



A Message From The Chief

2012 was a very productive year for Fire District #10. We were able to make some major improvements to help ensure the safety of our citizens and firefighters and put in place some additional preventive programs. This newsletter shares with you some of those accomplishments and notifies you of our current and upcoming events. You should expect to see two newsletters this year but for more timely updates please "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-County-Fire-District-10 or visit our website at www.scfd10.org. We'd love to hear from you.



None of our success would be possible without the support of our elected Fire Commissioners, one of which we lost this past year. Dave Foxworth passed away unexpectedly in October. He served the District for over twenty-five years as a volunteer firefighter and was the District's very first Public Education Officer. Dave served on the Board of Fire Commissioners, including being Chairman of the Board. His insight and passion for serving the Fire District and citizens will be sincerely missed. Thank you for all the years of dedication and memories Dave. Ken Pegg has been appointed to the vacant Fire Commissioner position until a public election takes place in November 2013. We welcome Ken and look forward to his leadership and innovative ideas. More in-depth information can be found on the back page.

The idea of a true joint firefighter training academy came to fruition in 2011 with the formation of the West Plains Recruit Structural Academy. The latest joint training started on February 6, 2013. For more details on this beneficial endeavor please see page 3. Our volunteers enable us to provide the high standard of service we currently provide. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Deputy Chief Robert Ladd.

Several improvements were made to equipment or facilities in 2012. The purchase of five replacement engines provides the District with an additional 2,200 gallons of water on wheels and greatly improves the safety of both the firefighters and residents of FD #10. One engine has been placed at each of our five stations to replace or complement our aging fleet from 1983-1986, and now provides two engines as reserve status but available. The replacement engines are identical, aiding in training and providing consistency among stations. In addition, we completed an expansion at Station 10-2 to accommodate a training room, more living quarters and the new larger engine.

We plan to hold several Open Houses this spring. Be looking for updates on our FB page, website, or contact station 10-1, Monday through Friday. Several other community events will be taking place. A free "chipping" day in April and free home inspections and CPR trainings are just a few of our preventive services. Read further details in this newsletter and take advantage of the services we provide, including free smoke detectors while supplies last.

Two of the districts fire engines were utilized in this accident to create a safe working environment as firefighters extricated two patients from the vehicle. Injuries were non-life threatening. Always drive safely in inclement weather. It saves lives.

I hope your winter was nice but uneventful.

Nick Scharff
Fire Chief, Fire District #10



HIGHLIGHTS

- FD #10 Awards
- Improved PPC Rating
- Improvements to Education Program
- The West Plains Recruit Structural Academy



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS/EMTs NEEDED!

Find out how to join our dedicated volunteers on Page 3, drop by our headquarters to talk to one of our staff members, or come to one of our Open Houses this spring.

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Fire District #10 Firefighter Appreciation Banquet

The Appreciation Banquet for 2012 was held at Northern Quest Resort and Casino on February 2, 2013. Several members were recognized for length of service, and a few specific awards were given. **Ron Wood received the “Rookie of the Year.”** Ron has over twenty years of fire service experience, but is new to District #10 last year. **Conner Foxworth received “Resident of the Year”** and **Ryan Coffey was awarded “Firefighter of the Year”** for their dedicated service and support of the District. **Lt Josh Twilligear was awarded the “Chief’s Award.”** The Chief’s Award is only given when someone has demonstrated a high level of dedication and service over a long period of time. Josh has continually stepped up whenever the District needs him and exceeds expectations. Congratulations to all our award winners. Special thanks to the Kalispel Tribe and Northern Quest Resort and Casino for sponsoring our banquet. Many area businesses donated prizes for our raffle and door prizes.

Each year Fire District #10 holds a Recognition Banquet to honor our volunteer firefighters and EMTs as a small token of our appreciation. It also recognizes outstanding contributions by individuals. Many thanks to our award winners this year and to our entire volunteer staff who make it possible to provide such a high level of service to the citizens of Fire District #10.

Top Photo: Ron Wood & Deputy Chief Robert Ladd

Middle Photo: Conner Foxworth & Deputy Chief Robert Ladd

Bottom Photo: Lt. Josh Twilligear & Chief Nick Scharff



FD #10's WSRB Rating Improves

Every fire district in Washington State is given a rating (called a PPC rating) for their fire-fighting capabilities ranging from 1-10. Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB) determines a community's Public Protection Classification (PPC) through a field survey. Fire District #10 recently requested a field survey and as a result of its dedicated efforts, the district's rating improved a full point from 6 to 5 as of January 2012. This rating reflects a higher level of service and a safer environment for the district, but can also translate into a cost savings for Fire District #10 residents. Logically, an improved rating positively impacts your personal insurance premiums.

WSRB objectively evaluates three major areas including 1) fire alarm and communication systems; focusing on the community's facilities and support for handling and dispatching fire alarms 2) fire department; focusing on the fire department's first-alarm response and initial attack to minimize potential loss, reviewing such items as distribution of fire stations and fire companies, equipment carried on apparatus, pumping capacity, available apparatus, departmental personnel and training and 3) water supply, reviewing the water supply a community uses to determine the adequacy for fire-suppression purposes.

Since the last field survey we have placed five replacement engines into service and made improvements to our public education and prevention programs. All of these will impact future ratings of our fire district. Fire District #10 will continue to be proactive in seeking out ways to maximize the service and capabilities delivered to our citizens. You may want to check with your insurance agent to see if your premium was lowered as a result of your fire district's improved PPC rating.

