

FALL 2018

SCFD8 PROUDLY SERVES

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



FREE CLASS:

Learn how to stop uncontrolled bleeding, the #1 cause of preventable death from trauma in the U.S.

Sat., Nov. 10, 2018
10 am – noon
Fire Station 81
6117 S Palouse Hwy

For registration and course information, mlong@scfd8.org or 926-6699.



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A Message from the Chief

Hello Friends! I'm happy to share with you that Fire District 8 was recently accepted as one of five departments nationwide to participate in a program called the **Fire Department Exchange**



(FDX). Managed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) as part of their wildland fire programs, the core focus of FDX is to facilitate exchanges among departments that face wildland fire challenges in order to broaden their knowledge base, consider alternative measures, create new solutions and

improve overall practices and procedures within their wildland fire educational programs. We will be sending two personnel to the Boise Fire Department this fall for the exchange, with all travel, lodging and meal costs covered by the IAFC.

In other news, our agency was just recognized as one of the **Best Places to Work Inland Northwest**. The Journal of Business and Best Companies Group created the third annual list of the *Best Places to Work Inland Northwest* to identify, recognize, and honor the best employers in the Inland Northwest, benefiting the region's economy, workforce, and businesses. I'm very honored by this award, as it is a reflection of how your firefighters and paramedics feel about the work environment we've created at Fire District 8.

With your support, we're able to create a great work environment and deploy competent, compassionate responders — paid and volunteer — to emergencies within minutes. 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

2018 **BEST
PLACES
TO WORK
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DISASTERS HAPPEN. PREPARE NOW. LEARN HOW.

In the Inland Northwest, home and building fires and severe weather events like ice storms and high winds can cause devastating damage to both people and property. Over the past few years, summer wildfires have become increasingly common and can spread and burn for weeks at a time.



Create a Fire Escape

Plan: Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely. A closed door

may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households

with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.

- Walk through your plan to make sure escape routes are clear and doors and windows can be opened easily.
- Choose an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped. Make sure to mark the location on your escape plan.
- Be sure your street number is clearly visible from the road to ensure that responding emergency personnel can find your home.
- Don't forget pets or others who may need additional help.
- Should you be required to evacuate, be sure you've planned and practiced your routes.

[More about disaster preparation on back>>](#)

Building a Disaster Preparedness Kit

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water — one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food — at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

STAY CONNECTED: Staying abreast of what's happening during a disaster is easier than ever thanks to **Alert Spokane**, an emergency service that can send emergency messages via text, email or phone call to your mobile phone.

To find out more go to:

wildlandfirersg.org to learn more about what to do in case of a wild fire
spokanecounty.org/3007/Alert-Spokane to sign up for mobile alerts

ready.gov to learn more about disaster planning

fema.gov to learn more about disaster relief and recovery

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FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS

"Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere" is the theme of 2018's Fire Prevention Week. It's designed to educate people about three steps to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely:

"LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

"LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You may have only minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

"LEARN" two ways out of every room and ensure all doors and windows open easily and are free of clutter.

For more information, visit NFPA.org

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Did you know that along with our duties answering fire and emergency medical calls, SCFD 8 is also part of our state's fire resource mobilization plan? The plan is implemented to provide personnel, equipment, and other logistical resources when a wildland fire or other emergency exceeds the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions.

When requested, SCFD8 sends resources and personnel to emergencies around the state, while fire departments from around the state do the same for us when needed — like the Yale Road fire in 2016 and the Valleyview fire in 2008.

State mobilization allows local authorities to continue conducting business after a disaster and work on recovery related to the disaster. All fire district equipment and personnel costs are reimbursed by the State. We believe that offering a helping hand to a neighbor in need is simply the right thing to do.