



SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 10

NEWSLETTER

SERVING THE WEST PLAINS OF SPOKANE COUNTY

Second Quarter 2023

PROPOSITION 1 - FIRE LEVY LID LIFT

What is on your August 1st Ballot?

Fire District 10 is asking our voters to consider restoring our fire levy rate to the previously voted \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value from 2007. This is called a "Fire Levy Lid Lift". The current fire levy rate has fallen to \$.81 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Why is Fire District 10 asking for a Fire Levy Lid Lift?

Fire District 10 currently funds all daily operations and most of our capital replacement needs through regular operating levies. The fire levy is the primary funding source for fire and emergency services provided in the district. This means that the fire levy helps fund staffing, equipment, and operating expenses to provide structure and wildland fire suppression, fire prevention, and other essential services to the citizens in our district. Also, Fire District 10 has seen significant increases in emergency responses over the last 10 years. In 2012 the district received 852 calls and in 2022 1,400 calls for service were received. This is a 64% increase since the levy was approved in 2007. The increase in calls, together with the increase in operating expenses, is why we are asking voters to consider this Fire Levy Lid Lift.

What will this cost?

The \$.69 Levy Lid Lift will cost the owner of a \$300,000 home approximately \$17.25 per month. The lid lift would return to \$1.50 per \$1,000 in 2024 and then Fire District 10 would be able to collect 1% each year or the amount allowed by the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater; not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000.

Does Fire District 10 receive money from the State or County?

No. Fire District 10 is separate from Spokane County and the State of Washington governance and receives no money from them or any sales tax. The fire levy is the primary funding source for fire and emergency services provided within the fire district.

Fire Danger Today

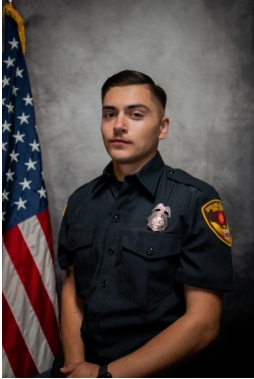


For more information, www.scf10.org or call Don Malone at (509)822-9125

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CONGRATULATIONS TO SCFD10 NEWEST FIREFIGHTERS

The district would like to welcome firefighters Corbyn Ziemer, Kollen Pitts, Juan de Jesus Ortiz, Sam Freeman/Balsley and Omar Perez. Corbyn started his career with the City of Airway Heights in 2021. Kollen, Juan, Sam, and Omar are among the volunteer graduates from the West Plains Recruit Academy class 2023-1. They are all eager to serve in our area.



Firefighter Corbyn TH Ziemer



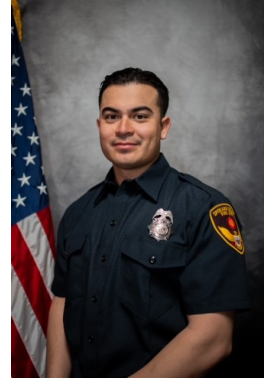
Firefighter Kollen Pitts



Firefighter Juan de Jesus Ortiz



Firefighter Sam Freeman /Balsley



Firefighter Omar Perez



The West Plains Recruit Academy brought 35 individuals to the Washington State Fire Academy in North Bend as part of their capstone training. This group is made up of firefighters from the Cities of Airway Heights and Cheney, as well as Spokane County Fire Districts 3 and 10.



Firefighters learned to extinguish vehicle running fuel fires. Two weeks later some of them applied the skills learned during a multiple vehicle fire that threatened the local Napa store. We continue to provide relevant training to meet our regional needs.



SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 10

STATION 10-1 929 S Garfield Rd Airway Heights WA 99001

COMMISSIONERS Scott Mericle, Chair Gordon Hester Kevin Haughton

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF Ken Johnson

Sta 10-2 5408 W Lawton Rd Spokane WA 99224

Sta 10-3 6316 N Dover Rd Spokane WA 99224

Sta 10-4 1411 S Brooks Rd Medical Lake WA 99022

Sta 10-5 9921 W Trails Rd Spokane WA 99224

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HOW DOES THE DISTRICT ENSURE NO EMERGENCY CALLS GO UNANSWERED?

Spokane County Fire District 10 relies heavily on partnerships and mutual aid with neighboring agencies. As the region continues to become densely populated, the amount and severity of calls continues to grow. In 2022 we provided and received mutual aid support from our regional partners. This is the only way we have been able to mitigate larger incidents while keeping the safety of our crews intact. This also gives us the flexibility of responding to more than one call at the time. We have also partnered with a diesel mechanic who is working tirelessly to repair our fleet. This is a challenge as vehicles continue to age and parts become harder to find. His ingenuity and dedication ensure our fleet remains in a ready state to serve our community.

