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**S M O K E   S I G N A L S**

**Summer 2006**

The Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District 5, in response to the recently dismissed recall petition against two of its commissioners and in response to the continued misinformation being circulated in the community regarding the actions of the Board of Commissioners, issues the following Press Release and Statement.

#### PRESS RELEASE

On June 6, 2006 the honorable Judge Neal Q. Reilly of Spokane County Superior Court dismissed, with prejudice, the recall petition filed by Larry Wendlandt and A Group of Concerned Citizens of Fire District 5 (CCFD5) against James Ryan and Greg Lucht.

In dismissing the recall petitions in their entirety, Judge Reilly ruled that CCFD5 failed to allege sufficient facts, failed to identify any duties or laws that were violated and failed to offer even a single fact that Commissioner Greg Lucht or Commissioner James Ryan intentionally violated the law. The Court's ruling demonstrates that CCFD5's continued public assault on the Board is based on emotion, opinion and allegation and has no basis in fact.

Commissioners Ryan and Lucht, who have both served this community for many years and who are working hard to improve the quality of fire protection and emergency medical services, were not surprised by the Court's decision as each Commissioner has strived to comply with the law and worked hard to improve the District.

The baseless, unfounded and discredited accusations of CCFD5 that resulted in the Court's decision further undermines the credibility of CCFD5. Although the group claims that it is looking out for the District taxpayers and residents, to date CCFD5's tactics have only resulted in a drain on the time, energy and resources of the District. As a direct result of the actions of CCFD5, the District incurred over \$10,000 in legal defense costs to have the unfounded allegations dismissed. Although the defense costs will be covered by the District's insurer, the time, energy and reputations of the Commissioners and District Secretary are not so easily recovered.

The Board of Commissioners will continue to work towards improving Fire District 5 and the Board believes this is an appropriate opportunity for all citizens of the community to put aside their differences and work cooperatively and progressively to make District 5 as good as it can be. The Board will continue to make decisions based on the best interest of the community as a whole and will not be controlled by the special interests, unreasonable demands and intimidation tactics regularly used by CCFD5.

The Board encourages community members that are concerned about the misinformation being circulated by CCFD5 to come to a Board meeting or contact any of the three Commissioners to learn what is happening in the District.



~ W E B S I T E ~

We now have a district website that takes the place of the quarterly newsletter. It will be updated at least once per month and contain all the information you are used to receiving in the newsletter and so much more.

Our goal is to offer you a wide variety of information such as what services we offer, upcoming changes and improvements, and public education and safety just to name a few. You will be able to contact us, order address signs, obtain current burning informa-

tion, apply for a burning permit, read the meeting agenda and minutes, as well as access easy links to emergency information and fun and educational kid's sites.

**Check out our new site at  
www.scfd5.org.**

If you do not have internet access and need to receive any information from our office, please call 796-4793 and leave a detailed message with your name, phone number and address.

~ New volunteers ~

**We currently have 19 firefighters, 8 of them are also Emergency Medical Technicians. We are also continuing to interview more applicants and will keep you updated.**

**District 5's Team:**

- Kjell Anderson—Fire Chief/EMT
- Patty Bonner—FF/EMT
- Cindy Date—Station 52 EMT Lt.
- Larry Durheim—FF
- Greg Egbert—FF
- Jennifer Egbert—Station 51 EMT Lt.
- Mike Flint—FF/Equip. Manager
- Bob Gambrel—FF
- Joe Gumming—FF/EMT
- Caleb Guthimiller—FF
- Terry Huffman—FF
- Ty Landt—FF/EMT-I

- Peter Liebfried—FF
- Greg Lucht—FF/EMT
- Scott Lynch—FF
- Miles McAdam—FF
- Mike Pankonin—FF/EMT/Comm. Mgr.
- Van Wohl—FF
- Ron Wood—Station 52 Captain

**Board of Commissioners:**

- Greg Lucht—Chairman/FF/EMT
- Jim Ryan
- Sheri Rhoads

**District Administrator:**

Carol Harrington

**Go to [www.scfd5.org](http://www.scfd5.org) for an application to become a volunteer!**



**G R A N T N E W S . . . Show me the money!**

Grants Received...

