



• Spokane County Fire District 10

Station 10-1 ~ 929 S Garfield Road, Airway Heights WA 99001

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

1st Quarter 2016

FIRE DISTRICT 10 TELEGRAPH

Note from Chief Scharff

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy.

Just when we thought we had seen the worst fire season in years, we were hit with Windstorm 2015 in November. This storm took down power lines causing power outages for extended periods. Trees fell on houses and blocked roads making it difficult for everyone, including emergency responders, to navigate the area. The record setting windstorm storm unfortunately contributed to at least two citizen lives lost in Spokane County. For many this was an event that will be remembered for a lifetime.

Some say the El Nino weather patterns have been the cause of the hot/dry/windy weather we have experienced the last two years and expect to continue for several more years. Now is the time to prepare for what may be a new normal. Take a few minutes and reflect upon your own lessons learned so you can be better prepared for what lies ahead.

It is with great pride that Fire District 10 provides the best possible service to our community through sound financial management, reliable up-to-date equipment and well-trained responders. As mentioned in past newsletters Fire District 10 strives to continue to build relationships with all other West Plains fire agencies as well as fire agencies county wide in preparation for that "day" when a major emergency incident occurs and countywide resources are needed to safely mitigate the incident. This past summer was a great example of how that added support benefited the SCFD10 community. There were multiple times when wildland fires raged, yet no homes or lives were lost and acreage counts were kept to a minimum in the aftermath because of the support we received from fire agencies throughout Spokane County.

We will continue to explore ways to best serve the citizens of SCFD10 through cooperative efforts always trying to get the best value to you.

Sincerely,

Nick Scharff

Fire Chief

SERVING THE WEST PLAINS

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

2015 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

Spokane County Fire District 10 recently held their Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. This years banquet was held at Northern Quest Casino on January 30th. Some highlights of the banquet included:



Resident Firefighter of the Year—
Derek Edwards



Rookie Firefighter of the Year—
Taylor Scharff



Safety Award—Station 10-3
Represented by Captain
Gordon Hester

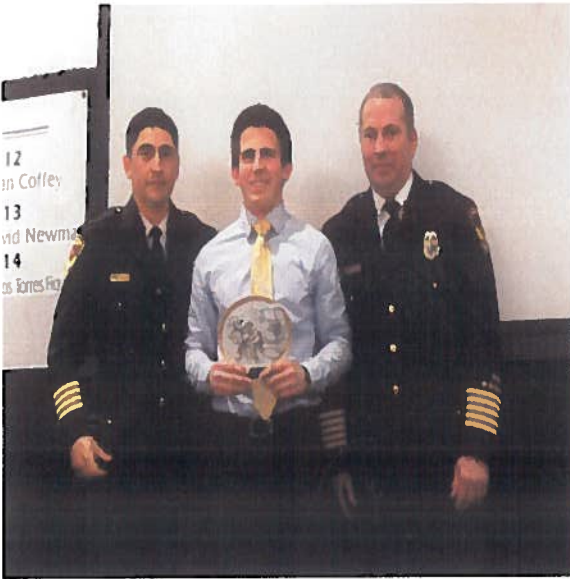
Maintenance Award— Lt Ed
Bolyard

2015 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

Congratulations to all our award winners.

**Firefighter of the Year—
John Smith.**

Other awards included: Five Year Longevity
awards for John Smith, Sean McColgin and Ben
Felland.



EMS Award—FF Johnny Waller,
FF Evan Zeutschel, DC Orlando
Sandoval, FF Mark Newman, FF
Taylor Scharff



**Support Services Award — Lt
Ron Wood**



For information on our
Volunteer Firefighter and
Support Services pro-
grams visit our website at
www.scf10.org



Our 2015-2 Recruit Academy Graduates:

Adam Christensen—SCFD10

Mindy Walker—SCFD10

Molly Dillon—AHFD

Michael Baughn—SCFD10

John Branstetter—SCFD10

Anthony Christianson—SCFD10

2015-2 West Plains Structural Recruit Academy

Six recruits graduated on December 10th from the West Plains Structural Recruit Academy after completing more than 280 hours of basic firefighter training consisting of Auto Extrication, Hazardous Materials, First Responder, Firefighter Survival and Fire Control.

Ultimately, these firefighters will be certified to the Fire Service standards that have been approved by the State Fire Marshal and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

Soon they will join the 2016-1 Class for Wildland Firefighter Type 2 certification training and many will become certified EMT's (emergency medical technicians).

Immediately following their graduation, these new firefighters will begin responding to emergencies in their jurisdiction. However, this is only the beginning of their ongoing training as a new firefighter.. It takes a huge time commitment on the part of the volunteer and support from family and friends to be a firefighter, but the reward of helping others is worth it!

These members may be your friends or neighbors—thank them for their public service next time you see them out and about.

PREVENTION UPDATE:

2015 proved to be a very busy year for Fire District 10's prevention programs. As we move into 2016 we hope to provide even more opportunity to make contact our customers. If your community would like more information on the types of education or services we can provide, please contact us.

Our current prevention focus has been on electrical and heating fires which can start in the home this time of year due to dark and cold conditions outside.

Wild fire preparation is becoming an important part of our spring cleaning and as we move into spring here are some tips you may want to consider when getting your yard in shape for summer.

Clean and clear debris from around the base of your home and foundation, winter winds and falling debris has accumulated and presents a hazard.

Trim trees within 100' of your home to prevent fire from reaching the limbs. A good height is 5 to 6' off the ground.

Thin bushes and reproductive tree growth to create less "ladder fuel". Ladder fuel consists of small to medium sized plants which grow under or around larger trees, when these small to medium plants catch fire, they can transmit fire to the limbs of the larger tree easily.

Consider contacting Fire District 10 to find out about DNR grant programs designed to reduce hazardous fuels on property while providing financial aid to property owners.

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2015 Year in Review Highlights

Some of the highlights for District 10 in 2015 included:

A record number of calls, including 98 fire calls and 654 EMS calls.

A fire mobilization within District 10

Record setting windstorm

Provided fire personnel and apparatus to ten (10) WSP/DNR/BLM fires in the State of Washington

A successful “safety” year with only eight minor safety incidents—none requiring hospitalization

100% completion rate for business inspections within District 10

Major renovations at Station 10-2 including removing a structure, capping a well, re-siding a garage and felling trees.

Our Mission:

Fire District 10 is dedicated to serving the West Plains by:

Protecting life, property and the environment.