Did you know that 65 percent of all firefighters in the US are volunteers?*

Like many departments across the country, Spokane County Fire District 10 is a combination department with career and volunteer Firefighter/EMT’s that are dedicated to respond to your emergency whether it’s a fire or medical emergency.

Our members live in our community and are business owners, teachers, active and retired military, farmers, healthcare workers, and students - people just like you. They have chosen a challenging but rewarding path to give back to their community.

It takes a dedicated individual to be able to complete the initial and ongoing training requirements, be available for responses and to balance the physical and mental demands of the position.

Our community needs you to volunteer. Find out how you can help.

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WILDFIRES ARE HAPPENING HERE

WILDFIRE DO’S

- Sign up for emergency notifications
- Understand you live in a wildland urban interface
- Evacuate when necessary

GET READY, GET SET, GO!
Wildfire Is Coming. Are You Ready?

GET PREPARED FOR WILDFIRE BEFORE IT STRIKES BY FOLLOWING THE READY, SET GO! GUIDE:

BEING READY

1. WHAT
2. HOW
3. WHO
4. WHEN

BEING READY TO GO

ENFORCE YOUR EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT IS IN YOUR VEHICLE.

GO!

Evacuation steps: when immediate evacuation is necessary, get ready to go!

ONE LESS SPARK
ONE LESS WILDFIRE

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG #READYFORWILDFIRE
**EQUIPMENT SAFETY**

**LEARN HOW TO USE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT PROPERLY TO HELP KEEP FROM SPARKING A WILDFIRE:**

**MOWING**

- **Mow before 10 A.M., but never when it's windy or excessively dry.**

**LAWN MOWERS**

- **Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns, not weeds or dry grass.**

**SPARK ARRESTERS**

- **In wildland areas, spark arresters are required on all portable gasoline-powered equipment. This includes tractors, harvesters, chainsaws, weed eaters, and mowers.**

- **Keep the exhaust system, spark arresters and mower in proper working order and free of carbon buildup.**

**USE THE RECOMMENDED GRADE OF FUEL AND DON'T TOP IT OFF.**

- **Equipment Use**

  - Keep a shovel and a fire extinguisher ready to use.
  - In wildland areas, grinding and welding operations require a permit and 10 feet of clearance.

- **10 FT**

  - Don't drive your vehicle onto dry grass or brush. Hot exhaust pipes and mufflers can start fires that you won't even see—until it's too late!

  - Keep a cell phone handy and call 911 immediately in case of fire.

**TERRAIN**

- **To protect water quality, do not clean vegetation near waterways to daze soil.**

- **Vegetation removal can cause soil erosion, especially on steep slopes.**

- **Keep soil disturbance to a minimum.**

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**WILDFIRE DON'TS**

- Don't flock to the general area of the fire
- Don't pull over to take selfies
- Don't use drones near the scene
PREVENTION IS THE KEY

PRACTICING
VEHICLE SAFETY
Proper Vehicle Use to Prevent Wildfire

MOTORISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY OF THE WILDFIRES SPARKED ALONG OUR ROADWAYS. NEARLY ALL THESE FIRE STARTS COULD BE PREVENTED BY FOLLOWING THESE SAFETY RULES:

SECURE CHAINS

PRACTICE SAFE TOWING. DRAGGING CHAINS THROUGH SPARKS USE APPROPRIATE SAFETY PINS AND NUT BALL TO SECURE CHAINS.

NO DRAGGING PARTS

MAKE SURE YOUR VEHICLE IS PROPERLY MAINTAINED, WITH NOTHING DRAGGING ON THE GROUND.

CHECKTIRE PRESSURE

MAINTAIN PROPER TIRE PRESSURE. DRIVING ON EXPOSED WHEEL JAMPS WILL THROW SPARKS.

CARRY A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN YOUR VEHICLE AND LEARN HOW TO USE IT.

DON’T DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE INTO DRY GRASS OR BRUSH. HOT EXHAUST PIPES AND MUFFLERS CAN START FIRES THAT YOU WON’T EVEN SEE—UNTIL IT’S TOO LATE!

PROPERLY MAINTAIN BRAKES

BRAKES WORN TOO THIN MAY CAUSE METAL TO METAL CONTACT, WHICH CAN CAUSE A SPARK.

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Smokey’s Wildfire Prevention Detectives Skills Test

Like the song says, Smokey Bear can spot a wildfire “before it starts to flame.” Can you? Test your Wildfire Detective skills with these outdoor scenes. Need help? Look for the answers at the bottom of the poster.

1. What wildfire prevention advice would you bring to this party?

2. Patrol this backyard for behaviors that could cause a wildfire. How many can you see?

Be smart, don’t let a wildfire start. Only YOU can prevent wildfires!

3. Can you tell these friends the safe way to leave a campsite?

Answers


1. This campfire is too large for safety. Position the campfire away from low-hanging branches and in the middle of a 15-foot diameter area cleared to bare ground. NEVER use gasoline to start any fire. ALWAYS have a bucket of water and a closed ready to put out your campfire; extinguish the fire burning in the grill; don’t pack it; allow it to burn out. You can catch fire from the exhaust system.

2. Where legal, turn yard debris into a covered container. NEVER burn yard debris on a windy day. Position the fire away from low-hanging branches in a 15-foot diameter area cleared to bare ground. Have a water source nearby to extinguish the fire. Select the fire control and avoid windy days. NEVER allow children near a fire without adult supervision. ALWAYS keep your eyes on any outdoor fire. Be sure to check with local agencies that regulate outdoor residential burning to ensure that the fire meets all rules and laws. Even better, use a chipper to compact small branches, leaves, and other yard debris.

3. Position the campfire in the middle of a 50-foot diameter area cleared to bare ground. Circle the fire with rocks to create a barrier. Pick a flammable and fireproof in the center of the cleared area. Store matches away after you’ve use plenty of water to extinguish a campfire. With a shovel, stir the water and sand together into a mud, then close the hole, and check to be sure they are cold before you leave. If it’s too hot to touch, it’s too hot to leave.
It is critical for citizens to be prepared in case of an emergency including wildfire evacuation or law enforcement activity. Alert Spokane is the program behind public alert and warning notifications disseminated throughout the greater Spokane area. In order to be contacted on your mobile device and many landlines, you must be registered. If you have a CenturyTel or Frontier landline, you are automatically in the database.

It is highly recommended you register for this potentially lifesaving resource. However, should a wildfire event happen near your home, do not wait for evacuation notices. Make the right choice and leave with time to spare.

www.spokanecounty.org/3007/Alert-Spokane