



WEST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE - RESCUE

ISSUE III - 2023

Our Mission:

The West Valley Fire Department is dedicated to the preservation and protection of life then property.

To accomplish our Mission, we focus on:

Education- As members we take every opportunity to educate our family, friends, and the public in safety, first aid, accident prevention and preparedness.

Prevention- Members take the opportunity to prevent an injury or accident from occurring, never turning our back on a potential hazard. We provide training, information, and supplies to the public in fire and injury prevention.

Emergency Services- Members respond to all calls for service when available regardless of the location or nature of the problem. We are here to serve our public by responding to and mitigating emergencies regardless of the hour of the day, putting the needs of a neighbor in front of our own.

Disaster Preparedness- Members maintain training & certification in a broad scope of disaster preparedness always maintaining our equipment and resources in a ready state. Members attend drills, classes, and seminars to maintain a state of readiness.

Our Vision:

West Valley Fire Department is a proactive, innovative and dynamic organization committed to high standards.

Services Overview:

Fire (structure and wildland), Basic Life Emergency Medical Services, "all hazards" response (electrical, hazardous materials, rescue etc.) Training (initial and ongoing), Public Education/Fire Prevention, Support Services (on-scene Firefighter rehabilitation, air support, chaplain, counselor), Human Resources, Financial Administration, Safety, Fire Investigation, Public Information and Strategic Planning.

Performance Metrics:

- 90 Total members (79 On-Call, 8 Fulltime, 3 Commissioners) Average Years of Service 8.7
- 4 Fire Stations covering 15,100 people over 90 square miles.
- 6 Fire Engines, 1 Pumper/Tender, 2 Water Tenders, 1 Aerial, 6 Brush Trucks, 3 Rescue Units, 1 Air Support, 1 Rehab Bus, 5 Command Vehicles.
- Washington State Survey & Ratings Bureau: Protection Class 4
- 2022 Call Volume: 1081 (78 Fire, 769 Rescue/EMS, 30 Hazardous Conditions, 115 Service Calls, 50 Good Intent, 39 False Alarms) 136 BLS calls were ambulance only.
- 2022 Fire Losses: \$435,150, 43 acres of wildland
- Arrival Time Goal 75% of the time: within 1 mile of a station arrive in 8 minutes or less, add 2 minutes every mile after. 2022 goal met 73%, through June 2023 71%.

Improvements over the past five years:

New Fire Engine, New Brush Truck, 2 New Command Vehicles, 1 Used Aerial, 1 Used Brush Truck, 1 New Rescue, 5 Remote Nozzles on Brush Trucks, Replaced all Radios, Replaced all AED's, Replaced all Nozzles, 5 Thermal Imager Cameras, Purchased 2 complete battery powered sets Jaws of Life, Purchased thousands of feet of New Hose, converted station lighting to LED, Purchased 50 sets of PPE, Added on to Stations 51 and 52.

2023 Fire District 12 Property Tax: \$1.03/thousand = \$1.8mil, EMS levy .17/thousand = \$212k (formula)

Grant funding received past 5 years = over \$165k, Total revenue from leases, property sales and miscellaneous = \$692k

Audited every 3 years by Washington State: No findings.

****Fire District 12 Wildfire Danger HIGH – Residential BURN RESTRICTION****

In mid-July we are at **HIGH** Danger level in the District, with the upcoming weather pattern we are expecting to approach **VERY HIGH** Fire Danger levels in District by mid-August and possibly reach **EXTREME** Fire Danger.

Due to current fire danger Yakima County has imposed restrictions on residential outdoor burning through September 30th. This restriction applies to open burning of vegetation, brush, and yard debris. Burn barrels have been outlawed for many years in Yakima County as well as burning milled lumber and trash. Please refrain from burning until October when conditions improve.

Residential outdoor burning in violation of the local restrictions may be subject to a fine of \$1000, arrest, and/or jail and should be reported to Yakima county Sherriff's Office at (509) 574-2500.



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FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2023 9:00AM– 3PM
AGES 8-12 \$30/ATTENDEE

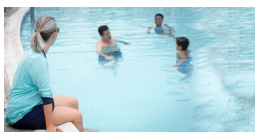
- T-shirt
- Bike Rodeo (bring your own bike)
- Bike Helmet Give-Away (While supplies last)
- Mini Firefighter Combat Challenge
- Home Escape Planning
- Tug-A-Hose
- Knot Tying
- Fire Scene Craft
- Hands only CPR
- Lunch and Snacks-Hot Dogs, Chips & Salad + dessert
- Spray Down Finale



Summer time means lots of fun and adventures. Here are five safety tips to keep your kids safe whether they're at home, at play, or on the road.

Summery Safety Tips

1 Swimming Safety – Nothing is more refreshing on a hot day than a dip in the pool or a trip to a lake or beach. While you are there, use a [Water Watcher card](#) to designate a responsible adult to keep an eye on kids in the water, without being distracted. Learn more <https://www.safekids.org/poolsafety>.



2 Summer Travel – Before piling in the car for that long road trip (or even a short one), **double check to make sure your child's car seat is installed correctly**. Learn more <https://www.safekids.org/car-seat>.



3 Bike Safety – Riding bikes is a great way to exercise and explore the neighborhood. **Keep your kids protected by teaching them to always wear a properly fitted bike helmet**. It's the best way to prevent a serious head injury. Learn more <https://www.safekids.org/bike>.



4 Hot Cars – Car-related heatstroke prevention is something to remember year-round, but it's extra important when the weather heats up. **Never leave your child alone in a car, not even for a minute**. Heat stroke is the leading cause of non-crash, vehicle-related deaths for children. Learn more <https://www.safekids.org/heatstroke>



5 Grilling Safety – For all the grill masters out there, **position the grill away from foot traffic and play areas and create a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill** to prevent burns. Learn More <https://www.safekids.org/burns>



Please talk about these tips with your kids and ask friends and parents to do the same. Then enjoy the summer and remember to keep having fun.

Motorcycle Safety

Motorcycle riders continue to be overrepresented in fatal traffic crashes. In 2021, there were 5,932 motorcyclists killed — 14% of all traffic fatalities. NHTSA data show that this is the highest number of motorcyclists killed since at least 1975. To keep everyone safe, we urge drivers and motorcyclists to share the road and be alert, and we're reminding motorcyclists to make themselves visible, to use DOT-compliant motorcycle helmets, and to always ride sober.

Is it dangerous to leave your dog in a hot car?

Yes. Never leave your dog in a parked car on a warm day. Dogs mainly control their body temperature by panting. When a dog is very hot, panting isn't enough to stop them from overheating. In warm weather, the temperature inside a parked car can climb rapidly and will be much higher than outside of the vehicle. Dogs left alone in a car on a hot day can quickly become dehydrated, develop heat stroke or even die.

Tractor Safety



Know Your Tractor

Know your tractor, its implements and how they work.
 Keep your tractor in good condition.

Never Jump Off a Moving Tractor

Never jump off a moving tractor or leave it with the engine running.

Use Seat Belt

Use ROPS and seat belt whenever applicable.
 Most tractor fatalities are caused by overturns.

Keep Your Hitches Low

Keep your hitches low and always on the drawbar.
 Never refuel while the engine is running or hot.

Drive Safely

Be familiar with your terrain and drive safely.
 Never start an engine in a closed building.
 Always keep your PTO shielded.

Never Be in a Hurry

Never be in a hurry about anything to do with your tractor.
 Take your time and do it right.



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