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A MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY CHIEF ORLANDO SANDOVAL



The Deputy Chief of Operations ensures that the citizens of the West Plains receive the appropriate people and resources when you call 911. The Operations section of the department's primary focus is YOU, our customers, and making the worst day of your life a little better by providing a professional, coordinated response on what appears to be a moments notice. The operations of the department, including supervising training and incident response, has an impact on almost every aspect of the department in some form or fashion.

The call volume of Spokane County Fire District 10 has risen significantly over the past few years. To date, we have been dispatched to just over 1,150 calls for service, which is a 13% increase in call volume from last year. This keeps your crews very busy training and responding to calls. The calls range from non-life threatening or life threatening medical calls and vehicle accidents to structure, wildland and vehicle fires as well as hazmat incidents. These calls range in time, variety and intensity from 10 minutes public assist calls to multi-day events such as wildland fires or wind events.

Our busiest month is typically July and our slowest month is February. The busiest day out of the week is Saturday followed closely by Friday. And our busiest time of day is about 8:00 P.M and 12:00 P.M. As you can see, we ensure to try and keep accurate statistics to help aid in our responses. Unfortunately, this year we saw a 35% increase in our fire responses. Fire responses range from a small campfire to a fully involved structure fire. Our increase in wildland fires are largely due to the ongoing drought conditions Eastern Washington is facing. This year the district had quite a few suspicious wildland fires with the result of an individual being arrested for the suspicion of arson. The arrest was made in partnership with Spokane County Sheriff's and the Washington DNR. The structure fire increase we have seen we believe is largely due to more people being home during the pandemic and the use of their internal systems. However, we are hoping this is just an anomaly for this year.

Spokane County Fire District 10 continues to strive to bring you the best and most professional people we can to help you. We pride ourselves in providing excellent customer service to everyone we come in contact with. We appreciate everyone's continued support in our efforts.

Thank You,

DC Sandoval



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VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS/EMT'S WANTED

Helping our community in the time of need is a core value for many of us. It takes the desire, time, commitment, and readiness in order to fulfill critical roles like SCFD10 Volunteer Firefighter/EMT's and Support Services members.

The ultimate benefit of neighbors helping neighbors is truly rewarding. A sense of pride, passion and belonging develops from the dedication and service that comes with responding as a Firefighter/EMT to medical emergencies, wildland, vehicle and structure fires, and interacting with the public on a daily basis. Support Services members also respond to incidents and training activities to fill SCBA bottles, assist with firefighter rehab and drive water tenders to fires.

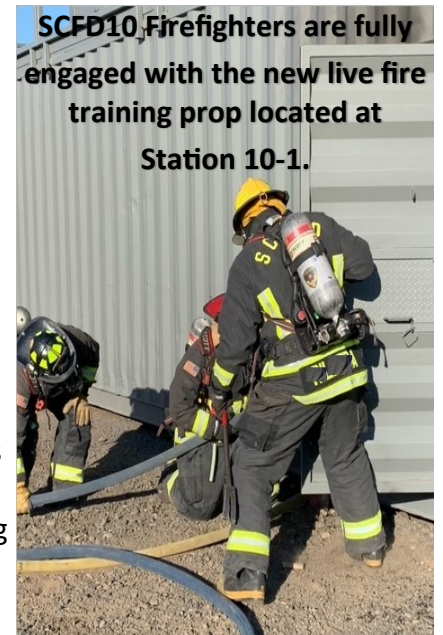
Initial eligibility includes

1. At least 18 years old
2. Valid Driver's License
3. COVID vaccination
4. Pass Background check
5. High School graduate or GED
6. Pass written, physical agility test & interview
7. Pass medical exam

After a recruit training academy, volunteers contribute by working on shifts and/or responding from home to a nearby station when an incident occurs.

As a volunteer Firefighter/EMT, you receive nominal compensation for training and response as well as the opportunity to earn nationally recognized certifications and enrollment in the Washington State Volunteer Firefighter Pension Plan. It can't be done without the right people committing to getting it done.

Ideal candidates are physically fit, have some flexible time, and are looking to be challenged. If this sounds like you, take the next step!



The 2022-1 Winter Recruit Academy starts in February. The application deadline has been extended to January 12, 2022.

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 10

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

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70 Additional Volunteer Support Services Members and Firefighters

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KNOX BOX RAPID ENTRY SYSTEM



For both residential and commercial structures and gates, Knox Box allows rapid entry into buildings and property without forced entry damage or delay. Property owners can store master keys, access cards or have toggle switches that will save time for medical and fire emergencies. Knox boxes are high security devices that are mounted in easily recognizable locations such as at gates, main entrances or control points to buildings and property. They are purchased and maintained by property owners and are accessed by a single master key that the Fire District controls.

Steps for getting your Knox Box

1. Make sure your building or property is located in Spokane County Fire District 10.
2. Contact Prevention Lieutenant Mike Risley at (509) 919-3342 before ordering. He will provide assistance to help determine the size, number, and placement of the Knox Box.
3. Order the correct size and number from www.knoxbox.com.
4. After receiving and installing the Knox Box, your finished box(es) will remain open.
5. Have your master key(s) available and clearly marked.
6. Contact SCFD10 for an on site time to secure the Knox Box.

It is important to contact the Fire District to update the keys or if changes have been made. For more information, go to our website at <https://www.scf10.org/resource/knox-box/>.

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PREVENTION IS THE KEY

Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



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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 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

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