



West Valley Fire Department

“Protecting And Serving Our Community”

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“We are an equal opportunity employer/provider.”



“LOOK, LISTEN, LEARN. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.”

“LOOK” for places fire could start in your home. The most common cause of home fires are cooking related, followed by heating equipment, then carelessness – usually unattended candles or overused extension cords.

“LISTEN” for the sound of smoke alarms. Today's homes are packed with synthetic furnishings that burn very rapidly and produce toxic smoke.

Occupants have as little as two minutes to escape a house fire upon ignition. Working smoke alarms significantly increase your chance of survival during a house fire, they should be located in every bedroom, the

hallway, and on every level of your home. “LEARN” two ways out. Every room should have at least two unobstructed routes to exit, generally a door or window. Upon exit of your house have a pre-arranged meeting place safely away from the home that all family members know about, such as a tree or a mailbox. For help with smoke detectors contact us at (509)966-3111. Also visit NFFPA.ORG for more information.

SUPPORT MEMBERS WANTED

A common belief is that to be a member of West Valley Fire Department you have to be a combat firefighter; few people have heard about our *Support Members* or what we call “Rehab”. West Valley Fire Department has a group of members that serve the community by supporting our combat firefighters on extended incidents. When on scene these members monitor the physical condition of our combat members by monitoring vitals, ensuring that they stay hydrated and well nourished during breaks. These members play a key role during the operation of an incident. We do not require any experience for this position and the Department will provide you with all the training that you will need to be successful.

If you are interested in filling this role, or have any questions please contact Lt. Chris Lyons at (509)966-3111 or visit us at Westvalleyfire.com and get an application by October 31st.

Strategic Planning

2018 was the first year of our newly updated strategic plan. Monthly we have reviewed our plan to ensure we are meeting goals and benchmarks set in the plan. As we wind down 2018 we are again looking ahead another five years out. Our planning committee has begun the review of our progress this past year and are using the results from our citizen survey and an updated internal SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats) analysis to evaluate and add to the critical issues identified in our plan. Through strategic planning it is our vision to continue to be a leader in the community providing fire and life safety while utilizing the most efficient staffing model to accomplish the mission. Our current 2018–2023 plan is available on our website or copies may be requested by contacting our main office (509)966–3111.



Station 52 Open House

Through strategic planning we have identified several goals, one of those goals was for Station 52 to have 30 active members assigned to the station due to call volume. Because the station was not big enough to house 30 members, the District included an expansion of

the station in our long-range Capital Improvement Plan with 2018 slated to complete the work. The \$450k project was paid for with 2018 general funds as well as money from our capital fund resulting in no additional expense to our citizens. The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting/open house for the new addition at 7pm on November 7th at 9102 Ahtanum Road.

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JOIN THE WEST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are especially looking for *daytime available members* at all of our stations along with members to join our Rehab. New this year we are doing a pilot program for volunteers only interested in Emergency Medical Service at Station 54 in Tampico. If you have medical training or an interest in providing EMS in the Tampico area pick up an application today. All new member applications are **due October 31st**.

Winter Safety Tips

- * Test all smoke alarms once a month. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home and test monthly.
- * Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- * Make sure your house number can be seen from the street.
- * Have flashlights and battery powered lighting with fresh batteries on hand. Never use candles.
- * Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- * Make sure your space heaters have an emergency shut off in case they tip over.
- * Generators are for outdoor use only. Keep them away from windows and doors. Never run a generator inside!
- * Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be FIRE SMART! LOOK-LISTEN-LEARN

Thank You 2018 Golf Sponsors!!

The following businesses helped make our 11th annual WVFFA's Golf Tournament a great success. Please show them your support throughout the year. A special THANK YOU to our raffle ticket sponsors, **Plughoff Outfitters** - 6 person guided fishing trip and **Lt. Mike Gohl** -hand crafted wood bench.

Drawing for the above items will be held December 1st, tickets still available at our Admin office.

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| • Outback Espresso | • Yakime Elite Pools | |
| • McDonald's of Yakima | • Lawrence Cachiotti DDS | |

WVFFA Haunted Firehouse
Friday, October 26th
6:00-9:00pm
10000 Zier Road



This event is one dollar per person or
one canned food item per person
recommended for ages 5-12 years old.
Call 509-966-3111 for information



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**Daylight Savings Ends
November 4th**
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Fall Calendar

October

- 23rd Commissioners Meeting 4pm*
- 26th Haunted Firehouse 6-9pm
- 31st Volunteer Applications Due

November

- 4th Daylight Savings Ends
- 7th Station 52 OPEN HOUSE 7pm
- 12th Veterans Day Observed (office closed)
- 13th Commissioners Meeting 7pm*
- 22nd Thanksgiving (office closed)
- 27th Commissioners Meeting 4pm*

December

- 11th Commissioners Meeting 7pm*
- 25th Christmas Day (office closed)

*Meetings are held at 10000 Zier Road, for more information call (509)966-3111