



## FALL/WINTER 2023

### FIRE DISTRICT 8 proudly serves the communities of:

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



**Engine 85:**  
Proudly serving Saltese



 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
Pay attention to fire prevention.

### Preventing Cooking Fires Starts with YOU!

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, with nearly half of all home fires and fire related injuries.

[fpw.org](http://fpw.org)

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



## Fire District 8 Welcomes New Team Members

**SCFD 8 is pleased to welcome Michelle Rodgers and Danny Klocko to the District's Administrative Team.** Michelle will be taking on the role of Finance Manager and Executive Assistant, while Danny will be assuming his new responsibilities as FD 8's Human Resources Manager.



**Michelle Rodgers** comes to us with over seventeen years of experience in administrative support and finance. Most of those years have been in local government

and specifically supporting a fire district. Prior to her time in the fire service, she honed her customer service skills in the hospitality industry.

A native of Houston TX, she found her way to the Spokane area many years ago with her husband, Patrick, who is a retired Air Force veteran. Michelle has one son, five Labrador retrievers and two grand pups...a continued legacy of animal lovers in the Executive Assistant position.



**Danny Klocko** comes to us with many years of experience as a human resource professional. Most recently, he served as Chief Human

Resources Officer for Kootenai Health. Prior to his sixteen years with Kootenai Health, Danny was the Executive Director of Human Resources for Empire Health in Spokane.

Danny, his wife Carmen and their seven children live just over the Washington-Idaho border in Post Falls, where he enjoys spending time with his family and working on his hobby farm.

**The district is also proud to recognize Carol Trescott (Administration/District Secretary) and Sherry Urban (Office Assistant) who recently announced retirements.** Carol has been employed by Fire District 8 for over 18 years and Sherry's been a member of our administrative team for 9 years. We wish them both the very best as they move on to new and enjoyable challenges and pursuits in the years to come. Carol and Sherry, you will be missed.

## TIPS FOR SAFER HOME COOKING

**Here are some simple cooking tips to help reduce risk and keep your family, home, and neighbors safe.**

- Always keep a close eye on what you're cooking. For foods with longer cook times, such as those that are simmering or baking, set a timer to help monitor them carefully.
- Clear the cooking area of combustible items and keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away, such as dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If

a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

- Create a "child and pet free zone" of at least three feet (one meter) around the cooking area and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Staying in the kitchen, using a timer, and avoiding distractions can help make cooking at home safer, less stressful, and more enjoyable.



# OUR 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

Earlier this year Spokane County Fire District 8 engaged the services of Bridge Group LLC to assist in the process of creating a new strategic plan. This plan is the result of feedback provided by Fire District members, along with the citizens, neighboring emergency services agencies, and other partner organizations. This document will serve as a guide for evaluating four defined focus areas. The five focus areas include:

- Creating Fiscal Sustainability
- Building an Innovative and High Performing Organization
- Enhancing Community Education and Engagement
- Improving Emergency Response and Customer Service
- Designing More Effective Asset Resource Management

The 2024 Strategic Plan was formally adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners on October 10, 2023.



## Fire Flyer

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## Introducing the New & Improved [scfd8.org](http://scfd8.org)


Spokane County Fire District 8 recently updated and improved our website, making access to important announcements, information, and resources faster and easier to find than ever. We're always interested in your feedback and opinions, so take a moment to check it out at [scfd8.org](http://scfd8.org) and let us know what you think.



## 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](http://scfd8.org) or find us on 

**SANTA CLAUS IS VISITING**  
**5:30 - 8:30 PM**  
**DECEMBER 7 - 10**  
**DECEMBER 14 - 17**

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