



## • Spokane County Fire District 10

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Station 10-2 ~ 5408 W Lawton Road, Spokane WA 99224

Station 10-3 ~ 6316 N Dover Road, Spokane WA 99224

Station 10-4 ~ 1411 S Brooks Road, Medical Lake WA 99022

Station 10-5 ~ 9921 W Trails Road, Spokane WA 99224

Summer Quarter 2017

## FIRE DISTRICT 10 TELEGRAPH



Spokane County Fire Dist. 10  
Administrative Offices: 929 S Garfield Road Airway Heights

### Note From Chief Scharff



Summer Greetings from the *FIRE HOUSE* to *YOUR HOUSE*.

First off, I want to thank the citizens of Spokane County for the show of support for the 1/10 of 1% sales tax renewal measure that was recently passed. As you recall this measure was a ten-year commitment of the taxpayers to see that we have a reliable communications system. These renewal

dollars will be used to maintain and upgrade the current communication system for all emergency responder disciplines in our region.

After the record setting wet winter and spring, I have a few reminders for you. All the grasses and light fuels that carry fire easily have grown way above and beyond where they have in recent years. While this growth has been very good in many ways, as these grasses dry out they present more fuel on the ground to burn once a fire gets started. Many times, it is the ground fuels that allow a fire to move rapidly. Please be “fire vigilant” as we move through our hot, dry season. Always check the rules for your area before any burning devices or flames are used outdoors. Also, as storms will pass through our region bringing dry lightning with them, please review lightning safety tips and stay vigilant for lightning strikes that may hit your area. Many times, lightning strike fires go unnoticed until a day or two later.

Take extra precautions and prepare your home, it may make the difference of a home standing or a home lost during a wildland fire in your area. Our prevention department can offer some helpful advice on making your home defensible. There are resources available on the internet and on our website.

Alert Spokane is a program used by Spokane County Emergency Management to notify the public of significant emergencies in the area. Alert Spokane has launched a new program called CodeRED, a smart phone app that will notify you in the event of an emergency occurring where you live, work or travel. With CodeRED all you need to do is download and activate the app on your smart phone. By signing up, subscribers will be notified about major events (wildfire, hazardous materials, etc.), need to evacuate the area or shelter in place, or amber/silver alerts. CodeRED will send emergency information to you based on the address listed on your registration and the location of your cell phone. To download the CodeRED app and register for notifications, go to [SPOKANECOUNTY.ORG/3007/ALERT-SPOKANE](http://SPOKANECOUNTY.ORG/3007/ALERT-SPOKANE).

If you have any questions or suggestions on how we can better serve you, please email me at [nscharff@scfd10.org](mailto:nscharff@scfd10.org) or call 509-244-2425

*Nick Scharff*



David Smith



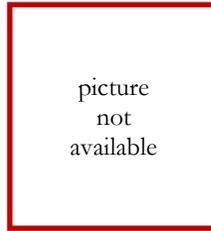
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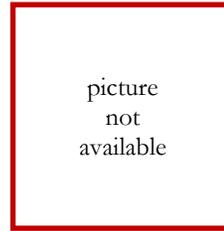
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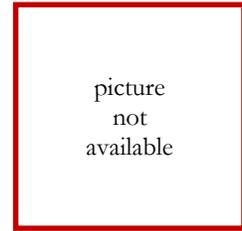
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**Meet our New Firefighters!**

The Training Division at Spokane County Fire District 10 has been busy the past few months.

The West Plains Recruit Academy (WPRA) is a collaboration of Spokane County Fire District 10, Airway Heights Fire Department, Medical Lake Fire Department and Cheney Fire Department. Seventeen new firefighters recently graduated from our 2017-1 West Plains Recruit Academy. Seven out of the seventeen recruits have begun their service to the public at SCFD10. They received their shift assignments and are actively engaged in training and response within the District. The Academy may have finished but the recruits are just getting started in their fire service endeavors.

