

SPRING 2019

## SCFD8 PROUDLY SERVES

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



## SIGN UP FOR FREE CLASS

Learn to stop life threatening bleeding following everyday emergencies.

### Stop the Bleed Class

May 18, 10am – Noon  
Fire Station 81  
6117 S Palouse Hwy



[www.scf8.org](http://www.scf8.org)  
509-926-6699



## A Message from the Chief

**Hello Friends!** On behalf of all of your Fire District 8 responders—paid and volunteer—I want to thank you for your overwhelming approval of our recent Maintenance and Operations Replacement Levy. We look forward to being able to continue serving you with the level of rapid response, equipment, and highly trained firefighters and paramedics you've come to expect and deserve.

Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner, and that means we are busy training and preparing for another wildfire season. We want to be your partner in doing whatever possible to reduce your risk from wildfire. I urge you to take advantage of the offerings noted in this newsletter ranging from our community wildfire preparedness workshops to the annual debris collection day in Valleyford as we work together to protect lives and property.

Thanks to your support, we've become recognized for award-winning service, but we know that we can always improve. If you have any questions or suggestions about how we can serve you better, please feel free to e-mail me at [tnielsen@scfd8.org](mailto:tnielsen@scfd8.org), or give me a call either at the office 509-926-6699 or at home 509-370-9801.



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

THANK YOU  
VOTERS!

## Community Wildfire Preparedness Workshops

### What do you need to know?

Join Spokane County Fire District 8 members and community partners at our upcoming community wildfire preparedness workshops. Learn what part you can play in helping your community better adapted to the wildfire environment.



Experiments, models and post fire studies have shown that homes ignite due to conditions both within and around the home and up to 200 feet from the foundation of your home.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) wildfires across the United States have taken more than 100 lives and cost more than \$25 million dollars in property losses in just the past two years. In 2018, Washington State alone has had over 1800 reported wildland fires resulting in over 440,000 acres burned.

Most of these fires were caused by outdoor burning started by human beings. According to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) more than 2.2 million homes in Washington currently lie in the potential path of wildfire. That's why it's so important to take steps to improve the wildfire safety of your home and community.

We strongly encourage you and your neighbors to join in

our efforts to help make our communities safer. Join us for one of three scheduled workshops and gather the knowledge you'll need to take action to protect your family, property and community.

Visit [Firewise.org](http://Firewise.org) for information about creating a defensible space around your home.

For more information, contact Division Chief Marty Long at [mlong@scfd8.org](mailto:mlong@scfd8.org) or 926-6699.

### Workshop Schedule

**MAY 4, 10am – Noon**  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
3606 S Schafer Rd  
Spokane Valley

**MAY 30, 6pm – 8pm**  
St. Stevens Episcopal Church  
5720 S Perry St, Spokane

**JUNE 15, 10am – Noon**  
Fire Station 82  
12100 E Palouse Hwy, Valleyford



## 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 donation could be tax deductible depending on your situation. For more information, please contact us at 509-926-6699 or [admin@scfd8.org](mailto:admin@scfd8.org).

To order your property address sign, visit [scfd8.org](http://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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## Would you like to receive the Fire 8 Flyer and other correspondence via email?

Send your name and email address to [admin@scfd8.org](mailto:admin@scfd8.org) to join our mailing list.

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## VALLEYFORD DEBRIS COLLECTION DAY

**Valleyford Debris Collection Day**  
**Saturday, April 13**  
**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

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

**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: 509-926-6699 or [www.scfd8.org](http://www.scfd8.org).

## SCFD8'S FIRE SERVICE DAY

**Moran Prairie Fire Service Day Open House**  
**Saturday, May 11**  
**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

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

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 [mstrong@scfd8.org](mailto:mstrong@scfd8.org) or visit [www.scfd8.org](http://www.scfd8.org).