



# NEWSLETTER

SERVING THE WEST PLAINS  
OF SPOKANE COUNTY

FIRST QUARTER 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



I would like to start off with thanking you for your continued support to our firefighters. I can assure you that your support is valued and much appreciated. As an individual who grew up in Deep Creek area and began volunteering in the fire service at the age of 16 here at Spokane County Fire District 10, it is an honor and privilege to have been chosen to serve as your Fire Chief.

The West Plains is positioned to experience dynamic, exponential growth and change due to the formation of the West Plains Public Development Authority, a strong economy, and the space and services for development. With the additional growth comes service and funding challenges. SCFD#10 continues to be fiscally responsible while providing the quality services our residents and businesses expect. Your Fire Commissioners and Staff continually embark on strategic planning processes and constant program evaluation regarding funding, facilities, vehicles and equipment, staffing models, training and other operational and logistical needs. Additional agency partnerships include agreements with local fire service agencies, state and county governments, municipalities, Department of Natural Resources, Fairchild Air Force Base and private businesses that also leverage funding opportunities and minimize duplicate services. Federal grants are also sought and awarded regularly. Our Fire District has benefitted substantially from those funds. In August, we will again be asking for your continued support by renewing an existing EMS levy which accounts for 25% of our current budget including 3 positions. The 866 calls for EMS service in 2019 exceeded 80% of our call volume and will continue to demand our financial and staffing resources.

Having your safety in mind, our professional, hardworking staff and members are SCFD10's greatest asset dedicating countless hours to improving our service to you.

We look forward to seeing you out in our community and welcome you to stop by any of our stations to meet your firefighters. If you have any suggestions or questions on how we can better serve you, please stop by Station 10-1, contact me at (509) 244-2425 or [kjohnson@scfd10.org](mailto:kjohnson@scfd10.org)

Chief Ken Johnson, CFO

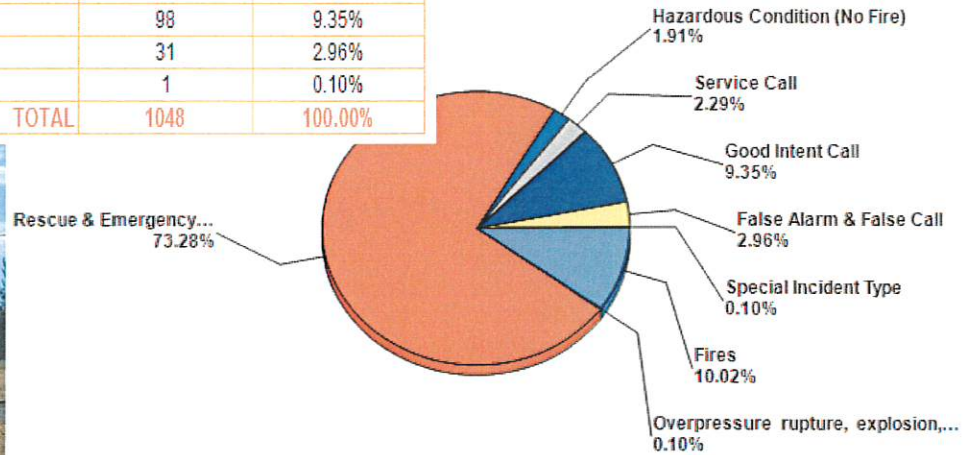




## 2019 BY THE NUMBERS

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	105	10.02%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear - no fire	1	0.10%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	768	73.28%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	20	1.91%
Service Call	24	2.29%
Good Intent Call	98	9.35%
False Alarm & False Call	31	2.96%
Special Incident Type	1	0.10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Mutual Aid**  
(Helping Other Agencies)  
Aid Given 162  
Aid Received 13



## 2019 NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- \*Welcomed new Chief Ken Johnson after Chief Nick Scharff's retirement with 42 years of service.
- \*Received and put into service 78 air packs and 156 bottles purchased with a \$603,238 FEMA grant.
- \*Hiring of Division Chief Debby Dodson with a \$301,500 4 year FEMA grant and \$100,000 4 year match. Awarded additional 4 year \$378,000 FEMA grant supporting recruitment, training and equipment.
- \*Welcomed 24 new members including lateral and recruit firefighters, support services members
- \*Performed 82 annual commercial building inspections



## SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #10

929 S Garfield Rd Airway Heights WA 99001

**COMMISSIONERS** Scott Mericle, Chair Ken Pegg Gordon Hester

**DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF** Ken Johnson

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR** Peggy Callahan **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** Kaydi Francis

**DEPUTY CHIEFS** Orlando Sandoval Don Malone **DIVISION CHIEF** Debby Dodson

**LIEUTENANTS** Mike Risley Jared Murphy Rob Sayers

**FIREFIGHTERS** Taylor Scharff Evan Zeutschel Lane Bitz

**70 Additional Support Services Members and Firefighters**

**Sta 10-1:** 929 S Garfield Airway Heights WA 99001 **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



# RECRUITMENT



*FF Pavlischak, FF Lehmann, LT Anderson, FF Wardsworth, FF Martins, FF Halone*

Spokane County Fire District 10 is a 95 member strong, combination fire department prepared to serve you at a moments notice protecting lives and property. A combination fire department is made up of both paid staff and volunteer members in a variety of administrative, support services and fire/emergency response roles. Our professional, well trained, dedicated members responded to 1,050 calls for service in 2019 including emergency medical calls, motor vehicle accidents, wildland and structure fires, hazmat and additional calls for service. As the West Plains continues to expand rapidly, the need for volunteers continues to grow.

Our success depends on having the right number of effectively trained individuals strategically located throughout the District to respond from all 5 stations in a timely fashion. We rely on our community members like you to fill this role. We are looking for active and retired military personnel, farmers, truck drivers, medical professionals, college students, mechanics, teachers, young professionals who have time, the capacity and the desire to make a difference. Since these individuals are usually responding when one of your neighbors is experiencing an emergency, we look for individuals who approach these traumatic situations with professionalism, skill, compassion and empathy. Our members have immense pride in themselves and what they are doing for their community.

If this appeals to you or even if you have applied before, take the first step in joining our organization to serve your community and to become involved as a volunteer for SCFD#10. We are currently accepting applications for Firefighters and Support Services if you live within our Fire District. You are invited to attend an informational meeting.

## **Traditional Volunteer Firefighter or Support Services Volunteer Informational Meeting**

**March 9 at 7p**

**Spokane County Fire District 10 Station 10-1**

**929 S Garfield Rd Airway Heights WA 99001**

**[info@scfd10.org](mailto:info@scfd10.org)**

**[www.scfd10.org](http://www.scfd10.org)**

Or contact Debby Dodson at (509) 244-2425 or [ddodson@scfd10.org](mailto:ddodson@scfd10.org) for more information.



## ***WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS***

In December, the West Plains Recruit Academy graduated 15 dedicated Spokane County Fire District Probationary Firefighters who attended over 180 hours of academy time. The members participated in extensive classroom and hands on practical sessions and as well as nationally recognized testing. Subjects covered included air packs, fire behavior, search and rescue, ventilation, water supply, ladders, pumps, fire streams, building construction, knots, forcible entry, hazardous materials, live fire, extrication, and more. Additional training and on going drills continue to develop the firefighter's proficiency. They are also required to obtain their EMT certification, attend wildland and driver's training. It is a huge undertaking for these individuals and their families while our community benefits significantly from their response.