- East Region Trauma Care 2005 Grant:  
Misc. medical supplies. No match.
- PreHospital Needs 2006 Grant: EMT course fees, medical equipment and supplies, etc. No match.  
Grants still pending...
- Assistance to Firefighters 2006 Grant (big federal one): we will keep you posted on this one; it includes wildland boots for the volunteers, SCBA

units, and other equipment. 5% match.

Grants in writing stage...

None at this time.

\*\*\* "No match" means it is a fully funded grant; the district does not have to pay a percentage.

HELP PREVENT WEST NILE VIRUS  
STARTING IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD



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***DON'T GIVE MOSQUITOS A CHANCE!***

- ◆ Clean and aerate garden ponds.
- ◆ Repair leaky faucets and sprinklers.
- ◆ Change water in bird baths, fountains, and animal troughs weekly or more often in hot weather.
- ◆ Keep rain gutters draining properly.
- ◆ Empty water from flower pot saucers.
- ◆ Cover barrels and buckets.

Mosquitoes need water to breed and grow. It doesn't take much water and it doesn't take much time. Almost anything that will hold water for one week or more can produce these pests. Get rid of places where water collects around your home and mosquitoes won't have a chance!

***PROTECT YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY!***

- ◆ Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin or spray thin clothing.
- ◆ Wear long sleeves, long pants, shoes, and socks when outside.
- ◆ Consider staying indoors at dusk and dawn.
- ◆ Fix or install window and door screens.

Call Spokane Regional Health District for further information, at 324-1560, ext. 7.

***DON'T DROWN IN DEET!!!***

Always read and follow product directions.

- ◆ The most effective repellents contain DEET

diethyl-m-toluamide or N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenamide).

- ◆ Use repellent sparingly; heavy application is not necessary.
- ◆ DEET concentrations exceeding 30 percent are not recommended for adults. Thirty percent concentration will last about five hours. When sweating or swimming, you may need to apply more frequently.
- ◆ The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends products containing 10 percent or less DEET for children aged two to twelve. Consider using mosquito netting rather than repellent for children under the age of two, for example: over infant carriers, strollers and playpens.
- ◆ An adult should apply the child's repellent. Avoid contact with eyes or mouth.
- ◆ Never use repellents on wounds, irritated skin, or sunburn.
- ◆ Do not inhale or ingest repellents.
- ◆ Wash repellent-treated skin when repellent use is no longer needed.
- ◆ If a suspected reaction to insect repellents occurs, wash treated skin and call a physician. Take the repellent to the physician for label information.

**INFORMATION & RESOURCES**

Spokane Regional Health District

Environmental Health Div. 324-1560 ext.#7

[www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)

Hey, Help us cut response time to your home in an emergency! Order a reflective address sign. Fill out the information below and mail in with a \$10.00 check to:

Spokane County Fire Dist. #5  
17217 W. Four Mound Rd.  
Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

The sign is two feet tall, metal, blue, with white reflective numbers on one or both sides (both sides are recommended). Your sign will usually be done and delivered within 10-14 days.

The district office is located in Station 51 on the SW corner of Four Mound and Dover Rd. We also have Station 52 on the corner of Valley and Charles Rd. We conduct our business meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00p.m. at the district office. We have informational handouts available regarding burning and emergency preparedness as well as fun and educational items for children. *This fire district operates on volunteers; we are always looking for community members who want to join our department. Call for more information.*

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS: FIRE DISTRICT #5 796-4793

S.C.O.P.E.: 796-2391 (call re: Neighborhood Watch)

CRIME CHECK: 532-9266 Note: This is for non-emergencies only Mon.—Fri. from 8am.-8pm. and Sat. 8am-5pm; for emergencies always dial 911. You may also access Crime Check on the Web at [www.spokanecrimereportingcenter.org](http://www.spokanecrimereportingcenter.org).



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