We would like to welcome the following recruits to Spokane County Fire District 10 and recognize them for their commitment to a position of public trust in the fire service. They sacrificed time away from family and friends and proved that they ‘have what it takes’ to earn the title of Firefighter!

We congratulate our seven new firefighters:

- David Smith
- Nick deLangis
- Emily Walston
- Daniel Salgado
- Kyle Keeling
- Nicholas Monroe
- Kurtis Robinson

Spokane County Fire District 10, along with our counterparts, are in the preparatory stages for Recruit Academy 2017-2. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a firefighter, please call or come by the SCFD10 office for more information (929 S Garfield Rd, Airway Heights). We look forward to talking with you!

## **Wildland Training**

All you need to do is to look at the thermometer to know that summer is in full swing. To many, summer months mean days at the lake, camping and spending time with family and friends. For firefighters, summer means the threat of wildland fire. The Training Division at Spokane County Fire District 10 has completed the annual refresher training for our members to meet the National Wildland Fire Coordination Group (NWCG) standards for wildland firefighters. The District provides training on lookouts, communications, escape routes, and safety zones as well as a myriad of other topics to keep firefighters safe while engaging wildland and urban incidents.

This spring, eight of our members also completed classes at Eastern Washington Interagency Fire Training Academy (EWIFTA) in Deer Park. EWIFTA trains over 400 firefighters from agencies through the region, including US Forest Service, DNR, Bureau of Land Management, and many more. The wildland academy is a great way to get our members through necessary training to advance their skills and experience for better serving you, the taxpayers and residents of our County and State. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources hosts this training at no cost to members of local agencies, which is a huge benefit, helping to keep training costs and travel to a minimum. Members took courses in leadership, fire behavior, investigations and advanced firefighting skills.

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## **CHILDREN SUMMER SAFETY TIPS**

**Guard Against Burns.** About half of all accidental burns that occur each year happen to kids under age 4. Never leave a small child unattended around hot appliances, such as a grill or a stove, and keep kids at a distance while you're cooking. **How to Treat:** First-degree burns are painful and red but don't blister. To care for these minor burns, hold the area under running cool tap water for about five to 10 minutes. Place a loose, sterile dressing over the site, and keep it clean with soap and water as it heals.

**Keep Kids Cool.** Heat exhaustion symptoms include fatigue, extreme thirst, and muscle cramping; advanced stage heatstroke can be potentially fatal. **How to Treat:** If you notice heat illnesses, spray them with cold water, fan them, and get them into the shade. Ice packs to the groin and armpits can speed up the cooling process even more. If you suspect heatstroke, call 911.

**\*\*\* Never leave kids in unattended cars, even with the windows cracked. \*\*\***

**Use Caution in Water.** Do not enroll children under age 4 in formal swimming lessons that teach water survival skills. If you want them to play in water, supervise them within arm's reach, even in shallow water, and be prepared by taking a CPR course.

**Avoid Poisonous Plants.** Rashes (caused by oils) from the following plants aren't contagious. Once the skin has been washed and clothing is removed, the rashes can't spread.

*Poison Ivy:* Look for three pointed, notched leaves per stem.

*Poison Sumac:* Six to 12 leaves grow in pairs with a single leaf topping stems.

*Poison Oak:* Looks like poison ivy, but tips of leaves are rounded.

**How to Treat:** If your child's skin comes in contact with one of these plants, you have a window of about 10 minutes to wash away the rash-causing oil; otherwise, a rash may develop. Use topical hydrocortisone cream and an oral antihistamine to calm the itch.

