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## FIRE DISTRICT 10 TELEGRAPH

### Update on Spokane Regional Emergency Communication System (SRECS) Chief Nick Scharff

If you remember, back at the special election on May 20, 2008, Spokane County voters passed a ten year tax initiative adding a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax in Spokane County. The tax was to fund a county-wide inter-operable emergency communication system, to support the resumption of Crime Check and to establish a reverse emergency notification system (ALERT Spokane). This tax is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2018.

Your tax dollars from this initia-

tive have resulted in all of our district vehicles receiving new mobile radios (currently installed and operable) and approximately 60 new handheld radios forthcoming. The installation of mobile radios in law enforcement vehicles has been completed and other fire districts in Spokane County are being outfitted as well. Inter-agency training will occur using joint instructors and running scenarios to demonstrate interoperability as well as improved and more efficient communications between

agencies and jurisdictions. There will be multiple talk groups (channels) set aside for mass or large emergency events.

This new and upgraded system is scheduled to be operational mid-year 2014.

We continue to strive to provide you the best service and protection, working with neighboring agencies to improve efficient response.

### CPR—Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

The American Heart Association recommends that everyone — untrained bystanders and medical personnel alike — begin CPR with chest compressions. It's far better to do something than to do nothing at all if you're fearful that your knowledge or abilities aren't 100 percent complete. Remember, the difference between your doing something and doing nothing could be someone's life. Here's advice from the American Heart Association:

Untrained. If you're not trained in CPR, then provide hands-only CPR. That means uninterrupted chest compressions of about 100 a minute until paramedics arrive. You don't need to try rescue breathing.

Trained, and ready to go. If you're well trained and confident in your ability, begin with chest compressions instead of first checking the airway and doing rescue breathing. Start CPR with 30 chest compressions before checking the airway and giving rescue breaths.

Trained, but rusty. If you've previously received CPR training but you're not confident in your abilities, then just do chest compressions at a rate of about 100 a minute.

If you or your organization is interested in getting CPR Certification contact SCFD10 at 509-244-2425.

### Meet Our Newest Deputy Chief Orlando Sandoval

Orlando Sandoval is the new Deputy Chief of Safety and Logistics for the district. He came from New Mexico where he was the Chief of the Raton Fire Department. Deputy Chief Sandoval has over 20 years experience in the fire service ranging from working on Hot Shot Crews, to being a driver/operator on a Ladder Company in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the second largest city in the state. Orlando received a B.S. degree in Forest Resources, Fire Ecology from the University of Idaho and a Associates Degree in Fire Science for the New Mexico State University.



The new Deputy Chief has two girls Maizy (six) and Myla (four). Maizy is an accomplished skier who has skied many black diamond courses in various parts of the country, including Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho and Washington. Myla is the daredevil of the family and usually never takes “no” for an answer. She is a very accomplished skier as well. Orlando and his girlfriend Candie, who is an interior designer, moved to be closer to family and further both of their careers.

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**Fire Prevention**

Week was Oct 6-12. SCFD10 visited several schools in the area including Palisades Christian, Grace Slavic, Great Northern and Countryside. Students learned about fire prevention and received books and information on projects for them to complete at home. Thanks to our great Public Education Team (FF O'Leary, FF Waller, FF Rideout, FF Starovoytov, Recruit Robins and SS Schnell) we were able to provide information to over 100 kids.

## Training Update—Lt Jon Hanke

### Joint Training

As of October 1<sup>st</sup> Fire District 10 has merged training programs with the Airway Heights Fire Department and the Medical Lake Fire Department. We have merged training programs because we all greatly depend on each other when a large scale incident occurs. Since we are at the same incidents working together, we are all familiar with each other's strategies and tactics. This helps to have thorough knowledge of equipment from each agency as well.

### Recruit Academy 2013-2

Currently we are in the middle of a 225 hour recruit



academy. There are 23 recruit firefighters from 4 West Plains agencies including: Spokane County Fire District 10, Airway Heights Fire Department, Cheney Fire Department, and the Medical Lake Fire Department. Upon graduation on December 19<sup>th</sup> these new firefighters will

begin responding to emergencies in their jurisdiction. However, this is only the beginning of their training as a new firefighter. They will continue with training and many will become certified EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) and wildland certified. It takes a huge time commitment and support from family and friends to be a firefighter, but the reward of helping others is worth it!

