

Smoke Signals

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Fall and Winter Safety Tips

The season for travel and family get togethers are upon us. We want to get you to and from your destination safely as well as have your home ready for visitors. Here are some general tips for you to keep in mind:

- Driving safely- be cautious of the road conditions. Wet leaves, rain, snow, and ice can create slippery roads as well as change normal visibility. Slow down and maintain a safe following distance.
- Monitor Weather Conditions- Fall and Winter can bring unpredictable and fast changing conditions. This includes rain, snow, and wind. Stay informed about local forecast and be prepared for sudden changes, especially if you are going to be outside.
- Fireplace and Heating- If you have a fireplace, make sure it has been cleaned and inspected before your first use. Keep anything flammable a safe distance away and never leave them burning unattended. This is a general rule for space heaters also, maintain a safe distance from flammable materials and never leave them unattended.
- Candles- Candles, wax melts, or warmers add a cozy atmosphere to your home but they can be a big fire risk also. Keep them away from flammable materials and never leave them unattended. Extinguish or turn off fragrances before leaving your home or going to bed.

Make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby as well as a working smoke and carbon monoxide detector.



Thank You Isla for all your Service!!

As I look forward with anticipation to the next chapter of my life, I want to thank each member of this community for allowing me to be your fire commissioner. When I made my decision last spring not to run for re-election again, I was apprehensive about letting you down. There are a lot of experienced, intelligent, and talented individuals in this community. I know you will elect someone with fresh ideas and your best interest in mind to help maintain and lead this fire district.

Being a small district with a limited budget, we rely on each other and our volunteers to protect us all. Our volunteers are the backbones of our fire district. They put in many hours of training and energy answering the call to duty day or night. Fire District 5 is a unique community-oriented area where everyone cares about others. If you ever want to help out or have any questions about our fire district, please come to our open public monthly meeting. These meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at our main station on the corner of Four Mound and Dover roads. We welcome the community to attend and have a time set aside for public comments at each meeting.

Thank you again for entrusting me to be your fire commissioner since 2012. This has been a very enjoyable and educational period of my life, working with a variety of commissioners at the local level, county level, and state level as well as chiefs, secretaries, volunteers, and related agencies.

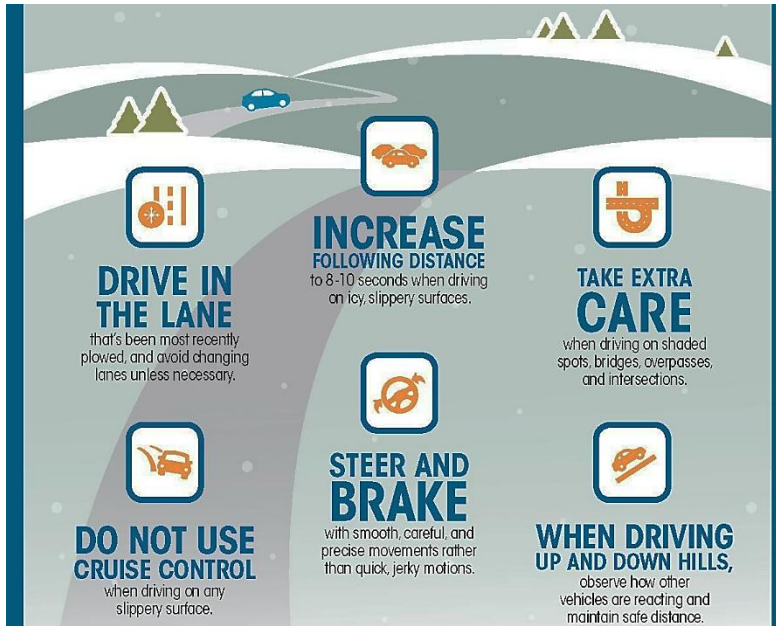
Isla Durheim, Commissioner

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Special points of interest

- Increase following distance during the winter
- Be prepared for an Emergency
- Check your tree daily for water
- Don't forget to complete the word search



Winter Driving Tips

It's the holiday season and most likely you are going to be driving to a family or friends house to spread the cheer. We want you to be safe and get there and back home again so you can do it again tomorrow.

Please use these few tips to help drive safe this winter.

Keep your tree watered and away from heat sources.

In Case of an Emergency

- Non-perishable food supply (5days worth)
- Cooking stove (with fuel)
- Manual can opener
- Water (one gallon per person per day)
- Extra pet food
- Toiletries
- First aid kit
- Any medications
- Change of clothing (for each family member)
- Portable radio
- Extra batteries
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Flashlight
- Candles
- Matches
- Garbage bags
- Cash
- Important family documents (Insurance, id's, bank accounts)
- Disinfectant/ hand sanitizer
- Face masks/ gloves/ hats
- Solar USB battery bank (with power cords for mobile devices)

Christmas Tree

Fire Safety Tips



A dry Christmas Tree can be a serious fire hazard!
Here are some things you can do to prevent Christmas Tree fires in YOUR home!



Kids Corner

*What do you call a hot-tempered snowman?
.....A Puddle!!*

Do you look forward to seeing the trees turn from green to yellow and orange? What about that first snowflake falling on the ground? How about everything pumpkin!!

In the Nine Mile and surrounding area's there is fun to be had by anyone for any activity that might catch your eye. Here is just a few ideas that are all kid friendly and could be adapted for doing at home also.

1. Pick an apple or two or three..... go visit an orchard to get fresh fruit and enjoy activities that they could have set up, like hay rides, mazes and others.
2. Pumpkin patch- take the whole family and pick your pumpkins to decorate for Halloween. Most places have fun activities for the kids and also some yummy flavored treats. Green Bluff has many different options for apples and pumpkins but there are also some smaller patches that are just as fun, and sometimes not as crowded, like Stonelodge in Nine Mile.
3. Get outside while you still can and see the colors of nature. You can take a quick drive around the area and see some beautiful fall colors. Don't forget you can also find many places to take hikes or walks that are just minutes away.
4. Do you like to cuddle up with your family and have a night/day in? Why not do a holiday/spooky movie? You can make popcorn, hot chocolate, or even a seasonal treat from a local coffee shop.
5. Don't get frightened.....or do? Our area has multiple haunted tours, houses and mazes that you can visit. There is also Scarywood that can be a big hit for older kids and families.

We hope you have a great fall and winter season this year!

It's Time to Celebrate!!!

Oct 4th – National Golf Day
 Oct 7th- You Matter to Me Day
 Oct 9th – Fire Prevention Day
 Oct 14th- Spider-Man Day
 Oct 21th- Apple Day
 Oct 24th- National Crazy Day
 Oct 31st -Halloween
 Nov 1st- National Cinnamon Day
 Nov 4th- Election Day
 Nov 7th- Fountain Pen Day
 Nov 10th- American Frog Day
 Nov 16th- National Button Day
 Nov 27th- Thanksgiving
 Nov 30th- National Mason Jar Day
 Dec 1st- Walt Disney Day
 Dec 9th- Christmas Card Day
 Dec 14th- Roast Chestnuts Day
 Dec 17th- Clean Air Day
 Dec 19th- Underdog Day
 Dec 25th-Christmas

**SCFD5 Commissioners meeting
are the Second Tuesday of every
month, Please come join us!!**



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.

Our District Secretary is also a notary, Please reach out if you need her services.

You could be a winner! Please complete the word search and return to SCFD 5 with your name and address

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Emergency
Fall
Fire
Holiday
Kids
Leaves
Orchard
Pumpkin
Snow
Spooky
Winter

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