



# NEWSLETTER

SERVING THE WEST PLAINS OF SPOKANE COUNTY

FOURTH QUARTER 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



2020 has been a challenging year for our members just as much as it has been for our community. Our Commissioners, staff, and volunteers have responded in a professional, forward-thinking way that keeps our agency focused on our mission to provide exceptional service and meet the public's expectations. Our priority is keeping our community and membership safe as we enter 2021. We recognize we have a lot to be thankful for, including:

- \*Response from our members, partners, and community during the September 7 Labor Day fires on Christenson and Euclid Track Fire (aka Old Trails Fire) that minimized a potentially catastrophic event. Through the 2020 wildland fire season, multiple incidents were also kept manageable due to having available resources respond in a timely fashion.

- \*Awarded a Marathon Pipeline grant that funded two Lucas CPR devices (Chest Compression System) that have been studied extensively and shown to be safe and give effective CPR compressions. It facilitates high-quality CPR, provides consistent chest compressions during resuscitation attempts, and creates life-sustaining perfusion of the brain and heart. Within two days of being put in service, it was used on an incident and is credited with being a significant factor in saving one of our citizens' lives.

- \*Awarded a grant from Spokane Indian Tribe. It is allowing us to purchase a Lifepak15 heart monitor/defibrillator to enhance prehospital care significantly. It provides the opportunity to capture in the field a 12 lead ECG (Electro Cardio Gram), which is a tool to assess how well the heart is functioning.

- \*Awarded grant funding to support the development of a modest two-story training facility constructed of 4 shipping containers. It will provide a burn room for live fire, search and rescue opportunities, ladder, and bailout training. The CARES funding will also be used to purchase additional Lifepak15's, replace EMS bags, so they are easier to decontaminate and restock EMS supplies.

- \*The voter approval of the ten year EMS levy in August. These essential funds continue to support 80% of our call volume.

Spokane County Fire District 10 is committed to providing extraordinary service through prevention, preparedness, and emergency response. Our personnel strive to exceed expectations at all times. Additionally, our personnel seek to be highly trained and educated, present solutions and hold themselves accountable to the highest standards. Lastly, our personnel are competent professionals who routinely go above and beyond, exercising respect and dependability. I am proud to be apart of this team and our community.

If you have any suggestions or how we can better serve you, please contact me at [kjohnson@scfd10.org](mailto:kjohnson@scfd10.org) or call (509) 244-2425. We welcome opportunities to better serve the West Plain's community members, Spokane County Fire District 10.

With sincere and warm regards,

Ken Johnson, Fire Chief



SCFD10 training with the LUCAS 3 device

# ***WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS***

Spokane County Fire District 10 is proud to introduce some of our newest volunteer members ready to serve our community. The following dedicated individuals have met the challenges of a rigorous recruit academy and completed the first phase of their training which included structural firefighting and hazmat training. The COVID-19 challenges for staff and recruits were met and overcome with flexibility, creativity and focused, small group on line and hands on training.

**Justin Blatner, Luke Brazeau, Josh Hoener, Justin Laragionne, Tyler McCoury,  
Tyler O'Donnell, Shaun Pitts, Jake Rillera, Alex Rossi**

The recruits are excited to be working shifts, responding to calls and contributing to our success as an agency but they also understand that there is life time of learning and understanding ahead of them. The additional phases of training may take up to a year to complete and include Emergency Medical Technician, wildland firefighter and Driver/Operator training. Training is also conducted on every shift and outside professional development opportunities are also offered.

Along with our career staff, it is the dedicated volunteers like these that respond in times of need. We have a need for additional volunteers who live within our District boundaries. Those individuals go through the same training process but respond to stations close to where they live allowing for better response times that provide better outcomes.

When high profile incidents such as the Labor Day fire, I-90 closures or weather impacts our area, SCFD10 often receives heartfelt requests of, "How can I help?" There are also hundreds of medical calls and other emergency incidents that we respond to on a daily basis that have a significant impact on those that call us. It is the preparation prior to these events is what mitigates their impact. We cannot provide the life saving service without your involvement.

Becoming a functioning volunteer firefighter or support services member does take a process, time and commitment. The reward however is in being able to effectively help in a time of need.

If this is something you aspire to do and can make a commitment to follow through with, we encourage you to take action and move forward with the next step. We are currently taking applications for volunteer firefighter and support services members. For more information, call Chief Dodson at (509) 919-3350 or go to [www.scfd10.org](http://www.scfd10.org).

## ***SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 10***

**STATION 10-1** 929 S Garfield Rd Airway Heights WA 99001

**COMMISSIONERS** Scott Mericle, Chair Ken Pegg Gordon Hester  
**DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF** Ken Johnson

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR** Peggy Callahan

**DEPUTY CHIEFS** Orlando Sandoval Don Malone **DIVISION CHIEF** Debby Dodson

**LIEUTENANTS** Mike Risley Jared Murphy Rob Sayers

**FIREFIGHTERS** Taylor Scharff Evan Zeuschel Lane Bitz

**70 Additional Volunteer Support Services Members and Firefighters**

**Sta 10-2** 5408 W Lawton Rd Spokane WA 99224

**Sta 10-3** 6316 N Dover Rd Spokane WA 99224

**Sta 10-4** 1411 S Brooks Rd Medical Lake WA 99022

**Sta 10-5** 9921 W Trails Rd Spokane WA 99224

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# ***BURNING INFORMATION***

Burning is an important tool in improving and maintaining our property and to reduce wildfire risk. This is the time of year to take advantage of the opportunity. Multiple agencies regulate our ability to burn including Spokane Clean Air Agency, Department of Natural Resources, and Spokane County. The regulations are designed to protect our health and environment.

