

SPRING 2018

SCFD8 PROUDLY SERVES

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



FREE Community Wildfire Preparedness Workshop

Saturday MAY 5
10 am - Noon

Redeemer Lutheran Church
3606 S. Schafer Rd.
Spokane Valley

Learn steps you can take to prepare your home and family for wildfire and what part you can play in helping your community become more adapted to a wildfire environment. More info: scfd8.org or 926-6699

www.scfd8.org
509-926-6699



A Message from the Chief

Hello Friends! I have some exciting news! **The Washington Survey & Rating Bureau (WSRB) has awarded Spokane County Fire District 8 an improved Protection Class (PC) rating.** The new rating will be effective May 1st, 2018.

After an extensive review of Fire District 8's firefighting capabilities, water supply, emergency communications and fire safety control, the WSRB upgraded the Fire District's rating from a Protection Class 5 to a Protection Class 4.

The WSRB is an independent, non-profit public service organization that evaluates fire protection/suppression capabilities of cities and fire protection districts using a schedule approved by the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner. WSRB assigns each community a Protection Class of 1 through 10, where 1 indicates exemplary fire protection capabilities, and 10 indicates the capabilities—if any—are insufficient for insurance credit.

Thanks to the support of our citizens, we've spent the last four years making significant service improvements that now may also result in lower fire insurance costs for our residents and businesses. I encourage residents of our community to contact their insurance agents to see if this new rating will affect their insurance premiums.

As always, 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 at either the office 509-926-6699, or at home 509-535-7740.

SCFD 8 WELCOMES COMMISSIONER GREG HESSE

Greg Hesse arrived in Spokane with his family in 1963. Just 16

years old at the time, Greg spent two years at Lewis and Clark High School before graduating and moving into the working world. After a couple of years trying out a variety of odd jobs, a friend encouraged Greg to take the City of Spokane's firefighter test. The decision to pursue a job as a City of Spokane firefighter eventually turned into a 33 ½ year career as Greg rose through the ranks and eventually retired as a Fire Marshal in the late '90s.

Not long after, he got a phone call from a firefighter friend asking about his potential interest in running for fire commissioner for SCFD8. Hesse

was elected to his first term in 2000, and following a short hiatus four years ago, decided to seek his fourth term this year.

"It's all about wanting to make a difference," says Greg. With 48 years of experience in the fire service, Greg Hesse has a lot of knowledge and experience to contribute.

"Working with Chief Tony Nielsen is great," says Hesse. "He's created a relaxed but professional atmosphere where collaboration within the leadership team can lead to improvements in service to the taxpayers."

"District 8 is different," said Hesse. "We rely on volunteers, part-time, full-time professional firefighters and support staff all



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

IMPROVED PROTECTION CLASS RATING

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SCFD8's improved rating
may lower your fire
insurance premiums.
Contact your insurance
agent for details.



working in combination. We couldn't do it without the contributions of any of those groups. Our volunteers are as dedicated and hard working as the full-time people and they take their training seriously. I'm glad to be back and look forward to helping make the District as strong and effective as it can be. It's a pleasure to work with people whose primary motivation is helping others."



Can We See Your Home Address?

When an emergency call comes in, Fire District 8's emergency response crews are dispatched to a specific address.

Emergencies occur during the day and night, and under all weather conditions. If the responding crew is unable to locate the specific location where the emergency conditions exist, emergency services could be delayed, and that could result in serious medical or fire consequences to the victim or their property.

Fire District 8 has initiated a program to provide an address sign to our rural residents. Our hope is that the Address Sign Program will enhance the District's ability to provide accurate and timely responses to fire and medical services in an emergency.

Because there are a limited amount of resources allocated to fund the address sign program, voluntary donations are gladly accepted to help offset the costs of the program. Donations may

be made to Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8, PO Box 345, 12100 E. Palouse Highway, Valleyford, WA 99036; however, no donation is required to receive a property address sign, and the full amount of any donation is tax deductible. For more information, please contact us at (509) 926-6699 or admin@scfd8.org.

To order your property address sign, visit our website, www.scfd8.org.

Installation: Once your application is processed and your sign-post is made, you will be contacted by a Fire District representative to discuss the location of your sign. A Fire District 8 representative will then submit a "Call Before You Dig" locate ticket and install the sign at no cost to you.

Fire Flyer

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VALLEYFORD DEBRIS COLLECTION DAY

Valleyford Debris Collection Day Saturday, April 7 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Spokane County Fire District 8, Station 82
12100 E. Palouse Hwy, Valleyford WA

FREE DROP OFF for your residential yard and garden (natural) debris.

Not accepted: branches over 3" x 6' in size, stumps, root balls, soil, lumber, trash or commercial loads. Event ends at 2:00 pm or earlier if containers have reached capacity.

More info: 926-6699 or www.scfd8.org.

SCFD8'S FIRE SERVICE DAY

Moran Prairie Fire Service Day Open House Saturday, May 12 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Spokane County Fire District 8, Station 81
6117 S. Palouse Hwy, Spokane WA

There will be fun family activities, home safety information and firefighter demonstrations. Visit with Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog. We hope you and your family will stop by.

For details contact Division Chief Marty Long at m-long@scfd8.org or visit www.scfd8.org.