Fire department safety and maintenance is always one of the main focuses in the fire department. Over the past year, your fire department has really focused on a streamlined maintenance process and looked closely at the costs and services associated with the program. Spokane County Fire District 10 has 5 stations and over 30 pieces of fire suppression apparatus. These vehicles range from wildland attack engines and brush trucks, structure engines, a pumper ladder, water tenders, command vehicles, and training and support vehicles. Firefighter/EMT’s and Support Services members respond in these vehicles and put the tools and equipment to use in over 1,100 incidents per year ranging from medical, motor vehicle accidents, wildland, structure and vehicle fires, hazardous material incidents and also support thousands of hours of training.

Each apparatus goes through a detailed safety and maintenance check each year. This includes Department of Transportation inspections, pump testing, hose testing, extrication tool testing, and ladder testing. By having a mobile certified mechanic, the district has been able to save costs in transporting vehicles to other locations and saving cost by the mechanic going to individual stations. It also allows for vehicles to stay in service providing better response times. 85 SCBA’s (self-contained breathing apparatus) and air bottles, firefighter masks, air compressors, fire extinguishers, alarm and HVAC systems all undergo yearly scheduled maintenance. Firefighter/EMT's and Support Services members perform shift, daily, weekly and monthly checks to ensure the operational readiness of all vehicles and equipment. These are just a few of the items that the maintenance division is working on so that we can be good stewards of the public’s funds and providing the best strategic emergency response.

Respectfully,

Deputy Chief Don Malone
On Saturday, February 27, 2021, Spokane County Fire District 10 and the Sunset Volunteer Firefighter Association virtually hosted the annual member awards ceremony. While all members committed to a tremendous amount of time, special recognition was bestowed on the following award winners:

Chief’s Award – Lt Justin Skinner
Officer of the Year – Lt Rob Sayers
Firefighter of the Year – FF Torin Lehmann
Rookie of the Year – FF Alex Knapp
Support Services of the Year – Acting Lt Lynn Schnell
Resident of the Year – FF McKenna Jimno
Driver/Operator of the Year – FF Zach Gee
EMS Provider of the Year – FF Lane Bitz

5 year pins were awarded to Lt Michael Baughn, Lt Ben Shoemaker and FF Kelsey Wardsworth

Award winners were selected by their peers for their leadership, dedication and overall contribution to our agency.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Support Service Members: RJ Keetsch, Kippi Shaddix and Shawn Smith

Firefighter/EMT Recruits: Kaare Anderson, Bethany Gill, Troy Hill, Olivia Hiltz, Brandon Penrose, Austin Powell, Jarrod Swodboda, Amanda Wisener

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  Pegy Callahan
DEPUTY CHIEFS  Orlando Sandoval  Don Malone  DIVISION CHIEF  Debby Dodson
LIEUTENANTS  Mike Risley  Jared Murphy  Rob Sayers
FIREFIGHTERS  Taylor Scharff  Evan Zeutschel  Lane Bitz

70 Additional Volunteer Support Services Members and Firefighters
Fire District 10 members are people just like you. You probably even know a volunteer Firefighter/EMT. They are as diverse as our community including teachers, truck drivers, active and retired military, mechanics, healthcare workers and farmers. They have made the commitment to help keep our community safe by training and responding on a consistent basis. There is no age limit, just the desire and ability to help.

They respond from work or home, when they can at all times of the day or night, to answer the emergency alarm. Since they are usually responding when one of their neighbors is experiencing an emergency, they approach these traumatic situations with professionalism, skill, compassion and empathy. These members have immense pride in themselves and what they are doing for their community.

Spokane County Fire District 10 is a combination volunteer/career fire department proudly serving approx. 100 square miles in the West Plains. Responding to 1,100 incidents annually, (75% of which are medical) from 5 strategically located stations, our community’s needs are best served by these dedicated members. Types of calls include motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, structure fires and wildland fires. Stations vary in alarm volume numbers but all stations rely on our members’ response.

**Initial Eligibility Includes**

- Live or work within Fire District 10
- At least 18 years old
- Valid driver’s license
- Pass background check
- High School Graduate or GED
- Pass medical exam
- Pass written test, physical agility and panel interview
On Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2020 Spokane County’s Red Flag designation of high temperatures, low humidity and windy conditions served as a warning for the potential of extreme fire behavior. Fire District 10 residents did experience two significant wildland fires threatening hundreds of residents and millions of dollars of property value. The fast moving, Christenson Rd fire (80 acres) and the Euclid Track Fire (aka as Trails Fire; 200 acres) were fueled by very strong winds, low humidity and predictably dry fuels. These type of conditions are not uncommon for our region characterized as a wildland urban interface.

These fires ignited the same day the Babb Rd Fire decimated Malden and Pine City, and the Whitney Road Fire (Lincoln County), Cold Springs Fire (Okanogan County) and 2 fires in Colfax (Whitman County) occurred. These fires also used resources from our area as well. Strong mutual aid agreements and working relationships benefit our local residents as individual agencies are quickly overwhelmed by these type of large scale incidents. It does however take precious time to get these resources engaged if they are available. This is why you need to take action now.

Firefighter/EMT Shaun Mashtare lived directly across from Station 10-5 less than a mile from the Euclid Track Fire and in the direct path. “Being incapacitated due to a recent surgery, I was unable to respond as a firefighter.” Mashtare drove over towards the fire to see if his family and property were in harms way. “As I was driving over, resources from all over the county were out helping corral the flames that had started east of Euclid and easily jumped Old Trails.” The fire made a run across an open field for a group of houses located at the corner of Flint Rd and Trails Rd. Eventually the fire did consume several outbuildings. “I had to make a decision right then and there. I could wait it out and see if they caught it racing across the field or make sure I didn’t regret making a choice to stay and endanger my family. It was too windy.”

