



NEWSLETTER

SERVING THE WEST PLAINS OF SPOKANE COUNTY

First Quarter 2022



Chairman Scott Mericle



Gordon Hester



Ken Pegg

Greetings to all of the residents in Spokane County Fire District 10. It is a pleasure to work as your fire commissioners, and we wanted to share with you some of the happenings within the district. 2021 was a big year for activity and overall call volume increased 13%, with fire call volume up 35%. Many times the working conditions

can be very difficult with high heat or extreme cold, and our first responders work under stressful conditions such as dangerous traffic, difficult terrain and very long hours.

We are very proud of our firefighters and EMS responders and how hard they worked to make sure that lives and property remain safe. We were able to purchase new, modernized equipment to use during vehicle extrications that allow our members to get trapped victims out quicker, and we were able to reconfigure one of our older brush fire trucks to modernize response during fires and carry more firefighters. During 2021, we were able to renew the ambulance services contract with American Medical Response to provide consistent and cost effective medical transport for our taxpayers. Our fire district is continuing to grow in both residential population and new businesses. A new burn training tower was added to Station 10-1 in Airway Heights providing excellent live fire and search opportunities for our members. As increased demands for service continue, we will focus on reducing response time of our professionals to provide the quickest care possible.

If you have questions or comments about the fire district and what we are doing, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We appreciate all of you and wish you a Safe and Happy New Year.

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Fires	151
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	1
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	802
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	22
Service Call	22
Good Intent Call	218
False Alarm & False Call	78
Special Incident Type	10
2021 SCFD10 Incident Response	TOTAL 1304



Congratulations to SCFD10 2021 Award Winners

On February 5, 2022 SCFD10 and the Sunset Volunteer Firefighter Association gathered to thank and honor its members for their amazing commitment and dedication. Members spend hundreds of hours training and responding to all hazard incidents, performing fire inspections, public safety presentations, maintaining equipment and facilities and more.

The following members were recognized for their outstanding contributions:

Chief's Award—Lieutenant Michael Baughn
Officer of the Year—Lieutenant Michael Baughn
Firefighter of the Year—Firefighter Brenda Wittig
Driver/Operator of the Year—Firefighter Steve Copeland
Resident of the Year— Firefighter Jacob Rillera
Rookie of the Year—Firefighter Tyler McCoury
EMS Provider of the Year—Firefighter Shaun Pitts
Support Service Provider of the Year— Lieutenant Lynn Schnell



Lt Mike Baughn receives
Officer of the Year Award
from Deputy Chief Don Malone

5 Years:

Firefighter Lane Bitz
Firefighter Zach Gee
Commissioner Scott Mericle
Firefighter Tiffany Pope
Firefighter Emily Walston

10 Years:

Lieutenant Michael Risley

20 Years:

Captain Ron Cato

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 McKenna Jimno Shaun Pitts Justin Skinner

ASSISTANT TRAINING OFFICER Feliciano Castilliano

65 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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FOREST HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL LANDOWNERS

Department of Natural Resources Forest Health and Resiliency Division offers various programs to help owners of small, forested property in Washington state, whether those landowners are interested in reducing wildfire risk, receiving a forester visit, applying for cost-share assistance, improving the health of their trees, increasing wildlife habitat, or all of the above. Financial assistance is available for forestland owners in eastern Washington who have up to 5,000 acres of forest and want to make their forests healthier and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires.

Many forestlands in eastern Washington need treatment to become more resilient to insect infestation, disease and wildfire. DNR is committed to helping landowners protect their property from these threats. As part of the Eastern Washington Landowner Assistance Program, DNR offers a free consultation to gauge your wildfire and forest health risks, then share in paying for the cost of treatment with qualified landowners.

For more Information on this valuable cost share program, go to

Property prior to treatment

www.dnr.wa.gov

Property after to treatment



SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 10

Is uniquely located between the City of Spokane, City of Airway Heights, Spokane International Airport and the Public Development Authority. It also extends west along the Highway 2 corridor. Spokane County's growth continues to provide unprecedented challenges on how fire and emergency services are provided for our citizens located in SCFD10.

In order to develop a long range strategic plan, SCFD10 has commissioned ESCI (Emergency Services Consulting International) to assist in the development of this useful tool. ESCI uses a highly regarded process involving local government, citizens and SCFD10 members to provide input.

SCFD10 is seeking participants who are interested and able to commit to a couple of hours in May
For more information, contact Chief Ken Johnson kjohnson@scfd10.org

ORDER YOUR ADDRESS SIGN OR SMOKE ALARMS

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 24" double sided BLUE REFLECTIVE aluminum sign with WHITE REFLECTIVE numbering on both sides. **\$25 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

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

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PREVENTION IS THE KEY

Hear the **BEEP** where you **SLEEP**

Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. When one sounds, they all sound.



Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Kameron Kelley, Erik Lord, Philip O'Leary, Jayln Musser, Luke Sherill, Mack Smith, Zach Strahlo, Justin Valiquette

On December 15, 2021, members of the West Plains Recruit Academy 2021-2 representing Spokane County Fire District 3, 10, City of Airway Heights and City of Cheney graduated and took the Oath of Office for Firefighter during a traditional fire service badge pinning ceremony.

These volunteer members participated in a hiring process including written and physical agility test, panel interview, and medical exams to become perspective members of their departments. This was followed by 16 weeks of extensive classroom and hands on training in regards to structural firefighting. They also have the opportunity to test for national certifications. Training for wildland fires, Emergency Medical Technician, and additional fire service responsibilities will continue for these members as they begin to provide valuable service for their community.



Recruit Firefighter Erik Lord is pinned by his fiancé Brittany Eldredge. He also received the Chief's Company Award and the prestigious Bulldog Award.