

SPRING 2020

## SCFD8 PROUDLY SERVES

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



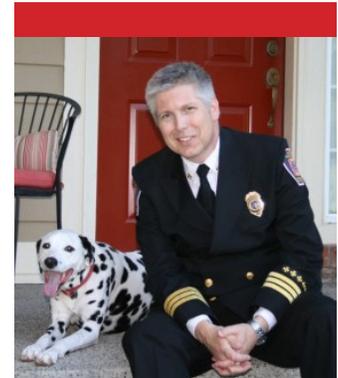
## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

**Hello Friends! I wanted to tell you about a special group of folks that play an important role in our organization: our Support Services Volunteers.** This incredible group of volunteers provide services ranging from stand-by at emergency incidents and special events, chaplaincy services, public education, water tanker truck operations, and clerical support.

Volunteering in our Support Services Division is a great way to give back to your community. Some have found it to be a perfect way to explore fire and emergency medical services, and we've



had several Support Services volunteers move on to become firefighters and EMT's after starting in Support Services.



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

One of the functions of our Support Service volunteers is to staff our Incident Support Unit: Support Unit 80. This unit responds to all types of emergencies and provides on-scene personnel with much needed rehab services. Support Services volunteers also use Support Unit 80 to refill breathing air bottles and furnish electrical power and scene lighting at fire emergencies.

Not interested in working at emergency scenes? No problem! We evaluate potential volunteers' skill sets and match them with tasks that support the Fire District's mission. We have several behind-the-scenes opportunities for Support Services volunteers, including — but not limited to — office/administrative support, photography, desktop publishing, chaplaincy, grant writing, or fitness/wellness coaching.

Our volunteers save taxpayers thousands of dollars every year while providing a wide range of valuable services. Plus, it's a lot of fun! Come find out why Fire District 8 was selected as one of the Inland Northwest's Best Places to Work (and volunteer!) If you're interested in joining our team as a Support Services volunteer, check out our website for more information or call us at 509-926-6699.



## SIGN UP FOR FREE CLASS

Learn to stop life threatening bleeding following everyday emergencies.

### Stop the Bleed Class

May 16, 10am – Noon  
Fire Station 81  
6117 S Palouse Hwy



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



## Neighborhood Wildfire Prevention Requires Knowledge, Resources, Energy, and YOU.

**Preventing and fighting wildfires is a collaborative effort that needs constant attention from both firefighting professionals and committed citizens** with the spark and energy to keep things moving forward.

Maintaining a noncombustible zone around your home and helping teach your neighbors to do the same means greater safety and security for everyone. There are many resources and lots of help available — but some of the best resources you can find are your neighbors. Keeping your community informed, staying connected, and working together to reduce the fuel load around your homes can help you mitigate potential loss and damage, before the fire starts.

### Developing a Successful Community Wildfire Preparedness Program

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group defines a fire adapted community as "A human community consisting of informed and prepared citizens collaboratively planning and taking action to safely coexist with wildland fire." More fully, fire adapted communities are knowledgeable, engaged communities where actions of residents

and agencies in relation to infrastructure, buildings, landscaping and the surrounding ecosystem lessen the need for extensive protection actions and enable the communities to safely accept fire as part of the surrounding landscape. Because every community is unique, the steps and strategies they take to improve their wildfire resilience will vary from place to place.

### Community Programs and Resources to Help You Get Started

- For a free wildfire risk assessment of your property, contact Spokane Conservation District at 509-535-7274, DNR at 509-684-7474 or Spokane County Fire District 8 at 509-926-6699
- Contact Department of Natural Resources (DNR) 509-684-7474 for information on their cost sharing fuel reduction program
- Help your community become a Firewise USA site, contact Guy Gifford of DNR at 509-990-6218
- As always, Spokane County Fire District 8 is here to guide in your efforts to create a safer and better prepared community, please contact us for assistance at 509-926-6699.



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

## VALLEYFORD DEBRIS COLLECTION DAY

### Valleyford Yard & Garden Debris Collection Day

**Saturday, April 4 • 9:00 am to 1:00 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 1:00 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 9 • 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 [mlong@scfd8.org](mailto:mlong@scfd8.org) or visit [www.scfd8.org](http://www.scfd8.org).