

# Smoke Signals

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## Are you going to make it to the party?

This time of year there are all sorts of family gatherings. Going shopping for thanksgiving dinner? Christmas dinner? Traveling to relatives house for a family dinner? We are sure that everyone wants to get to these festive parties safely and be able to enjoy time with family. Be prepared for any road conditions with these tips:

1. Give yourself extra time to get there. If you are traveling a long distance, check not only the weather at your destination but also along the way.
2. Take extra layers of clothing and blankets in the vehicle with you in case you get stuck. Make sure you have a way to call for help and have a flashlight with extra batteries in case your car dies.
3. Make sure everyone is buckled correctly no matter what the distance traveled
4. Prepare your car for winter and have an emergency kit with you.
5. Designate a sober driver before you get to the party.



*happy holidays*

We want to spend time with our families as well but will still come help when and if you need us.



DRIVE SAFE!

## Holiday safety should be priority!

Decorating is a sure way to get in the holiday spirit, but it can also be the cause of many injuries every season. Make sure artificial trees are labeled "fire resistant" and you water your live tree frequently. Keep your tree at least 3 feet away from heat sources and don't block any doorways. Make sure you use indoor lights indoor and outdoor lights outdoors. Don't overload the plug ins, follow directions on how many sets can be plugged into one socket. Turn off all lights and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.

Are you cooking this year? Make sure you keep health and safety in mind while making those delicious meals. Make sure you wash your hands frequently when handling food. Keep raw meat away from fresh produce and make sure food is cooked to a safe temperature. Using turkey fryers can be dangerous. They can cause fires, burns or other injuries so make sure you are operating it correctly and using precautions.

Stay safe this holiday season and enjoy!

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### Special points of interest

- Think Safety this winter
- Prepare an emergency kit for your vehicle
- Have fun trick or treating
- Don't forget to visit the firehouse on Oct 26th for a Trunk-or-Treat

## How Do We Train

As firefighters and EMT's there is always new information to learn and train on. We also have to keep refreshing on what we already know. There is one training every week with one of those being an EMS related training. We practice doning and doffing our PPE gear, what to do with hazardous materials, we familiarize ourselves with our district and practice running through what happens when there is a fire.

Our firefighters take time out of their day to come help in an emergency and also train, so they are always ready to respond.

Here are some pictures of a recent training on extrication; where the firefighters work on taking a patient out of a vehicle in case of entrapment.



*Do you want to build a snowman?*



### Safe Home Tip

Are you planning on hanging some Christmas lights this year?

Make sure you are being safe, here are some important things to remember.

- \* Put lights up early and check them before it gets icy.
- \* Follow guidelines for how many can be connected together.
- \* Use a ladder with a spotter to hang lights up high
- \* Always turn lights off when leaving home or going to bed
- \* Use caution not to drive nails, screws, or staples through lighting wiring.

**BUILDING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT FOR YOUR CAR**

**WHY?**  
BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU WILL ENCOUNTER WINTER WEATHER OR AN EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE.

AMERICA'S **PrepareAthon!**  
BE SMART. TAKE PART. PREPARE.

Be safe out Trick-Or-Treating!



# Kids Corner

Halloween is a time where kids and adults can be what ever they can imagine. Whether that be a scary zombie, a beautify princess, or an iconic figure in history; however some costumes can become a safety hazard for both the trick-or-treaters and the traveling public.

Fortunately, there are lots of things that both parents and kids can do to still get out and stay safe.

1. Carry glow sticks or flashlights, use reflective tapes, stickers or fabrics on costumes and bags. This helps kids see and be seen by drivers.
2. Remind kids to cross the street at corners or crosswalks. Also look both ways before crossing to check for traffic.
3. When choosing a costume make sure it is the correct fit. This prevents trips and falls. If possible use face paint instead of masks as they can limit children's vision.
4. Go trick-or-treating with your kids, if they are old enough to go out alone try to make them go in a group for safety and know where they are planning on trick-or-treating.
5. SLOW DOWN! Be alert, kids are excited and may dart into the street. Turning your headlights on earlier in the day may help you spot kids farther away.
6. Popular tick-or treating hours are 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Be on the look out during these hours.



Please feel free to join us for a spooktacular trunk or treat at the fire house.

## It's a Celebration

Looking for a reason to have a special dinner or just a pick me up from a long day at work.

Here are some happy days:

- Oct 1st– International Coffee Day
- Oct 7th– National Forgiveness Day
- Oct 16th– Dictionary Day
- Oct 31st– Halloween
- Nov 3rd– Sandwich Day
- Nov 5th– US General Election Day
- Nov 11th– Veteran's Day
- Nov 17th– Homemade Bread Day
- Nov 23rd– Adoption Day
- Nov 28th– Thanksgiving
- Dec 7th– Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 9th– Christmas Card Day
- Dec 13th– National Cocoa Day
- Dec 18th– Bake Cookies Day
- Dec 25th– Christmas Day
- Dec 31st– New Year's Eve

There are many more holidays this quarter. Feel free to search them if you have a certain day you are looking for.

Our monthly commissioners meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 6PM located at St 51, 17217 W Four Mound Rd.

The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome. Please come and personally meet your commissioners and ask any questions you might have.

Our newest Commissioner Dave Alvarado is also open to having phone calls with questions or concerns, feel free to call him at 509-601-9532 or email him at [fcdatedist5@gmail.com](mailto:fcdatedist5@gmail.com)



# Coloring Contest

Spokane County Fire District 5

17217 W Four Mound Rd  
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As a district we are located on the northwest plains. We cover approximately 90 square miles. We currently have two stations, the main office St. 51 is located on Four Mound Rd and St. 52 is located on the NE corner of Charles and Valley Rd. These stations are unmanned and we are an all volunteer fire district.

Feel free to visit our website at [scfd5.org](http://scfd5.org) for more information. Our secretary is a notary so please feel free to call and make an appointment if you need something notarized.

This issue is for the kids! Have your kids complete the inserted coloring page for a chance to win. The commissioners will judge entries at our December meeting and pick a winner from each age group, 5 and under, 6-9, 10-13, 14-18. Please just one entry per kid, feel free to make copies for each kid. Please make sure there is a name and an address to send the prize!

Happy Holiday's!

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