We are striving to staff station 10-2, which houses two to three firefighters/EMTs closer to those hard-to-reach areas in the district. Currently, it is 70% staffed. Our summer crew is a key part of ensuring our facilities support and accommodate our resident firefighter program as well as our volunteers and paid staff. This summer you will see them performing annual and routine maintenance as well as responding to calls for aid.

We continue to provide quality service, maintain our equipment, vehicles, and facilities, but we will need to make some changes in the near future to accommodate the region's demands.

When seconds count...

We are your emergency contact!

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	122	8.68%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	2	0.14%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	911	64.84%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	18	1.28%
Service Call	41	2.92%
Good Intent Call	229	16.3%
False Alarm & False Call	72	5.12%
Special Incident Type	10	0.71%
TOTAL	1405	100%

CHIEF'S COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Do you have questions about **proposition 1** or what steps our agency is taking to improve the service you deserve?

Below are some chances to come out and ask the Chief directly. They will also be a good opportunity to meet some of your community members and discuss items that may impact you.

06 July 2023 Station 10-4 at 6:00 p.m.

11 July 2023 Station 10-2 at 6:00 p.m.

18 July 2023 Station 10-5 at 6:00 p.m.

25 July 2023 Station 10-3 at 6:00 p.m.

ORDER YOUR ADDRESS SIGN OR SMOKE ALARMS

At some point in our lives, most of us will experience a medical, fire or some other type of emergency where minutes can make the difference. Properly addressed homes with reflective signage in rural areas give Fire District 10 the best opportunity for a fast, professional response minimizing confusion. We highly encourage you to order these address signs for your driveway and/or for your house.

Address Sign Order Form

The sign is a 6" x 24" double sided BLUE REFLECTIVE aluminum sign with WHITE REFLECTIVE numbering on both sides. **Cost:** \$35 per sign

CHOOSE ONE AND WRITE NUMBERS IN SHADED BOX

OPTION #1: Horizontal _____

OPTION #2: Vertical _____

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Fill out this form and email to us at info@scfd10.org or
You may also call 509-244-2425 or
Stop in Station 10-1 at 929 S Garfield Rd Airway Heights WA 99001

Smoke Alarm Installation Request

Fire District #10 staff will provide and install smoke alarms free of charge.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Test your smoke alarms—It's a sound you can live with!

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Or Call 509.244.2425 or email info@scfd10.org

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PREVENTION IS THE KEY

Prevent Wildfires



WASHINGTON STATE DEPT OF
**NATURAL
RESOURCES**

Prevent Wildfires While Having Fun Outdoors

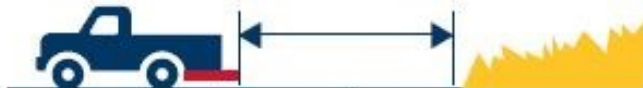


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YES

► Only dispose of lit smoking materials in ashtrays or cup of water so that they will not ignite another source.

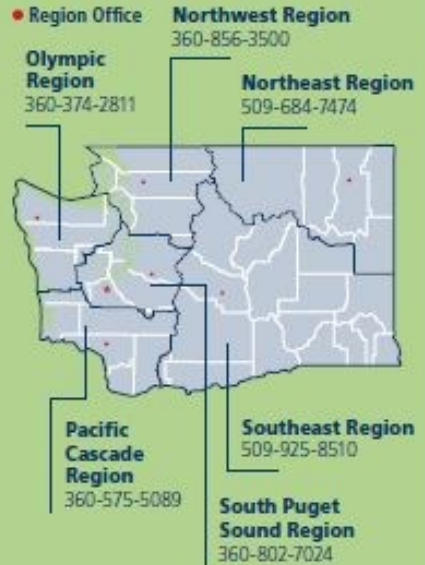


► Never park recreational vehicles, including recreational vehicles, on dry vegetation. The exhaust system can get hot enough to start a fire.

► Be sure to have a working approved spark arrester on your off-road vehicles.



**KEEP A
LONG DISTANCE
FROM DRY
VEGETATION**



FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT
FIRE PREVENTION, PLEASE
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL
DNR REGION OFFICE



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***DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR
COMMUNITY?
WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL***



Austin Marler joined our Support Services team. He will help us shuttle water to remote areas of the district, set up firefighter rehabilitation, resupply areas, monitor responder vitals, and ensure we follow our decontamination protocols during and after a fire. He will be trained as an Emergency Medical Technician to better serve our firefighters during rehab operations. People like Austin are critical to our success all year round, especially during summer's heightened wildland season. We are looking for more people like him to join our agency so we can continue to provide the highest quality of service. If you are interested in joining our team, please go to our website, call the office line, or stop by and have a conversation about the incentives, requirements, and expectations. Involvement in the community is a very rewarding experience.

