



SMOKE SIGNALS

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FIRE DISTRICT #5



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FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE

MAY 19TH, 1 TO 6 PM

COME FOR INFO, HOT DOGS, & MORE...

MEDSTAR HELICOPTER LANDING!

On Saturday, May 19th from 1 to 6 p.m. both Station 51 (our main office) located on the corner of Four Mound Rd and Dover Rd., and Station 52 located on the corner of Charles Rd. and Valley Rd. will host an open house for our community.

Your volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians will be available for questions and demonstrations. There will be informational and educational displays as well as handouts to take home. Great handouts and coloring books for the kids too! SMOKEY BEAR WILL BE THERE!

Hot dogs and beverages will be offered hosted and sponsored by the Four Mound Homemaker's Group. Donations will be gladly accepted for our fire district.

You will be able to view our fire trucks, structure gear, wildland gear, and emergency equipment. Smoke detectors will be available on a first come, first served basis.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about your fire district and emergency services as well as an opportunity to let us know what we can do for you.

Even if you are heading out that weekend because you have other plans, please take a moment to stop by so we can meet you!

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TRAINING SAVES LIVES!





What is the best way to find out what your fire district is doing?

Come to our monthly business meetings!

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.

WEBSITE: www.scf5.org

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

~ O U R v o l u n t e e r s ~

We currently have 24 volunteers; 16 of them currently are Emergency Medical Technicians.

District 5's Team:

Ted Adams—Station 51 Training Lt./EMT
Kjell Anderson—Fire Chief/EMT
Patty Bonner—FF/EMT
Bonnie Cobb—FF/EMT
Cindy Date—Station 52 EMT Lt.
Jennifer Egbert—Station 51 EMT Lt.
Tim Fenton—FF
Mike Flint—FF/Equip. Manager
Bob Gambrel—Station 51 Captain/EMT
Joe Gumminger—FF/EMT
Jim Hansen—FF
Terry Huffman—FF
Bill Leonard—St 51 Safety Lt./EMT
Peter Liebfried—FF
Greg Lucht—FF/EMT
Scott Lynch—FF

Miles McAdam—FF
Karen Namani—Station 52 Training Lt./EMT
Mike Pankonin—Comm. Mgr./EMT
Dan Patterson—FF/EMT
Dan Ritchie—FF/EMT
John VanSant—FF/EMT
Van Wohl—FF
Ron Wood—Station 52 Captain/EMT

Board of Commissioners:

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

District Administrator:

Carol Harrington

Go to www.scf5.org for an application to become a volunteer!



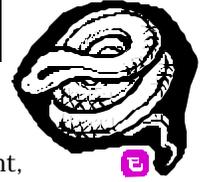
G R A N T N E W S
Show me the money!

Grants turned in waiting for result... 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). 5% match

*** "Match" means the percentage the recipient is responsible for paying toward total amount funded.



SNAKE BITE INFORMATION



Each year in the U.S. there are over 8,000 poisonous snake bites-mostly in the summer season. Poisonous snake bites are medical emergencies and they can be deadly if not treated quickly. Children are at a higher risk for death or serious complications because of their smaller body size. However, the right anti-venom can save a victim's life. Getting the victim to an emergency room is top priority.

Prevention:

Never deliberately provoke a snake; when hiking wear long pants and boots; avoid areas like rocks and logs, tap ahead of you with a walking stick, consider purchasing a snakebite kit.

Symptoms:

Wound discharge, blurred vision, burning, convulsions, diarrhea, dizziness, excessive swelling, fainting, fang marks in skin, fever, increased thirst, loss of muscle coordination, numbness, severe localized pain, and weakness.

First Aid:

GET HELP IMMEDIATELY!

Keep the victim calm, restrict movement, keep affected area below heart level, remove any rings or constricting items as area may swell, restrict movement of area, monitor person's vital signs (temperature, pulse, blood pressure), if victim becomes pale or other signs of shock are present lay victim flat and cover with a blanket. Try to bring in the dead snake but do not waste time hunting for snake or there is a threat of further injury.

DO NOT: Allow victim to become over exerted, **DO NOT** apply a tourniquet, **DO NOT** apply cold compress to bite area, **DO NOT** cut into affected area, **DO NOT** suction bite area with mouth, **DO NOT** raise the bite site above the level of victim's heart.

*from Amer. Accreditation HealthCare Commission

Burning INFORMATION

FOR YARD AND GARDEN DEBRIS BURNING

- Yard and garden waste may be burned with no permit required on Friday through Monday the first two weekends in April only (8 days total) unless otherwise posted. **-OR-**
- Yard and garden waste may be burned by purchasing a permit from Spokane County Fire District #5. The permit costs \$25.00 and is good for **one calendar year**. It allows you to choose which 8 days to burn during the year. Call 796-4793 for further information.
- **NOTE: You must *always* call the day you plan to burn for clearance whether you have a permit or not. Call SCAPCA at 477-4710 and this fire district at 796-4793.**

FOR FOREST DEBRIS (SLASH)

Burning in undeveloped forest areas is delegated by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. In forested areas protected by DNR, debris burning is permitted without a written permit if **all** of these conditions are met:

- **Burn one pile at a time** of forest debris that is less than 4 feet in diameter at any time of the year.
- **Burn only natural vegetation** or untreated wood products.

- **Burn piles are at least 50 feet from structures** and 500 feet from any forest slash.
- **Clear the area** around the burn pile of any flammable material.
- **The winds are calm or light.** It is too windy to burn if trees are swaying, flags are extended, or waves appear on open water.
- **Maintain a connected water hose** or at least five gallons of water and a shovel nearby.
- **Attend the fire** until it is completely extinguished.
- **Be prepared to extinguish the fire** if it becomes a nuisance.
- **Call 1-800-323-BURN and 477-4710** to obtain updated burning information on the day of the burn.

If any of these conditions cannot be met, a written DNR burning permit is required.

To obtain a DNR burning permit call 1-800-527-3305 at least a week before you plan to burn.

Our district's website, www.scfd5.org has links to both DNR and SCAPCA sites for more information.

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: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signs are 6" X 24", blue with white reflective numbering on one or both sides (both sides are recommended).

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.



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