



WINTER 2021

SCFD8 PROUDLY SERVES

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



ASK SCFD8

Q Is it OK to burn on my property?

A: It depends!

Find out more on our website. Be sure to let us know when and what you plan to burn.

More info at SCFD8.org

www.scf8.org
509-926-6699



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Welcome to our Fall/Winter 2021 Fire District 8 Flyer. It seems as if 2021 keeps delivering new challenges and Fire District 8 continues to meet those challenges head-on.

2021 saw a devastating wildland season in the Northwest. Spokane County also saw an increase in wildland fires, but with preparation and awareness, the number of large fires that caused significant damage was less than in previous years.

The COVID-19 delta variant surge experienced across the country last August and September also impacted the Fire District and resulted in an increase in calls for service. In fact, as of October your Fire District has experienced an increase of over fifteen (15) percent in responses from last year at this time. This was after a record year of responses in 2020.

Lastly, I want to again thank you for your voted support of the Fire District in the recent Fire Levy Lid Lift in August. We are actively planning replacement of aging fire trucks and equipment, as we said we would do. The Fire District was also the recipient of a federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the sum of \$386,000 which will help us replace aging Self Contained Breathing Apparatus earlier than expected.

As you can see, it has been an active year at Fire District 8. We are excited for 2022 and continuing to serve our community. As we close out 2021, we wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season.



Lonnie Rash, Fire Chief, SCFD8

If you have any questions or suggestions about how we can serve you better, please email me at lrash@scfd8.org or give me a call at 509-370-9801.

LEARN THE SOUNDS OF FIRE SAFETY What is your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm telling you?

Is there a beep or chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What's it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family. Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarms and know how to respond.

Smoke Alarms

- A continued set of three loud beeps means smoke or fire. Get out, call 911, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 to 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

- A continuous set of four loud beeps means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 911, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30-60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also has end of life sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it's time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery have been changed means the alarm is at the end of its life and the units must be replaced.



**Beep!
Chirp! Chirp!
BEEEEEP!**

KEEP YOUR HYDRANT CLEAR THIS WINTER



Keep snow and ice 3 feet away from fire hydrants.

In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.

U.S. Fire Administration



Santa Claus and Your Firefighters Could Be Coming to Your Neighborhood Soon!

The jolly old elf is temporarily trading in his sleigh for a big red fire engine! Listen and watch for Santa as he rides through your neighborhood along with your District 8 firefighters.



For a complete schedule of Santa's visits, go to scfd8.org or find us on [Glympse](#).



**SANTA CLAUS IS VISITING
DECEMBER 10, 11, 12 &
DECEMBER 17, 18, 19.**

Check the schedule daily for any potential changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

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FACTS ABOUT SAFELY HEATING YOUR HOME

Did you know?:

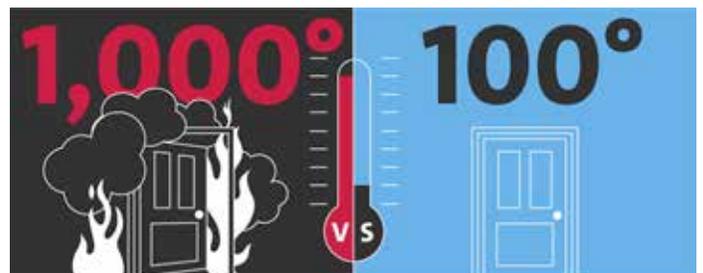
- Heating equipment is the second cause of home fires but the highest number of home fire deaths.



- Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 7 reported home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/winter and nfpa.org/winter.

CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE: A closed door provides a layer of protection between you and a fire, which is especially important at night when family members may be vulnerable with little time to react.



CLISE
BEFORE YOU DOZE

MAKE A 900 DEGREE DIFFERENCE

During a fire, a closed door can mean the difference between 1,000 degrees and 100 degrees.