These and all members may be your neighbors. Thank them for their public service next time you see them out and about.

## Volunteer Firefighter Spotlight—John Smith

*Where were you born and raised?*

I was born and raised in Spokane, WA.

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

There are a lot of things I like about the fire service, but probably my favorite part is the excitement that I get when the alarm goes off. I look forward to put the training I have done into use to help someone in need.. I enjoy how this job mixes intensity with compassion toward others.

*What do you do for recreation?*

I really love to do any outdoor sport but a few of my favorites are mountaineering, running, and backcountry skiing/touring with family and friends.

*What's your favorite "bad" or junk food to eat?*

My favorite junk food is gooey chocolate chip cookies right out of the oven.

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

Wake up a 4:00am. Start climbing to summit a mountain. Enjoy a sunrise halfway up the mountain. Summit the mountain with the sun shining. Enjoy some lunch up on the top with friends. Put on a pair of skis and carve some turns in untouched powder. Come home and eat dinner with my family.

*What is your favorite band/ musician?*

My favorite musicians are Keith and Kristin Getty

*What's your favorite restaurant?*

My favorite restaurant is PF Chang's.



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter please contact Deputy Chief Robert Ladd at 509 244-2425 or [rladd@scfd10.org](mailto:rladd@scfd10.org)

## Cooperative Services Agreement Deputy Chief Robert Ladd

Spokane County Fire District 10, Airway Heights Fire Department, and Medical Lake Fire Department are exploring opportunities to increase how much they cooperatively work together. The three West Plains fire agencies are hoping to work much more closely, possibly to the point of a merger of the three.

Currently, all three utilize automatic-aid agreements to jointly use firefighters and apparatus on larger incidents. All three agencies have been training their new volunteer firefighters together for the last two years. Last month (October 2013), the three agencies' training programs were consolidated. All three jurisdictions will now provide ongoing training using a common quarterly schedule on the same topics and curriculum. This will improve how well the three agencies work together on incidents, and greatly improves the efficiency of training delivery. In the past, each agency would need to develop a training program separately. Today, each can focus on a portion of the curriculum needing development, allowing the others to take care of other commonly needed topics. Instructors can now be shared as well.

There is a desire to build upon this and look for additional efficiencies or opportunities to improve service to our citizens by doing more cooperative efforts. A Request for Qualifications will be released this month to hire a consultant to conduct a Cooperative Services Assessment. This project will examine all three agencies and make recommendations for action. All models will be considered, including a full merger of the organizations.

The reason to bring in a consultant comes down to wanting to make the best decisions for the citizens. By bringing in an outsider, all possible solutions can be examined without bias. As well, there is no one within the three agencies that have any experience in these issues. "Every time we look into an opportunity to work closer together, we create more questions," noted Mitch Metzger, Airway Heights Fire Chief. "In a way, we don't know what questions we should be asking."

There will be no costs incurred until a consultant is hired and a contract agreed upon. The elected bodies of each agency (the City Councils of Medical Lake and Airway Heights, and the Board of Fire Commissioners for District 10) will make the final decision to move forward with a consultant, and also to move forward on any recommendations.

### *Our Mission:*

*Fire District 10 is dedicated to serving the West Plains by:  
Protecting life, property and the environment.  
Presenting education and prevention.  
Providing fire, medical and emergency services safely.  
Performing professionally and politely.*

## Commissioner's Corner

James "Jim" McKelvey has an extensive background with SCFD10. He began as a volunteer back in 1982 serving for the next 25 years. Jim is on his 24th year representing the citizens of SCFD10 as a commissioner. During that time he's overseen the: hiring of two new deputy chiefs, building and expansion of several stations, purchase of five new fire trucks, implementation and growth of our West Plains Recruit Fire Academy, and lowering of our WSRB rate (which insurance companies use to establish fair property premiums). Jim grew up in the 5-Mile area where his mother still lives today. He taught Hydraulics & Heavy Equipment at SCC for 29 years. He and his wife, Noncie, raised three girls. Jim and Noncie are avid Lady Zag basketball fans and love traveling to watch the girl's team during playoff season. He also enjoys woodworking. When asked what his favorite restaurant is, he replied, "Any place that serves food!"

