

SUMMER 2018

SCFD8 PROUDLY SERVES

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



SIGN UP FOR A FREE CLASS: Stop the Bleed

Learn to stop life threatening bleeding following everyday emergencies and man-made and natural disasters.

To sign up for a free class or for more information, visit bleedingcontrol.org.



www.scf8.org
509-926-6699



A Message from the Chief

Greetings! It's my privilege to share with you that **Fire District 8 has once again been recognized as the Spokane County EMS Agency of the Year** by the Spokane County EMS & Trauma Care Council. The following members of our organization also received awards for their outstanding service:

- **EMS Heroes** - Lieutenant Nate Hawley & Firefighter/Paramedic Amanda Austin
- **Special Services** - Chaplains Aaron McNally & Dave Simboli

With over 80% of our calls being medical emergencies, we make prompt, award winning medical care a top priority.

Fire District 8 paramedics are supervised by our Physician Advisor, Dr. Michael Metcalf, who provides monthly training and case review to ensure the best patient care possible is being provided on every call. To maximize efficiency, our paramedics are also cross-trained as firefighters and are an integral part of every fire engine company.

We know that we can't improve unless we measure our performance, so we send out Customer Satisfaction Survey cards after every response to let you tell us how we are doing and where we can improve. *For seven years running, over 93% of our customers have rated our service as "Excellent".*

With your support, we're able to 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



DEFENDING YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRE EMBERS: Home Ignition Zone

Homes ignite due to the condition of the home and everything around it, up to 200' from the foundation. This is called the Home Ignition Zone. **START WITH THE HOUSE ITSELF** then move into the landscaping section of the Immediate Zone:

- Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers.
- Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration.



- Reduce embers that could pass through vents in the eaves by installing 1/8 inch metal mesh screening.
- Clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8 inch metal mesh screening to reduce embers.
- Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows. Screen or box in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors — mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles — anything that can burn. Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.
- Post your address.
- For more information, please visit scfd8.org or firewise.org.

What is ALERT Spokane?

ALERT Spokane allows emergency personnel to send time sensitive messages to Spokane County residents and businesses during high-risk situations. Alerts may include evacuation notices, shelter locations and other potentially lifesaving information. Alerts are transmitted via phone, text, email and/or TTD/TTY. There is also a "social share" feature built into the new system.

To receive emergency alerts, Spokane County residents and businesses can choose one or both of the following two options:

- 1. Register online for ALERT Spokane** – you can choose the method (text, email, phone) and language to receive emergency messages. If your phone is VoIP (Voice-over Internet), you must register to receive an alert.

If you have local phone service provided by CenturyLink or Frontier, your landline (but not your cell phone) is already in the database. Register at alertspokane.org.

- 2. Download the Free "Code RED MobileAlert" app.** Follow the instructions to receive ALERT Spokane notifications according to your phone's geographic location. Although ALERT Spokane already has more than 215,000 phone numbers in the system, residents are still encouraged to register. This is especially important if your primary phone is a cell phone. ALERT Spokane is managed by Greater Spokane Emergency Management.



Fire Flyer

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EMERGENCY EVACUATION INFORMATION

DANGER IN YOUR AREA

EVACUATION LEVELS 1 2 3

LEVEL 1 BE ALERT

- Check LOCAL NEWS
- Tell NEIGHBORS
- Help OTHERS

LEVEL 2 BE READY

- Have your EMERGENCY KIT
- Know Your PLAN & MEETING PLACE

LEVEL 3 LEAVE NOW

- LEAVE NOW. You are in immediate danger.
- CHECK MEDIA for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Linke-Saltese Station 85 Open House
Saturday, July 14 | 10 am to 2 pm
Spokane County Fire District 8, Station 85
3324 S. Linke Road, Greenacres WA

2018 National Night Out
Tuesday, August 7 | For more info, how to sign up and to check if there is a party scheduled in your neighborhood, go to spokanecops.org/events.

Ponderosa Station 84 Open House
Wednesday, Sept. 12 | 6 pm to 8 pm
Spokane County Fire District 8, Station 84
4410 S. Bates Road, Spokane Valley, WA