Welcome Peggy Callahan

Peggy Callahan is our new Administrative Director/District Secretary. She comes to us with over 15 years of accounting and finance experience and is active in the community. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for the American Childhood Cancer Organization/ Inland NW, Peggy volunteers her time with AARP/VITA providing tax preparation assistance to low income and elderly clients. Peggy received a B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of Montana and is working towards her Master's Degree through Eastern Washington University. She has two sons: Matt and his wife Rachel live in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Kevin lives in Missoula, Montana.



Additions and Improvements to FD#10 Education Programs

Fire District #10 is continually improving and expanding their public education and prevention programs. The majority of these programs focus on reducing potential hazards in and around your home. One of the ways we accomplish this is by providing surveys. FD #10



offers two "types" of surveys, a **Home Safety Survey** and a **Wildfire Property Survey**. If you would like us to come out and do a Home Safety Survey, just contact us by phone at 244-2425, drop by, or email Lieutenant Mike Wolf at mwolf@scfd10.org. We utilize National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) forms to completely review your home for safety hazards. These surveys are FREE of charge. We also have a limited supply of FREE smoke alarms available for installation. Thank you to Numerica Credit Union, Washington Trust Bank and Inland Northwest Bank for donating these smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms save lives. Contact us to schedule a Home Safety Survey today. Our goal is to help you and your family be safe.

A wildfire property survey will provide you with tips on how to provide a "survivable space" around your home and rid your yard of debris and other combustible materials. To assist in your cleanup efforts we are offering a **FREE "chipping event" on Sunday, April 13, 2013, from 10 am to 3 pm**. You can bring in all of your tree branches up to four inches in diameter. Left on your property, this debris provides added fuel for fires to burn and spread rapidly. Chipping this material is a positive alternative to burning; which can create problems with air quality. It is also a great option to those in no burn zones. There are no restrictions on how many pickup loads you can dispose of. The adopted County Wildfire Prevention Plan is to have fuels reduced 30 feet around a home and 10 feet up on trees in that perimeter and beyond. This one day free chipping event will take place at Station 10-5, 9921 W Trails Road. This event is made possible with the help of the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency and the Department of Natural Resources.

The district also provides free **CPR/First Aid Training**. Expecting a baby? Now would be a good time to brush up on dealing with emergency situations. These courses are intended for everyone over the age of 16. You never know when you might be in an emergency situation where your assistance is needed. Or, if it is you that needs help, you will be glad your neighbor took the course. Pull together some of your neighbors, family, or schedule a class with your co-workers. We are happy to help. Our goal is to help you avoid tragedy.

You may have seen the **blue address signs** that the district provides at a nominal cost. When minutes count these legible, reflective signs play a big role for emergency personnel in locating the correct address. Contact Station 10-1 or visit our website for more information on these valuable signs.

Station tours, blood pressure checks, and being available for public education appearances is also part of our Prevention Program. If you are having an event and would like fire personnel to present safety information, please give us a call. When we visit schools or younger citizens we often arrive with a fire engine or ladder truck so they will pay close attention and still have a lot of fun.

Fire District personnel are here to serve the citizens of Fire District #10. Our main goal is to keep you and your property safe. Please take advantage of our life-saving programs. Everyone can benefit from training on how to prevent or reduce hazards in and around your home or property. Help us keep our community safe!

NEW: West Plains Recruit Structural Academy

The first West Plains Recruit Firefighter Academy (WPRSA) took place in Fall of 2011, hosted by FD#10. The Academy marks the first time all four of the agencies have been involved together. This includes the Cities of Airway Heights, Cheney and Medical Lake Fire Departments as well as Fire District #10. The participants go through over 275 hours of training covering fire behavior, fire attack, ventilation, forcible entry, ladders and many other structural firefighting topics. Basic wild land fire training is also included. Graduation for the class of 2013 recruits is June 27, 2013.

The benefits of training together are many. The most obvious is the monetary savings of pulling together resources and personnel to provide the training. Further, when all the agencies train together, there is consistency in technique, terminology, level of training and expertise. This is especially beneficial in mutual aid calls where multiple agencies are called together.

There is a Spring and Fall Academy each year that follows our recruitment periods. If you think you might be interested in becoming a volunteer

with Fire District #10 you can find information on our web site or contact Deputy Chief Robert Ladd at 244-2425.





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Reflective Signs Available Through Fire District #10

Reflective address signs are available for purchase at Fire District #10. These signs are practical and easy to read, making it easier for firefighters and others to locate your home in time of need. The UPS man may also appreciate the blue reflective material with 4" white reflective numbers. The signs measure 24" x 6" and can be displayed vertically or horizontally with numbers on both sides. These signs are durable aluminum. The cost for each sign is \$15. Contact Fire District #10 headquarters for purchase information.

Ken Pegg Appointed to Vacant Fire Commissioner Position

Ken Pegg was raised on a farm on the West Plains, attended Great Northern and graduated from North Central. He was hired at Kaiser Mead in 1974 and was an active union member in Steelworkers Local 329. Promoted to Training and Communications Manager in 1990, Ken went on to Internal Relations and Community Affairs in 1994. During his employ with Kaiser Mead, Ken also managed their properties and plant security including fire and emergency medical. He retired from Kaiser Mead in 2003 after 29 years when the plant closed. He began his firefighting/first responder career in the 80s. Ken owns Rimrock Yard Care and provides property maintenance in the Spokane area with his four sons. Ken and Mary Pegg have been married for 27 years.