A few reminders

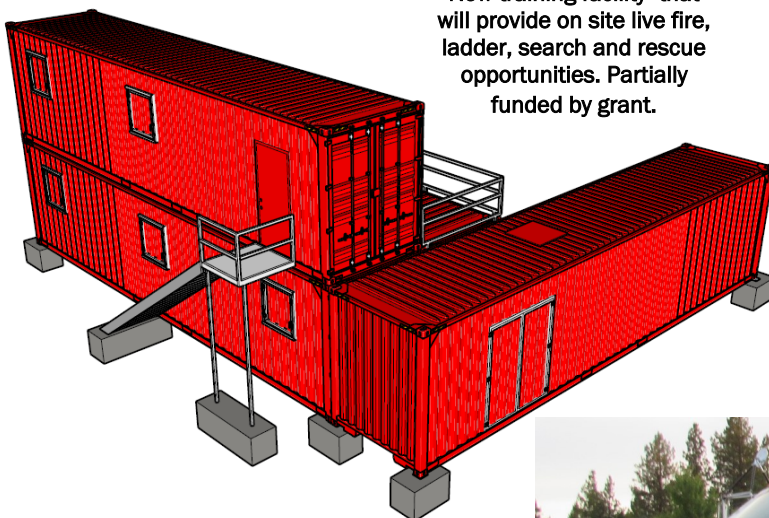
**\*Burn barrel use is illegal in Washington State\***

Rule burns do not require a permit but must meet the following conditions:

- \*Not located within the Urban Growth Area
- \*No larger than 4'x4' pile
- \*Must be attended
- \*Extinguished by dusk
- \*Minimum 50' from structures
- \*5 gallons of water at site
- \*Silviculture debris only (trees, limbs, needles on unimproved property)
- \*Burning of residential and garden debris from improved property is not allowed.

\*Prior to burning, check

[www.spokanecleanair.org](http://www.spokanecleanair.org) and [www.dnr.wa.gov](http://www.dnr.wa.gov)  
for additional important information and burn bans.



New training facility that will provide on site live fire, ladder, search and rescue opportunities. Partially funded by grant.



Support Service members at a training providing important functions including firefighter rehabilitation and filling air bottles.





# REACHING TO SAFETY:

## Use Extension Cords Properly

Roughly **3,300 home fires** originate in extension cords each year, **killing 50 people and injuring 270 more**. Extension cords can overheat and cause fires when used improperly, so keep these important tips in mind to **protect your home and workplace**.

**DON'T** attempt to **plug extension cords into one another**.



Make sure extension cords are **properly rated** for their intended use, indoor or outdoor, and **meet or exceed the power needs** of the appliance or device being used.



Keep all **outdoor extension cords** clear of snow and standing water.



Do **NOT** overload extension cords.



A heavy reliance on **extension cords** is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have **additional outlets installed** where you need them.



Inspect cords for **DAMAGE** before use. Check for **cracked or frayed sockets**, loose or bare wires, and loose connections.



Do **NOT** nail or staple **electrical cords** to walls or baseboards.



Do **NOT** run through **walls, doorways, ceilings or floors**. If cord is covered, heat cannot escape, which may result in a **FIRE HAZARD**.



**NEVER** use **three-prong plugs** with outlets that only have two slots. **Never cut off the ground pin** to force a fit, which could lead to electric shock.



Buy only cords that have been **approved** by an **independent testing laboratory**.



Do **NOT** substitute **extension cords** for permanent wiring.



ESFi.org

**DO NOT** use an **extension cord** or a **power strip** with **heaters or fans**, which could cause cords to **overheat and result in a fire**.



## ***HELP US FIND YOU !***

At some point in our lives, most of us will experience a medical, fire or some other type of emergency where minutes can make the difference. Properly addressed homes with reflective signage in rural areas give Fire District 10 the best opportunity for a fast, professional response minimizing confusion. We highly encourage you to order these address signs for your driveway and/or for your house.

### **Address Sign Order Form**

The sign is a 6" x 30" double sided BLUE REFLECTIVE aluminum sign with WHITE REFLECTIVE numbering and holes drilled on both sides. **Cost: \$20 per sign**  
**CHOOSE ONE AND WRITE NUMBERS IN SHADED BOX**

OPTION #1: Horizontal \_\_\_\_\_

OPTION #2: Vertical \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out this form and email to us at [info@scfd10.org](mailto:info@scfd10.org) or

You may also call 509-244-2425 or

Stop in Station 10-1 at 929 S Garfield Rd Airway Heights WA 99001

Cash or checks are accepted. Checks should be made out to "Spokane County Fire District 10"

### **Smoke Alarm Installation Request**

Fire District #10 staff will provide and install smoke alarms free of charge.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Test your smoke alarms—It's a sound you can live with!

Mail to: Fire District #10 929 S Garfield Rd Airway Heights WA 99001

Or Call 509.244.2425 or email [info@scfd10.org](mailto:info@scfd10.org)

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## ***FIRE SAFETY ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS***

Check out our updated website that features suggestions for fire safety activities for kids and adults.

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