Note From Chief Scharff

Summer is almost here and I hope everyone’s had the chance to regroup from last year’s record-setting fires and natural disasters. We should all be preparing now for the season ahead.

This year’s weather has similarities to last year in our area. Snow pack levels are higher (closer to normal), but it’s melted off very early and weather patterns are 3-5 degrees warmer than normal, which potentially sets the stage for another unprecedented fire season.

I encourage everyone to plan ahead and take action around your house and property by clearing out and removing all dead fuels (i.e. dead trees, branches, twigs and weeds) and keeping grass mowed in order to provide a fire-preventive environment. Keep power lines and rights-of-way clear of dead/dying trees. This may require contacting a trained specialist to complete the job. This also provides a safer environment for firefighters who are battling the flames. These minor efforts make major differences when it comes to saving or losing your home if a wild fire flares up.

You’ll find additional information about fire prevention by visiting the safety measures link on our website at www.scfd10.org or by calling our fire prevention department directly (509-919-3343) for helpful advice.

From our house to yours, our team stands ready to provide the best possible FIRE/EMS service in the community where we all live, work and play.

Please enjoy the recent updates in this newsletter knowing we work for you!
"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"... you've probably heard that saying—it's true! Protecting homeowners from wild fires, continues to be a major focus for our Prevention Team. We offer inspections to property owners within the district at no cost. We perform home inspections to check smoke detectors, household hazards and other risks commonly seen in homes. Additionally, we offer an assistance program for installing smoke detectors when homeowners are unable to provide or install them. For more information call 509.919.3343
We invite YOU to come join us for our

"OPEN HOUSE" DAYS

STATION 10-4 (1411 S Brooks Road, Medical Lake, WA 99022)

and at

STATION 10-5 (9921 W Trails Road, Spokane, WA 99224)

SATURDAY, July 9th

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

There'll be lots of family fun, education, grilled hamburgers & hotdogs for everyone. We'll have information available on how to become a volunteer as well as information on free programs available to Fire District 10 citizens! DNR (Dept. of Natural Resources) and BLM (Bureau of Land Mgmt.) representatives will be present to provide program information about Fuels Reduction Grant Programs as well as Fire-wise information.
Congratulations are in order!

Lt. Anderson

Lt. Dominquez

Lt. Fender

Lt. Torres

Firefighter Risley

Firefighter Shier

Firefighter Branstetter

Firefighter Christensen

Firefighter Christianson

Firefighter Kavanaugh

Firefighter Mehaffey

Firefighter Morschuck

Firefighter Schaefer

Firefighter Edwards

Firefighter Smith

Firefighter Wardsworth
During a wildland fire, local animal rescue organizations work with law enforcement and fire departments to rescue as many animals as they can. In battling a wildfire, firefighters will do what they can but they are not responsible for evacuating your livestock. Firefighters may cut fences or open gates to free trapped animals.

**Livestock Disaster Preparedness Kit**
- Hay, feed and water for three days
- Non-nylon leads and halters
- First aid items
- Wire cutters and a sharp knife
- Hoof pick
- Leg wraps
- Shovel
- Water buckets
- Plastic trash barrel with a lid
- Portable radio and extra batteries
- Flashlights

**Pet Disaster Preparedness Kit**
- Pet carrier for each pet
- Two week supply of food and water
- Non-spill food and water bowls
- Pet first-aid kit
- Medications and dosing instructions
- Cat litter box and litter
- Plastic bags for waste disposal
- Paper towels
- Disinfectants
- Leashes/collars/harnesses
- Blankets

**If You Must Leave Your Pet**
- If you must leave your pets, bring them indoors.
  Never leave pets chained outdoors!
- Use a room with no windows and adequate ventilation, such as a utility room, garage, bathroom, or other area that can be easily cleaned. Do not tie pets up!
- Leave only dry foods and an extra large bowl of fresh water in non-spillable container.

**IN THE COMMUNITY**

Once again volunteers from SCFD10 could be found at the corner of Government Way and Greenwood, and Government Way and River Ridge during Bloomsday 2016. In addition to responding to five medical calls from Bloomsday participants, we handed out stickers, high fives and encouragement to all.
**SPOTLIGHT: Deputy Chief Mitch Metzger**

Starting in the fire service May 11, 1981, Metzger came to the Spokane area in 2004 and volunteered with Fire District 8. In 2008 he was hired as a division chief. He previously served with Bellevue, Spanaway, Enumclaw and Worley, Idaho fire departments. Metzger was selected as Airway Heights’ fire chief, following the retirement of the prior chief in June 2011.

Growing up on a farm in Ferndale, Wash., Metzger learned his job responsibilities at an early age. “Part of farming is helping your neighbors,” he said. “It didn’t matter what they were doing, if they needed help with something, you went over to help and vice-versa.”

Metzger and his wife Kelly of 31 years raised two adult children who attended college in Eastern Washington.

Metzger also instructed at Spokane Falls Community College. Last year marked his sixth year as a board member with the American Red Cross. “The Red Cross works so much with the fire service that it’s pretty natural to me,” he said. Through a contract for services, Metzger has been appointed as Deputy Chief of Operations at SCFD10, effective April 15, 2016. Please join us in welcoming Deputy Chief Metzger to his added responsibilities at SCFD10.