



## FALL/WINTER 2024

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

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



### LEVY FUNDED REPLACEMENT ENGINES

After two years of planning and purchasing, we are pleased to announce a new Engine 84 serving the community of Ponderosa and new Engine 81 serving the community of Moran Prairie.



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## A Message from the Chief

**Hello, I hope this newsletter finds you settling into Winter and enjoying the holiday season!**

As you will see in this newsletter, we are thrilled to continue our most popular community outreach event...the Santa Float. I encourage you to visit with the elves (firefighters and support staff) to learn more about your fire district.

As we reflect on 2024, we will remember this year with fondness. Because of your support, we have done what we said we would do with the levy dollars you have provided. We have invested in our people by hiring additional paramedic firefighters, we have invested in our facilities through the planning process to renovate Station 85, replace aging heating and cooling units at most stations, and look to relocate our maintenance division to an existing storage facility at Station 81; allowing more in-house and cost-effective work to be done on our apparatus. We continue to replace aging fire engines and wildland engines to ensure we are providing safe and reliable response to you during your times of need.

**Finally, thank you to our fire commissioners for their dedication and service to the district.**

Your fire commissioners are uncompensated volunteers who help to shape the direction and future of the district. I would like to recognize **Commissioner Lee C. Boling** on his second term as the President of the Washington Fire Commissioners Association.



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](mailto:lrash@scfd8.org) or call/text me at 509-370-9801.**

## FIRE DISTRICT 8 WELCOMES RAEANNE CLARK



RaeAnne Clark, Office Specialist, SCFD8

**RaeAnne Clark comes to us with over thirteen years of experience in Accounts Payable/Accounting Assistant, and Client Services.** She holds a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from Washington State University. GO COUGS!

RaeAnne grew up in Rockford and loved the community so much she moved back. She and her husband Jason are raising their two kids within the Freeman School District. She is currently the Vice President of the Freeman Parent-Teacher-Student Group (PTSG) and looks forward to the many school activities.

# Smoke Alarms, Make Them Work For You!

## SMOKE ALARMS

Make Them WORK For You!™



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**DID YOU KNOW** that roughly **60% of home fire deaths** happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms?

**DID YOU KNOW** that you may have **less than two minutes** to escape your home once the smoke alarm sounds?

**Fire moves fast, and every second counts.** Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half.

**Smoke alarms, how do you make them work for you?**

1. **INSTALL** smoke alarms in every **bedroom**, outside each separate sleeping area (like a **hallway**), and on **each level** (including the basement) of the home.
2. **TEST** smoke alarms at least **once a month** by pushing the test button.
3. **REPLACE** all smoke alarms when they are **10 years** old or stop responding when tested.

## Fire Flyer

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## 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 Glympse.



**SANTA CLAUS IS VISITING 5:30 - 8:30 PM**  
**DECEMBER 12, 13, 14 & 15**  
**DECEMBER 19, 20, 21 & 22**

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

