



# WEST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE - RESCUE

ISSUE II - 2026

**PREPARING FOR WILDLAND FIRE SEASON**

Property owners in the West Valley Fire District can help reduce wildfire risk by creating and maintaining defensible space—a managed area of at least 30 feet around homes and outbuildings. This space helps slow fire spread and reduce heat exposure. Use rock or gravel landscaping around structures and maintain green irrigated lawns. Remove overhanging branches near roofs, keep combustible materials and firewood away from other structures and do not store under decks. Beyond this area, keep grass under 4 inches and trim tree limbs 6 feet or more from the ground.

Open burning is permitted March 15–October 15. Always check for burn bans and permit requirements through the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency ([www.yakimacleanair.com](http://www.yakimacleanair.com)). Additional emergency bans may be issued during summer months. Notify WV Fire District before burning to prevent unnecessary emergency responses. Never leave fires unattended, keep water and tools nearby, and avoid burning in windy conditions or after sunset.

If you see smoke, it is likely a permitted burn—only call 911 if there is an immediate threat. Suspected illegal burning should be reported to YRCAA or the Yakima County Sheriff's Office as WV Fire Department does not enforce burning regulations.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact our office. Call us at 509-966-3111 or email [contact@ycfd12.org](mailto:contact@ycfd12.org)—we're here to help you prepare and stay safe during wildfire season.

## ★ 2025 AWARDS ★

**Firefighter of the Year**  
FF Drew Butler

**EMS Provider of the Year**  
FF Jaden Davie

**Bulldog Award**  
Kiann Jaeger

**Community Flame Award**  
Presented by the West Valley Firefighters Association to Chris Brown of Wray's IGA for outstanding community support.

We also honored three members whose careers represent decades of service to our community.

**Retirements**  
Captain Wayne Haubrich  
Captain Brian Vetsch  
Captain Eric Biddick

**Congratulations to our Members who recently earned their EMT certification:**

Conor Gohl, Jade Johnson, Kathy McCay, Jarrett Paullin, Dylan Shuler, Eddie Smith, Brendan Walker

**We are also proud to recognize the following Members for their years of service to the Department:**

<b>5 Years</b> Drew Butler, Lane Fate, Catherine Finnell, Kayleigh Finnell, Amy Gohl, Hannah Goss	<b>20 Years</b> Mandy Wellner
<b>10 Years</b> Jim Borst, Justin Nikolaus, Chris Willette	<b>25 Years</b> David James
	<b>30 Years</b> Christy Boisselle

### Turnout & Response Performance—Q1 2026



What We Measure:

**Turnout Time:** Dispatch to enroute, based on National Fire Protection Association standards (NFPA 1710 for staffed crews) and a district standard for on-call response. This includes 20-second call processing adjustment.  
**Structure Fire Response:** Firefighters on scene using NFPA 1720 rural standard.

#### Q1 PERFORMANCE

CATEGORY	GOAL	TARGET	Q1
On-Duty Crew	80–100 sec	90%	73%
On-Call Response	≤ 360 sec	80%	67%
Structure Fire Response	6 FF ≤ 14 min	80%	100%

## PAID-ON-CALL MEMBERS NEEDED:

West Valley Fire Department is seeking Paid-On-Call Members to join our team. As a combination department, we rely heavily on our Members who serve across our four strategically located stations. We are currently hiring for Firefighters, Support Services, and EMS-Only Response positions—offering a variety of opportunities to serve our community.

Firefighting is exciting, fast-paced, and physically demanding, placing you on the front lines of emergency response.

Our Support Services team plays a vital role in our department by essentially caring for our firefighters during extended incidents.

Our EMS-Only Program is designed for individuals who hold a current medical license (RN, EMT, Paramedic, etc.) and want to serve their community in a medical response capacity without participating in Firefighting duties.

No prior experience is required. All comprehensive training is provided to ensure each Member is confidently prepared for their role.

Applications for our current hiring period are due by May 29. To apply visit our Administrative Office at 10000 Zier Road, or online at [westvalleyfire.com](http://westvalleyfire.com). Questions?! Call us at 509-966-3111.

**Spring Flea Market**  
Sponsored by the West Valley Firefighters Association  
10000 Zier Rd. June 13th 9am-3pm  
Lunch will be available for purchase!  
There will be a variety of yard sale, antiques, new crafts, baked goods, upcycled, and more!!  
Contact Mandy at [mandysue2o@aol.com](mailto:mandysue2o@aol.com) for more info!

**Apply Today!**  
  
**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**  
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[www.westvalleyfire.com](http://www.westvalleyfire.com)

**Saturday, June 27, 2026**  
**9:00am – 1:00pm**  
**Ages 8-14 \$20/Participant**

- T-shirt
  - Bike Safety
  - Home Escape Planning
  - Tug-A-Hose
  - Knot Tying
  - Hands Only CPR
  - Lunch and Snacks Provided
  - Mini Firefighter Combat Challenge
  - Spray Down Finale
- SPACE IS LIMITED!**



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## Help Shape the Future of Your Fire Department

The West Valley Fire Department is updating its Strategic Plan and we are inviting our community to be part of the process. This plan will guide how we deliver emergency services, plan for growth, and invest in staffing, equipment, and facilities over the next several years. Your input is essential to ensuring we meet the needs and expectations of the community we serve.

