Note from Deputy Chief Ladd

Remembering Shane Robins

In February, a tragedy struck Fire District 10. While vacationing in Maui with his wife, Firefighter Shane Robins died during a snorkeling accident. Shane has been a volunteer at Station 10-5 (on Trails Road) since early 2013. He always had a positive attitude and an infectious smile and is greatly missed.

To help the family, District 10 sent two members, Lieutenant Ed Bolyard and Firefighter Chris Robins (no relation to Shane) to Hawaii to escort Shane back home. Alaska Airlines provided air tickets for the trip, and the Maui County Fire Department took care of lodging and meals for Ed and Chris while they were there. The Brothers and Sisters of Maui FD went above and beyond in taking care of all our members, including Shane.

When Ed and Chris brought Shane home, around forty members of District 10, accompanied by the Spokane International Airport Fire Department members, stood at attention and held a short ceremony to deliver Shane to his family. Pastor Ben Foxworth also delivered a few words of solace.

Along the route from the airport to the Robins home, crews and apparatus from several area emergency services agencies lined up along the roads. Airway Heights, Medical Lake, Fairchild AFB Fire Departments, Spokane County Fire District 13, and Deer Park Ambulance all stood by in respect as a small procession of District 10 apparatus escorted Shane and his family home. Officers from Airway Heights and Spokane International Airport Police Departments helped clear intersections for the procession.

Later in the week during Shane’s memorial service, many District 10 members and apparatus attended the ceremony at Linwood Seventh Day Adventist Church on the north side of Spokane. In order to continue service during this, companies from Spokane Fire Districts 3 and 4, Airway Heights and Spokane Valley Fire Departments filled in at District 10 stations.

While the tragedy and sadness of Shane’s death is still felt by District 10, it is warming to know that we have the support of so many of our partners in public safety. As well, KREM and KHQ provided very respectful coverage of Shane’s passing and the District’s efforts to honor him.

The Sunset Volunteer Firefighters Association is still collecting donations for the Robins family. You can contact the District office for more information.

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.
Volunteer Firefighter Spotlight

Firefighter Chris Robins

Where were you born and raised?
I was born in Bellevue, WA and raised in Bothell, WA

When did you begin volunteering for SCFD 10?
I began volunteering in August 2013. I graduated from recruit class 2013-2.

What is your favorite part of the fire service and why?
I love every aspect of the fire service. However, what I like most is knowing that I helped someone in need. When someone calls 911 I am able to do all that I can and help them in anyway.

What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?
Pay off my parents house.

Who is your favorite band/musician?
The Zac Brown Band.

What is your favorite meal?
Very tough... I like all foods. My favorite meal would have to be a greasy cheeseburger with all of the fixings. And sweet potato fries and a milkshake!

Lieutenant Ed Bolyard

Where were you born and raised?
I was born in Spokane at SHMC as well as raised in Spokane with the help of my grandparents, Ed and Judy Butterfield. I went to school at Reardan and Graduated in 2000.

When did you begin volunteering for SCFD 10?
I have been a volunteer, resident, and reserve since 2003.

What is your favorite part of the fire service and why?
My favorite part is the brotherhood and camaraderie. It is great to serve the community with awesome co-workers.

What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?
I would take my wife and three little girls on a long vacation.

Who is your favorite band/musician?
Johnny Cash

What is your favorite meal?
Spaghetti. My family and friends even call me Eddie “Spaghetti”

We would like to give a special thanks to FF Chris Robins and Lt. Bolyard for bringing FF Shane Robins home from Hawaii.
Larry Shane Robins, 53, tragically passed away on February 16, 2015 while vacationing in Maui, HI with his wife of 32 years, Donna Robins. Shane was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Larry Robins and Glenda Wilfong on June 14, 1961. He graduated high school in Granite City, Illinois, marrying his high school sweetheart, Donna, on Aug. 28, 1982 and they eventually settled in Spokane, WA.

Shane started his own company, Shaner’s Pump Service, which he continued until his untimely death. Shane attended the West Plains Fire Academy in 2013 and became a District 10 volunteer firefighter in an effort to give back to his community. Shane was also a board member of “Water for Life” and traveled to Guatemala numerous times with a passion for providing clean water to people.

Shane is survived by his parents, Glenda and Larry, his wife Donna, his children, Bianca Rider, Zachary & Jodi Robins, and Alyssa & David Frost; his sisters Tonya Robins, Lisa Harmon, and Erica Joyce as well as his grandchildren Presten & Zoey Robins and Taylin & Serenity Frost.

The family of Shane Robins was grateful for District 10 for accompanying Shane’s transport home and providing a fireman’s tribute. Also a thank you to Alaska Airlines for providing the airline tickets.
Spokane County Fire District 10 held their annual Volunteer appreciation banquet at Northern Quest Casino on January 31st, 2015. Take a look at some of the highlights!

Resident Firefighter of the Year
Derek Edwards

Officer of the Year
Captain Sayers

Rookie Firefighter of the Year
Brett Gombasy

Maintenance Award
Station 10-3
Lieutenant Susan Leonetti
Firefighter Kjell Anderson
Captain Gordon Hester

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Deputy Chief Ladd at: 509-244-2425!
2014 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

EMS Award
Ellen Fender

Other Awards Included:

5 Year Service Awards
Deputy Chief Robert Ladd
Lieutenant John Koberstine
Firefighter Josh Dietzel
Firefighter Amanda McCoury

10 Year Service Award
Firefighter Shaun Mashtare

Firefighter of the Year
Carlos Torres

Safety Award
Captain Gordon Hester
Did you know? Spokane County Fire District 10 offers a FREE Wild Land Fire Safety Survey. This service identifies risks on the property and offers suggestions to mitigate them. Please contact us directly at (509)244-2425 to set up your appointment!