

WINTER 2017

SCFD8 PROUDLY SERVES

- Moran Prairie
- Glenrose
- Hangman Hills
- Valleyford
- Bella Vista
- Mica
- Painted Hills
- Ponderosa
- Saltese



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A Message from the Chief

Greetings!

As we wind down the year, I want to thank those of you that attended our Strategic Plan Community Meetings this fall to help shape the new plan and move it closer to completion. It was a pleasure getting to know each of you and to hear your thoughts and suggestions. We are excited to start 2018 with a new plan and pathway for continued success!

I also want to thank outgoing **Commissioner Chuck Vyverberg** for his years of guidance in moving the Fire District forward with improvements in support of service to our most important customers — you and your families. We are grateful for Commissioner Vyverberg's dedication and leadership.

Finally, we were honored to once again be awarded **1st Place in the State of Washington for Management Excellence** by the Washington Fire Commissioners Association. The Management Excellence Award is based on multiple criteria including:

- Governance
- Administrative and operational management
- Public services
- Public education
- Financial management
- Leadership

We are very humbled to again have been chosen for this award. Thanks to your support, we have a great organization providing exceptional emergency services and value to south Spokane County. If you have any questions about our service, or suggestions about how we can serve you better, please feel free to e-mail me at tnielsen@scfd8.org, or give me a call either at the office 509-926-6699 or at home 509-535-7740.



Tony C. Nielsen, MA, EFO, CFO,
Fire Chief, SCFD8



CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE

Fire safety experts are urging people to close their bedroom doors before they go to sleep, saying the simple task can potentially save lives in the event of a fire.



More info at closeyourdoor.org

UL Fire Safety Research Institute's safety campaign, "Close Before You Doze," is calling on people to always remember to shut their doors before they go to sleep.

Approximately half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., according to a 2017 joint report from the U.S. Fire Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Researchers with the UL FSRI found that during a fire's spread, closed-door rooms had average temperatures of less than 100° F, while open-door rooms had average temperatures of over 1,000° F.

According to research from UL FSRI, a closed bedroom door versus an open bedroom door can be the difference between life or death.

COMMISSIONER CHUCK VYVERBERG: Thank You for Your Service

Chuck Vyverberg will complete his term as Fire Commissioner on December 31st.

Commissioner Vyverberg began his journey with SCFD8 more than 16 years ago when, as an interested citizen, he attended a meeting to learn more about the District's upcoming bond and EMS levy. Eventually he wound up seeking and receiving a seat on the Board of Fire Commissioners. Chuck embodies the District's mission to "Protect, Serve and Educate".

Commissioner Vyverberg says that among the highlights of his tenure has been the ongoing cooperation, communication, and creativity of his fellow commissioners, District leadership, firefighters and volunteers. He cites the District's receipt of the

WFCA Management Excellence award in 2016 and 2017 as testament to the quality and commitment of the SCFD8 team.

In addition to his duties as a Fire Commissioner, Chuck was active as Vice-President of the Spokane County Fire Commissioners Association and served on the Board of the Washington State Risk Management Group. Commissioner Vyverberg intends to continue serving the citizens of District 8 as a Support Services Volunteer. Spokane County Fire District 8 is sincerely grateful to Commissioner Vyverberg and his wife, Donna, for their service.



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SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa Claus and Your Firefighters could be Coming to Your Neighborhood Soon!

Santa Claus is coming to town and he's temporarily trading in his sleigh for a big red fire engine!

Listen and watch for the Jolly Old Elf as he rides through your neighborhood along with your District 8 firefighters. He'll be passing out candy canes and greeting children young and old. For a complete schedule of Santa's visits, go to scfd8.org.



WINTER WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

Winter weather can be challenging and sometimes even dangerous. Here are a few tips to help you be better prepared to deal with harsh winter weather:

- Build an emergency preparedness kit with at least three days of supplies.
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly.
- If you have a generator be sure it's set up to operate in an open area, away from windows to prevent potential carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Keep snow and ice three feet away from fire hydrants.

For more info and safety tips, go to U.S. Fire Administration.
usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/winter.html