### **Congratulations to the WPRA #2019-2 Class!**

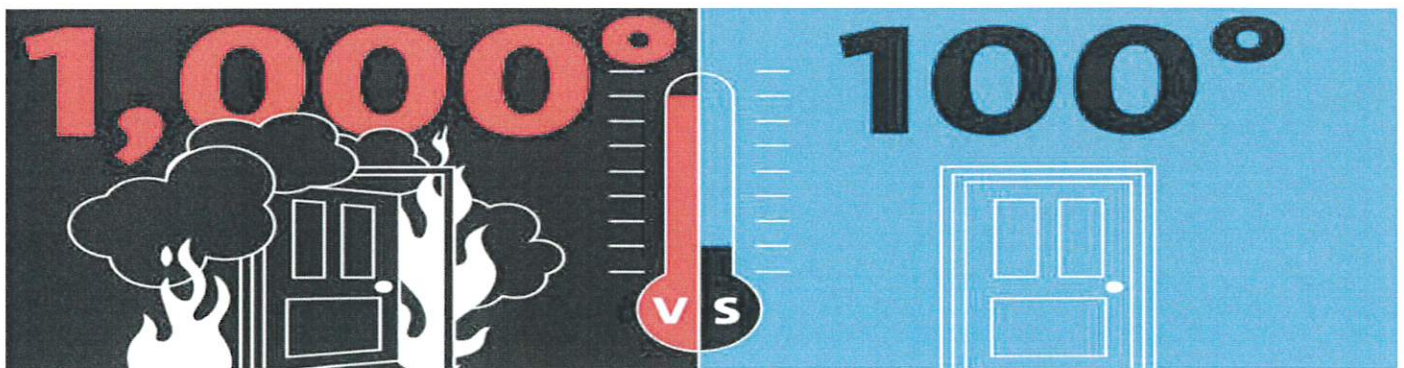
Jacob Berger, Hayden Boring, Feliciano Castilliano, Devyn Catone, Steve Copeland, Andrew Dittman, Dan Flake, Kendall Halone, Darren Hohn, Dylan Ju, Alex Knapp, TK Koontz, Kevin Pravitz, David Weddle, Nicole Wetherell

### **Support Services New Members**

Support Services would also like to extend a welcome to several new members including Rod Cavanaugh, Eric Palomino, and Nick Scharff. These individuals provide the critical functions of filling air bottles on scene, firefighter rehabilitation and driving our water supply to fires.

### **Lateral Entry New Members**

Dee Lordan, Nick Evola, Randy Bohnet, Brandon Pozas, Gunnar Cebriak, Ty Buchan



**CLISE**  
BEFORE YOU DOZE

### **MAKE A 900 DEGREE DIFFERENCE**

During a fire, a closed door can mean the difference between **1,000 degrees** and **100 degrees**.





## HELP US FIND YOU !

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: \$20 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](mailto: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.

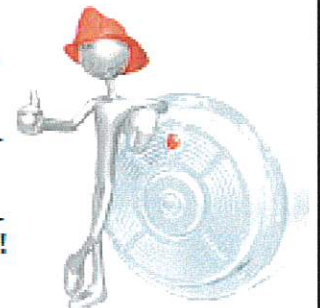
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Test your smoke alarms—It's a sound you can live with!



Mail to: Fire District #10 929 S Garfield Rd Airway Heights WA 99001  
Or Call 509.244.2425 or email [info@scfd10.org](mailto:info@scfd10.org)  
[scfd10.org](http://scfd10.org)



# 2019 SCFD #10 AWARD WINNERS

On February 1, 2020, Spokane County Fire District #10 and the Sunset Volunteer Firefighter Association honored just a few of the 95 members who dedicate themselves by putting thousands of hours of both paid and volunteer time to serve in time of need.

## Chief's Award - Emily Walston

*Resident of the Year—McKenna Jimno*  
*EMS Provider of the Year—Chris Hansen*  
*Maintenance - Rob Sayers*  
*Prevention—Lorissa Britos*  
*Firefighter of the Year - Josh Baker*

*Rookie of the Year—Lorissa Britos*  
*Safety—Ron Cato*  
*Support Services—Ron Wood*  
*Driver/Operator—McKenna Jimno*  
*Officer of the Year—Jared Murphy*

### 5 YEARS

Gerald Morton      Shyann Morton  
 Taylor Scharff      Ryan Smith  
 Matthew Toennis      Evan Zeuschel

### 10 YEARS

Amanda McCoury

### 15 YEARS

David Scher



Deputy Chief Don  
 Malone , Ron  
 Woods—Support  
 Services of the Year,  
 Chief Ken Johnson



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