### Community Listening Sessions

We will be hosting four opportunities for community members to share their thoughts, ask questions, and learn more about the Department:

- June 3 - 5:30-6:30pm Station 51 @ 10000 Zier Rd
- June 10 - 5:30-6:30pm Station 52 @ 9102 Ahtanum Rd
- June 24 - 5:30-6:30pm Station 53 @ 14901 Tieton Dr
- July 1 - 5:30-6:30pm Station 54 @ 11 North Fork Rd

These sessions are designed to be informal and interactive, focused on hearing what matters most to you—whether that's response times, emergency services, wildfire preparedness, future priorities, or other community concerns.

### Take the Community Survey

In addition to attending a session, we encourage you to complete our community survey. It takes just a few minutes and provides valuable feedback that will help guide decision-making.

Scan QR code or visit [westvalleyfire.com](http://westvalleyfire.com).



## Chip It, Don't Burn It

Yard Waste Recycling Events

**The West Valley Fire Department will be hosting FOUR Yard Waste Recycling events—one at each of our stations. These FREE events provide residents with a safe, convenient, and environmentally responsible alternative to burning vegetation. By participating, you help reduce the risk of wildfires while protecting your home and our community.**

**Each event will be held from 9:00am to 1:00pm.**

<b>May 2nd at Station 51</b>	<b>10000 Zier Road</b>
<b>May 30th at Station 52</b>	<b>9102 Ahtanum Road</b>
<b>June 27th at Station 53</b>	<b>14901 Tieton Drive</b>
<b>July 18th at Station 54</b>	<b>11 North Fork Road</b>

**We cannot accept: ammunition, appliances, batteries, chemicals, computers, electronics, hazardous waste, oil or gasoline, paint, spray cans, or tires.**

**Load trucks & trailers with base end of branches to the rear.**

**PLEASE DO NOT DUMP MATERIALS OUTSIDE OF EVENT HOURS!**

## CALENDAR

### May

2nd	"Chip it, Don't Burn it" at St. 51	9am to 1pm
4th	Blood Drive at St. 51	1pm to 6pm
10th	Happy Mother's Day	
12th	Commissioner Meeting	4pm*
19th	WV FFA Farm Days at St. 51	9am to 2pm
20th	WV FFA Farm Days at St. 51	9am to 11:30am
25th	Memorial Day	Office Closed
29th	Recruit Applications Due	By 5pm
30th	"Chip it, Don't Burn it" at St. 52	9am to 1pm

### June

9th	Commissioner Meeting	4pm*
13th	Flea Market at St. 51	9am to 3pm
18/19th	Safe Sitter at St. 51	9am to 3pm
21st	Happy Father's Day	
27th	Jr. Safety Academy at St. 51	9am to 1pm
27th	"Chip it, Don't Burn it" at St. 53	9am to 1pm

### July

3rd	Independence Day (Observed)	Office Closed
13th	Blood Drive at St. 51	1pm to 6pm
14th	Commissioner Meeting	4pm*
18th	"Chip it, Don't Burn it" at St. 54	9am to 1pm

\*All Commissioner Meetings are held at 10000 Zier Road, Yakima, WA. Those wishing to attend via phone, please call 509-966-3111 to make arrangements ahead of time.



Recently, West Valley Fire Department visited the Elementary schools within our District to provide demonstrations and presentations on EDITH House. Exit Drills In The Home. When a fire occurs, every second counts. There is no time like the present, sit down with your family today and create a step-by-step fire escape plan.

Draw a floor plan of your home and mark **two ways out of each room**, especially sleeping areas. Choose a safe meeting place outside where everyone will gather. Make sure it is clear of traffic and out of the way of emergency responders.

Once outside, **never go back inside for any reason.**

Practice your escape plan with a fire drill at least **twice a year.**

Stay prepared by making sure your home has **working smoke detectors** and that batteries are replaced at least once a year. Smoke detectors are your best defense for getting out of a fire safely.

For more fire prevention information, visit: [www.westvalleyfire.com](http://www.westvalleyfire.com) or [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

### Sign up to become a Safe Sitter

West Valley Fire Department is offering a Safe Sitter Babysitting two-day class on June 18th and 19th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This class is designed for youth ages 11-13 and will be held at our Training Center located at 10000 Zier Road. Students will learn essential skills for starting and running a successful babysitting business, along with important safety and caregiving fundamentals. The cost of the class is \$75, which includes an instructional manual and babysitting business materials. Registration and full class details can be found on our website, social media pages or stop by our Administrative Office to pick up a packet. Space is limited to the first 12 students who are registered and paid. Attendance on both days is required.

**THE BEST SITTER IS A SAFE SITTER**