



• Spokane County Fire District 10

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FIRE DISTRICT 10 TELEGRAPH

Note From Prevention Lt. Risley

TO SAVE LIVES IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE, SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 10 URGES RESIDENTS TO 'CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE'

Spokane, WA – Spokane County Fire District 10 is meeting with area residents to promote the “Close Before You Doze” fire safety campaign, an ongoing public outreach initiative aimed at spreading this potentially life-saving message and helping keep family members safe in the event of a fire.

In partnership with UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute (FSRI), the fire safety campaign, which is based on research that shows fires are spreading faster than ever before, is designed to raise awareness and ensure that residents are as prepared as possible. Forty years ago, people had an average of 17 minutes to escape a burning home after the activation of a smoke alarm. Today, they have an average of three (3) minutes or less due to synthetic furnishings, open floor plans and lightweight construction materials that can combine to accelerate the spread of a fire.

“Here at the fire department, we understand that closed doors significantly slow the spread of a fire,” said Prevention Lt. Mike Risley. “As public safety professionals, it’s our job to deliver the Close Before You Doze message and make sure our residents adopt this potentially life-saving behavior.”

The Close Before You Doze campaign features a website that includes safety tips and resources, fire facts and other campaign related news and information.

“Our research clearly shows that closed doors dramatically decrease heat and CO levels, which provide trapped occupants more time for help to arrive,” said Steve Kerber, UL Director of Firefighter Safety Research. “Closing your doors is especially important at night when people are vulnerable and disoriented, with little time to react. It’s such a simple thing to do, and the result can be life versus death.” For more information, visit closeyourdoor.org.



IT'S TIME TO ADD "CLOSE YOUR DOOR" TO YOUR FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

You know how important it is to have working smoke alarms, escape plans, and a designated meeting place in case of a fire. But did you know that closing your doors in your home is also important for your safety? Closed doors can reduce fire growth, limit damage to your home, keep temperatures down, and can even save your life if you become trapped.

DID YOU KNOW?

Because of synthetic materials, furniture and construction, fire spreads faster than ever before.*

*NIST Technical Note 1455-1, February 2008



MAKE A 900 DEGREE DIFFERENCE - A closed door can mean reducing 1,000 degrees down to 100 degrees.



TAKE IT DOWN A NOTCH - During a fire, a closed door can keep carbon monoxide levels at 1,000 PPM versus 10,000 PPM if the door is left open.



TAKE A BREATHER - A fire needs oxygen to burn. A closed door keeps more oxygen in the room and away from the fire. When you exit a fire, make sure to close your door behind you to slow down its growth.



DOZE SAFELY - 50% of house fires happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Closing your doors before you hit the hay helps keep you safe.

Learn more at closeyourdoor.org

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Welcome, Lt. Sayers and FF Bitz

Lieutenant Sayers

I grew up in Airway Heights, and I have been in the West Plains area ever since. My mother still lives here and my two sisters live in the west plains area as well. I live in District 10 about 8 miles northwest of Station 10-1 with my beautiful wife, of 30 years, Sue. We have one daughter, Tessa, and she is married to Kyle. They blessed us with a grandson son, Karson, earlier this year.

Before my hire with District 10, I spent over 30 years in automotive repair, specializing in Mercedes Benz. I have always had a passion for the late 1960s American made muscle cars. My hobbies are like most, but what I enjoy most is spending time with my family and friends.

After being a volunteer for a little over ten years, I look forward to working with my other family that's in the fire service on a full time basis as a career fire fighter. You couldn't ask for a better work place.

We all have the same goals: stay safe, make a difference, and serve our community the best we can.



Firefighter Bitz

I am originally from Seattle, WA, and prior to firefighting, I played ice hockey for 25 years which took me all over Canada and the US and my hockey career ended in Alexandria, Minnesota.

After hockey, I moved back to Seattle and started working for an underground utility company where I installed mainline utilities and constructed roads for housing developments all over the greater northwest.

While living in Seattle, I met my beautiful wife Kelsey, and we have been happily together for 10 years. Three years ago my wife and I chose to start fresh in a new location and we decided on Spokane, WA. One year after moving to Spokane I was able to start my journey with SCFD10, as a volunteer firefighter. The largest reason we moved to Spokane was for me to try and become a career firefighter.

After two years in the fire service my dream came true and I was able to become one of the newest firefighters for the same district that I started volunteering with! It is a blessing and a reward to be able to help the citizens in need and I am grateful to SCFD 10 for offering me an opportunity to serve and protect the people and their property. Thank you to everyone over the great pacific northwest for helping my dreams come true!



Welcome Deb Dodson!

SCFD10 is pleased to welcome Debby Dodson as our new Recruitment & Retention Division Chief for the District. District 10 was awarded a SAFER Grant from FEMA in September of 2018 for this position. The grant is a 48 month commitment which started January 19, 2019 which supports the hiring of a recruitment/retention officer in our organization. The purpose of this position is to help recruit and maintain our pool of traditional volunteer members that reside or have employment with the District. The added pool of volunteers will strengthen our organizations ability to provide timely response within our service area and adequate numbers of professionally trained members.

Debby is well known in the West Plains and was most recently employed with Spokane County Fire District #3 as a Division Chief. Debby started her fire career as a traditional volunteer recruited by the Fire Chief himself knocking on her door and convincing her to make a volunteer commitment to help the community she lives in. Debby has spent the last four years as a career Division Chief with SCFD3. Debby brings new enthusiasm and recruiting ideas to a new position in our organization, and she will be able to give a personal touch on reaching out to the many potential new members in the near future.



2018-2 Recruit Academy

Recently Spokane County Fire District 10 graduated 10 recruit firefighters from the West Plains Recruit Academy. The recruits worked for months honing skills in building construction, fire attack, search and rescue, firefighter safety, and physical fitness, to mention just a few. They have earned the title of firefighter and are now working on task level skills in local firehouses throughout the fire district. It may seem like a small thing, but adjusting to fire station life can be very different for many people. I can tell you that our newest members are adjusting very well to their new lives as firefighters and first responders, and they are very proud to have been chosen to serve you.

We are proud to welcome the following new members:



Lorissa Britos



Andrew Kimbell



Torin Lehmann



Joseph Putnam



Jake Sladky



Luke Thomas



Dylan Pavlischak



Darian O'Leary



Sharayah Mullerleile

If you are interested in becoming a reserve or volunteer with Spokane County Fire District 10, please contact our administrative office at 509-244-2425.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT– BRANDON STALKER



Where were you born and raised? I was born and raised in Spokane Valley.

What part of fire service is your favorite and why?

My favorite part of the fire service is teaching and training recruits and new firefighters, other than the obvious thrill of rolling on a fully involved structure fire.

What do you do for recreation? In the summer time I camp and fly fish, in the fall I hunt. Most other times I like to spend time with my wife and daughter.

What's your favorite "bad" or junk food to eat? My favorite junk food is anything sweet.

What is your favorite band/musician? My favorite band is Metallica.

What is your favorite movie/book? My favorite movie is Snatch directed by Guy Ritchie.

What is your favorite restaurant? If I could pick any restaurant, I would probably go to Clinkerdagger.

If you were stranded on an island, and there was only one kind of food and one beverage available, what would you like them to be? I would want the food to be nice fat rib eye steaks, and if I already had an abundance of water, Budweiser would definitely be my choice.

Who would you most like to swap places with for a day? If I could swap positions with anybody, it would be Bear Grylls.

What's the craziest thing you've ever done? The craziest thing I've ever done is probably when I took nothing but a pack of necessities to the woods and camped by myself for just shy of a week.