**First-Aid Kit Essentials:** While you can't prevent all accidents, you can be prepared. Here is a list of helpful things to include:

**Band-Aids; soap; antibacterial gel or foam; triple-antibiotic ointment; hydrocortisone cream; sterile gauze pads; adhesive tape; tweezers; washcloths; cold packs; infant and children's Motrin or Tylenol; oral antihistamine; rubbing alcohol; digital thermometer.**



# FIRE DANGER

EFFECTIVE  
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# BURN RESTRICTION

## Outdoor Open Burning and Recreational Fires are **RESTRICTED**

Unauthorized open burning and unauthorized recreational fires are hereby **ordered**\* discontinued in the Unincorporated areas of Spokane County.



NO!

### NOT ALLOWED

- **All Recreational Fires** – any outdoor fire without a chimney such as a backyard fire pit or campfire using chopped firewood or charcoal
- **All Open Burning** – any open burning of fields and yard waste is prohibited at all times



YES!

### ALLOWED

- **Manufactured portable outdoor devices** - fireplaces, chimineas, barbeques and patio warmers used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- **Approved fuels in appropriate device** - clean and dry seasoned firewood, charcoal, natural gas or propane gas
- Designated campfires in parks and campgrounds may be allowed as approved and determined by agencies with jurisdiction

Any person found with a recreational fire or conducting open burning who fails to take immediate action to extinguish or otherwise discontinue such burning when ordered or notified to do so shall be charged with a misdemeanor. (IFC 109; SCC 3.02)

Unauthorized open burning and unauthorized recreational fires are restricted until this Order is lifted or unless otherwise permitted by law enforcement or authorized agencies.



**>> QUESTIONS? CALL 477-3675 OR VISIT SPOKANECOUNTY.ORG/722**

\*By order of the Fire Code Official, pursuant to Chapter 3 of the International Fire Code (IFC) as amended by WAC 51-54A, and Chapter 3.06 of the Spokane County Code (SCC), each as adopted by Spokane County; fire forecasting provided through NW Interagency Coordinating Center, Spokane County Fire Districts and National Weather Service.

# Protect Your Home

## 7 Ways Residents Can Reduce the Risk that their Homes & Property Will Become Fuel for a Wildfire

#1

### Clear

*Clear off pine needles, dead leaves & anything that can burn from your rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, patios & along fence lines. Falling embers will have nothing to burn.*

#3

### Screen & Seal

*Wind-borne embers can get into homes easily through vents & other openings and burn the home from the inside out. Walk around your house to see what openings you can screen or temporarily seal up.*

#5

### Trim

*Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to the house and attachments, and any overhanging branches.*

#7

### Close

*If ordered to evacuate, make sure all windows & doors are closed tightly, and seal up any pet doors. Many homes are destroyed by embers entering these openings and burning the house from the inside out.*

#2

### Store Away

*Store away furniture cushions, rattan mats, potted plants & other decorations from decks, porches & patios. These items catch embers and help ignite your home if you leave them outside.*

#4

### Rake

*Embers landing in mulch that touches your house, deck or fence is a big fire hazard. Rake out any landscaping mulch to at least five feet away.*

#6

### Remove

*Walk around your house and remove anything within 30 feet that could burn, such as woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles and boats – anything that can act as a large fuel source.*



NFPA has many more tips and safety recommendations on its websites, including [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Forest Jenkins



**Where were you born and raised?**

*Born & raised in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.*

**What part of fire service is your favorite and why?**

*My favorite part of the fire service is the camaraderie with my fellow firefighters.*

**What do you do for recreation?** *I like to lift weights and swim with my girlfriend and our daughters in my spare time.*

**What is your favorite restaurant?** *The Fort Ground Tavern in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.*

**What's your favorite movie/book?** *My favorite scary movie is 'The Conjuring' and my favorite comedy is 'Stepbrothers'.*

**Favorite junk food?** *Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.*

**What would a perfect day look like for you?**

*A perfect day would be spending it on the river in the mountains with my family.*

**If you only had one thing to eat and drink stranded on an island, what would it be?**

*Water and ripe avocados.*

**What is your favorite band/musician?** *I mainly listen to rap music; E40 is my favorite rapper.*