

## Open House at Fire Station #81

May 9, 2026 | 10am - 1pm

SCFD 8 Fire Station #81 | 6117 S Palouse Hwy, Spokane

Bring the whole family to Fire Station 81's Open House!



There will be many fun family activities and photo opportunities.

Come see a Fire Engine and Helicopter on display! Stop by to visit with our firefighters and our community partners.

Enjoy some food and the community we live in.

## Yard and Garden Debris Collection Day

April 4, 2026 | 10am - 1pm

SCFD 8 Fire Station #82 | 12100 E Palouse Hwy, Valleyford

Bring the whole family to Fire Station 81's Open House!

Time to clean up those yards and create a defensible space around your home. Drop off your residential yard and garden (natural) debris for **FREE!**

Unable to accept branches over 3" diameter and/or 6' long, root balls, soil, lumber, trash, or commercial loads.

The event will end at 1:00 or earlier if containers reach capacity.



For more information about Spokane County Fire District 8 events, please call us (509)926-6699 or visit [scfd8.org](http://scfd8.org).

# Fire 8 Flyer



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

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Create a non-combustible zone  
0-5 feet around your home

## Steps You Can Take to Improve Your Home's Wildfire Readiness

The area within five feet of your home is known as the immediate zone and is the most important place to focus your wildfire prevention efforts. Research shows this area is the most vulnerable to wind-driven embers, which are the leading cause of homes igniting during wildfires. Start by maintaining the home itself. Regularly clean roofs and gutters to remove leaves, pine needles, and other debris that could catch embers. Repair or replace loose or damaged shingles or roof tiles to prevent embers from entering your home. Embers are small, burning pieces of wood or vegetation that can travel more than a mile ahead of a wildfire. These embers can ignite woodpiles, patio furniture, decks, vents, roofs, and debris-filled gutters. Studies show that a home's ignition risk is largely determined by the home and the area immediately around it. In many cases, it's not where a home is located that determines risk—it's how resistant the home and surrounding area are to ignition.

Learn More For additional wildfire preparedness information:

- Visit [Firewise.org](http://Firewise.org)
- Call Spokane County Fire District 8 at 509-926-6699
- Sign up for a free property assessment at [WildfireReady.dnr.wa.gov](http://WildfireReady.dnr.wa.gov)

**Taking small steps now can help protect your home, your property, and your community during wildfire season.**



## SPRING 2026

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

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

### Station 85 Ribbon Cutting

Come join us in celebrating the much needed remodel of our Fire Station 85 located at 3324 South Linke Road in Greenacres, WA, on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

This will be followed by a Board of Commissioners meeting at 5 pm in the newly remodeled station.

2025 was another busy year for Fire District 8. During the year, our crews responded to 4,506 calls for service throughout the community.

Call types included:

- 3,848 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) calls
- 440 Fire or fire-related incidents
- 129 Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVAs)
- 89 Other or unclassified calls

We are grateful for the continued support of our community. Your trust and cooperation help us serve Fire District 8 safely and effectively every day.

It is an honor for our firefighters and staff to serve and protect our residents, businesses, and visitors.

[www.scfid8.org](http://www.scfid8.org)  
509-926-6699

## Fire Chief's Message

Greetings from Spokane County Fire District 8!

Since taking over as your new Fire Chief in January, my family and I have felt incredibly welcomed after our move from South Texas. The warmth of this community has made the transition smooth, and I'm thrilled to be part of such a dedicated district serving our residents, businesses, and visitors.

I'm impressed and proud of the exceptional skill and quality of care our firefighters demonstrate every day along with the deep pride they take in their roles and in delivering the best possible service to the district.

I'm excited to lead us forward as we enhance our emergency services, fire prevention, and community outreach. But progress is a team effort and I want to hear from you! What matters most to you? What are we doing well, and how can we better serve you?

Join me for "Coffee with the Chief" on March 31st from 7:30 to 9:30 AM at The Porchlight in Valleyford (just a block from Station #82). Let's chat over coffee and share ideas to make our district even stronger. This is the first in a series; watch for upcoming sessions in the areas around each of our four fire stations to reach more of our community.

If you can't attend, please share your thoughts via email at [admin@scfd8.org](mailto:admin@scfd8.org) or by calling 509-926-6699.

Together, we'll keep our community safe.

Kenneth Erben  
Fire Chief



## Can We Find You in an Emergency?

When an emergency call comes in, Fire District 8 crews are dispatched to a specific address. Emergencies can happen at any time—day or night, and in all weather conditions. If responders have difficulty locating a property, critical emergency services may be delayed, which could have serious consequences for people and property.

To help improve response times in rural areas, Fire District 8 has launched an Address Sign Program for our residents. Clearly visible address signs help emergency responders quickly locate homes and properties when every second counts.

Because funding for the program is limited, voluntary donations are appreciated to help offset costs. However, no donation is required to receive a property address sign.

### Donations may be made to:

Spokane County Fire District 8  
12100 E. Palouse Highway  
Valleyford, WA 99036



### How to Order:

To order your property address sign, visit [scfd8.org](http://scfd8.org). Visit the Public Education fire Prevention section of the website.

Installation:

Once your application is processed and your signpost is prepared, a Fire District representative will visit your property and determine the best location of your new signs. Then the District will submit a "Call Before You Dig" locate ticket and install the sign at no cost to you.

For more information, contact us at 509-926-6699 or [admin@scfd8.org](mailto:admin@scfd8.org).