



Wildland Field Training

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #5



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## WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

•**BASICS** Spokane County Fire Protection District #5 was formed in 1945 operating jointly with Lincoln County FD #4 until December 2000 when we became a separate entity. We have 24 volunteer Firefighters based out of two stations who provide Fire and Emergency Medical Services to approximately 2,000 residents within a rural 90 square mile area. We make an average of 80 runs annually with about 60% of those calls EMS related and the remaining fire related. As you may know, we have no fire hydrants in our area. Water is supplied through tenders (tanker trucks) and we also have several water tanks at different locations within the district.

•**RESPONSE** We have Automatic Mutual Aid Agreements with the following neighboring fire districts: Spokane County Fire Districts 3, 9 & 10, Lincoln County Fire District 4, and Stevens County Fire District 1. This means that when you call 9-1-1, both our volunteers as well as another fire district(s) responders are alerted (or paged) to the emergency. Our average response time is approximately 12 minutes with an average of 6 responders per incident.

•**TRAINING** We train the first and second Tuesdays of every month with a different focus from Auto Extrication to Farm Emergencies; the EMT's (Emer. Medical Techs) additionally train with Lincoln County Fire District the second Thursday of each month and with Spokane County Fire District 10 at the end of the month. We also have different opportunities to train with other agencies in different areas from Live Burn Training to Officer/Instructor training.

•**APPARATUS** We currently have 2 Pumper or Engine trucks, 5 Brush trucks, 2 water Tenders, 1 Medical truck, and 1 Command truck. Both of our engines carry emergency medical equipment (including Automatic External Defibrillator—AED), as well as our medic rig. The Jaws of Life are on an engine as well. The trucks are housed at Station 51 (Main Office) on the corner of Four Mound Rd. and Dover Rd. or at Station 52 located at the corner of Charles Rd. and Valley Rd. Some of our vehicles are also strategically placed at other locations within the district for better response.

Whenever our volunteers attend a training event or meeting, some will take a truck in case they need to respond from that location as they are considered on call.

•**PERSONNEL** Our volunteers are listed on page 3 of the newsletter; they are your neighbors, friends, co-workers and family. They are dedicated individuals who provide a valuable service for our community. Through their sacrifice and training they acquire a multitude of new skills and knowledge in both fire related and emergency medical calls for one purpose...to serve this community. The District Administrator works part-time out of the district's main office and is hired by the board. The board consists of 3 commissioners elected by you serving terms of 6 years (staggered).

•**QUESTIONS?** If you have questions regarding the fire district's financial matters you are welcome to attend our monthly business meetings. They are the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00p.m. at the district office at 17217 W. Four Mound Rd. unless otherwise posted.

If you have questions regarding personnel, training, trucks, response or operations, please feel free to call our Chief, Kjell Anderson, anytime at 994-5270.

The district office is normally open from 9:00a.m.-12:00noon on Mondays and Wednesdays unless otherwise posted.

### OUR MOTTO:

***The members of Spokane County Fire Protection District #5 will endeavor to protect lives, property and the environment through fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical service, and other related public services while striving for excellence in everything they do.***

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**John VanSant**  
FF/EMT

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# Free Smoke Alarms and Installation Offered to Community

*Spokane County Fire District #5* has been selected as one of thirteen Washington State communities that will receive \$3,000 in smoke alarms to implement a Fire Safe Families Project. This Project is funded by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washington State Department of Health Injury Prevention Program. The project is intended to prevent fire-related injuries and deaths through distribution and installation of smoke alarms in homes that do not have adequate smoke alarm coverage.

Fires and burns are one of the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States. In 2007, Washington State fire agencies reported 51 fire fatalities. Based on a 5 year average, nearly 5 people die in fires each month in Washington. In 2007, approximately, 55% of the people that died in fires were age 50 and older. The leading causes of these fires were smoking and electrical appliances or distribution. Unsafe use of smoking materials such as leaving materials unattended, smoking in bed or in lounging areas, or using unsafe ashtrays can increase risk. Faulty wiring and overloading electrical systems are risk factors that can lead to electrical fire. As people age, they may be less able to react quickly in emergency situations, they may take medications that slow their ability to make quick decisions and they may be home alone when a fire starts.

A working smoke alarm significantly reduces your risk of death or injury in fire. Smoke alarms provide early notification to the occupants that a fire is present. Deadly fires can strike at anytime of the day or night. Human factors play a role in the majority of these incidents. Some may not have heard the smoke alarm because they were sleeping. Others may have physical or mental disabilities or may have been under the influence of drugs or alcohol

*Spokane County Fire District #5* is offering free smoke alarms to homes that qualify; they will target disabled, elderly and low income applicants first and continue with other applications as we have many alarms. Fire Department personnel and volunteers will install the alarms. During the installation, they will offer fire prevention tips and help homeowners and residents with fire escape plans. Prevention is the best way to keep your home and your family safe from fire.

To apply for a free alarm fill out the “Fire Safe Families Application” insert provided in this newsletter, sign and date the back, and either mail it or drop it off **before July 1, 2008** at the district office:

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

Call the District Administrator, Carol Harrington 981-8295, or the Fire Chief, Kjell Anderson 994-5270, if you have any questions or you did not receive an insert application.



## 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.scfd5.org](http://www.scfd5.org) (under construction)

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

~ New volunteers ~

**We currently have 24 volunteers; 15 of them are Emergency Medical Technicians.**

### District 5's Team:

Ted Adams—Station 51 Captain/EMT  
 Rena Albertson—FF  
 Todd Albertson—FF  
 Kjell Anderson—Fire Chief/EMT  
 Bonnie Cobb—FF/EMT  
 Cindy Date—Station 52 EMT Lt.  
 Tim Fenton—FF  
 Mike Flint—FF/Equip. Manager  
 Bob Gambrel—FF/EMT  
 Joe Gumming—FF/EMT  
 Jim Hansen—FF  
 Rod Heimbigner—EMS Coor.  
 Jennifer Jensen—Station 51 EMT Lt.  
 Ty Landt—FF/EMT  
 Bill Leonard—St 51 Safety Lt./EMT  
 Greg Lucht—FF/EMT  
 Scott Lynch—FF  
 Miles McAdam—FF

Mike Pankonin—FF/Comm. Mgr.  
 Dan Patterson—Station 52 Trng Lt./EMT  
 Dan Ritchie—FF/EMT  
 John VanSant—Station 51 Trng Lt./EMT  
 Van Wohl—FF  
 Ron Wood—Station 52 Captain/EMT

### Board of Commissioners:

Jim Ryan—Chairman  
 Sheri Rhoads  
 Todd Lehman

### District Administrator:

Carol Harrington

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



## GRANT NEWS

Show me the money!

### Grants received...

- 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG Federal Grant) \$25,494. 5% match
- 2007 Dept. Natural Resources WA \$8,813 50% match
- 2007 Inland Empire EMS \$4,140 no match required.
- 2007 Dept. of Health \$1,644 no match req.

- 2008 Dept. Health Injury Prev. Prog. 300 Smoke Alarms no match req.

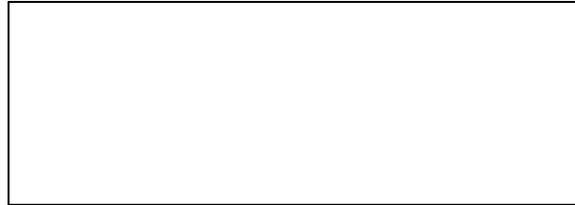
### Grants pending...

- 2008 Assistance to Firefighter's Grant \$25,900 5% match.

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



17217 W. Four Mound Rd.  
Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026



**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**