Mashtare, well aware of the dangers, stated that he had seen this before and “something didn’t feel right.” He made the decision quickly and called his girlfriend and told her get the kids and the dogs and leave immediately. “Being part of an evacuation in the past as a firefighter is much different when its you that has to make that getaway.” The fire was ultimately stopped right at the Mashtare’s fence line within feet of buildings. A grateful Mashtare said, “In my opinion, it was a major accomplishment of multiple agencies working together on that day to keep the citizens and property of Spokane County safe.”

How you prepare now for your family, property and business will make the difference.
Wildfires pose a serious threat to more than 72,000 U.S. communities. Continued drought, warmer temperatures and increased dried vegetation in our forests have made fire seasons progressively worse over the past 50 years. Residents can, however, help prepare and protect their home and neighborhood from a wildfire.

In and Around Your Home

- Keep leaves and needles off your roof and deck, and remove anything that can burn within 3-5 feet of your home’s perimeter.
- From 5 feet to a minimum of 30 feet out, thin and space vegetation, remove dead leaves and needles, prune shrubs and trees.
- Screen in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Remove flammable materials (wood piles, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home’s foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don’t let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to treetops. Prune branches of large trees up to 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- Don’t let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- Inspect shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair shingles that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- Cover exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- Enclose eaves and screen soffit vents using 1/8 inch mesh metal screening to prevent ember entry.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit and include important documents, medications, cash and personal identification.
- Develop an emergency evacuation plan and practice it with everyone in your home. Plan two ways out of your neighborhood and designate a meeting place outside the potentially impacted area.

In Your Community

- Talk to your local fire department about how to prepare, when to evacuate and the response you can expect in the event of a wildfire.
- Contact your local fire department or emergency manager to find out if your home is in a high wildfire risk area, and if there are specific local or county ordinances you should follow.
- If you are part of a homeowner association, identify regulations that incorporate proven preparedness landscaping, home design and building material use.

When a Wildfire Approaches

- Stay aware of the latest news and updates from your local media and fire department. Get your family, home and pets prepared to evacuate.
- Move patio or deck furniture, cushions, door mats and potted plants in wooden containers either indoors or as far away from the home, shed and garage as possible.
- Close and protect your home’s openings, including attic and basement doors and vents, windows, garage doors and pet doors to prevent embers from penetrating your home.
- Connect garden hoses and fill any pools, hot tubs, garbage cans, tubs or other large containers with water. Firefighters have been known to use attached garden hoses and additional water sources as needed.
- Leave as early as possible, before you’re told to evacuate. Do not linger once evacuation orders have been given. Promptly leaving your home and neighborhood clears roads for firefighters to get equipment in place to fight the fire, and helps ensure residents’ safety.
- Return home only when authorities say it is safe.

For more information, visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org/disaster.
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Haga Un Fuego Seguro, a Prueba de Riesgos*

Inicie su fuego solo después de recibir permiso por escrito del propietario si está en la propiedad de otra persona.

**LOS FUEGOS RECREATIVOS NO REQUIEREN PERMISO SI ESTAN:**
- En una hoguera de fogata, cocina de campamento o en una parrilla.
- Sobre suelo limpio, isletas de gravilla, playas, campos verdes o otras áreas no inflamables.
- Menor que:
  - 2 pies
  - 4 pies*

**APAGUE COMPLETAMENTE EL FUEGO ANTES DE IRSE**
Si desea dejar la hoguera y una pala para mover y enfriar las brasas. Repita esto cuantas veces sea necesario.

**NO SE VAYA**

**PUEDE IRSE**

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**Reglas de Quema al Aire Libre**

Reglas y pautas generales para ayudarle a quemar en forma segura y legal en tierras protegidas por el estado.

**Antes de quemar, llame al:**
800-323-BURN (2876)
burnportal.dnr.wa.gov

**O visite en internet:**
burnportal.dnr.wa.gov

**Antes de encender fuego**
Para verificar restricciones de quema

**TELEFONO DEL DISTRITO LOCAL DE BOMBEROS**

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**¿Cuándo Se Requiere Un Permiso?**

**SE REQUIERE UN PERMISO DE DNR PARA:**
- Cualquier quema que no cumpla con todos los requisitos enumerados en el panel "Quemando Sin Un Permiso" a la izquierda;
- Quema de cualquier material apilado por máquina;
- Quema a menos de 500 pies de la tala del bosque y a menos de 50 pies de estructuras.

Es posible que se requiera un permito para quemar escombros de desmonte. Comuníquese con DNR o el Departamento de Ecología para determinar el tipo de permiso que sea necesario.

**QUEMAR RESPONSABLEMENTE ES LA MEJOR MANERA DE PREVENIR INCENDIOS FORESTALES Y EVITAR MILES DE DÓLARES EN GASTOS PARA COMBATER INCENDIOS.**

**PROHIBICIONES DE QUEMA**

DNR puede suspender completamente la quema al aire libre en cualquier momento. Restricciones estrictas pueden anunciarse debido al alto peligro de incendio por condiciones climáticas, condiciones específicas de incendios forestales, falta de bomberos disponibles o para proteger la calidad del aire.
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Nov. 13 & 14

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VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME; THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PROMOTIONS

Ron Cato—Captain—Station 10-2 & Support Services
Justin Skinner—Lieutenant—Station 10-2
Ben Shoemaker—Lieutenant—Station 10-4
Michael Baughn—Lieutenant—Station 10-5