered at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Shop 36.

Local training saves the Navy money and it adds to the quality of life for Navy personnel. Married sailors do not have to have unneeded family separations and the Navy gets personnel back to their duty station in a timely manner.

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