



WEST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE - RESCUE

ISSUE III - 2025

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

As buses roll out and backpacks return, it's time for drivers, parents, students, and the whole community to brush up on safety basics. Here's how we can all do our part:

DRIVERS — STAY ALERT!

- **Slow down in school zones and neighborhoods.**
- **Stop for school buses with flashing red lights—it's the law!**
- **Watch for kids crossing streets or walking between parked cars.**
- **Avoid distractions—put your phone down and focus on the road.**

STUDENTS WALKING TO SCHOOL

- **Use sidewalks and crosswalks—never jaywalk.**
- **Look left, right, and left again before crossing any street.**
- **Avoid phones and earbuds when walking near traffic.**
- **Walk with a buddy when possible.**

BIKE RIDERS

- **Always wear a properly fitted helmet.**
- **Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic.**
- **Use hand signals and obey traffic signs.**
- **Make sure your bike has lights and reflectors.**

PARENTS & GUARDIANS

- **Practice safe routes to school with younger kids.**
- **Review stranger danger and emergency plans.**
- **Keep contact info updated with your child's school.**

FROM YOUR WV FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Back to school means more traffic, more distractions, and more responsibility. Let's slow down, stay aware, and work together to protect our community's kids.

HAVE A GREAT AND SAFE SCHOOL YEAR!!!



WHEN SHOULD YOU STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS?!

When you see the flashing red lights and extended stop sign on a school bus you must stop. Whether you're behind the bus or approaching from the opposite direction on an undivided road, stopping is required to keep children safe as they get on or off the bus.

- ♦ Stay stopped until the lights stop flashing and the stop sign is withdrawn.
- ♦ Be alert – children can be unpredictable near the road.



Two lane Road:
All vehicles traveling in either direction must stop.

Three or more lanes or turn lane in middle:
All vehicles traveling in the same direction must stop. Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction can proceed with caution.

Roadway that is divided/median/island:
All vehicles traveling in the same direction must stop. Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction can proceed with caution.

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 | Labor Day (Office Closed) | |
| 7 | Happy Grandparents Day | |
| 8 | Blood Drive @ Station 51 | 1pm-6pm |
| 9 | Commissioner Meeting | 4pm* |
| 13 | Chip It, Don't Burn It @ Station 51 | 9am-1pm |

OCTOBER

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| 5-11 | Fire Prevention Week | |
| 10 | Potato Feed @ Station 51 | 5pm-8pm |
| 14 | Commissioner Meeting | 4pm* |
| 25 | Trunk or Treat @ Suncomm | 4pm-7pm |
| 31 | Happy Halloween | |

NOVEMBER

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| 2 | Daylight Savings - Fall Back | |
| 10 | Blood Drive @ Station 51 | 1pm-6pm |
| 11 | Commissioner Meeting | 4pm* |
| 11 | Veterans Day (Office Closed) | |
| 15 | Fall Bazaar @ Station 51 | 9am-3pm |
| 27 | Happy Thanksgiving (Office Closed) | |

*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.

WHY A VISIBLE ADDRESS COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

In an emergency, every second counts—and first responders can't help you if they can't find you. One of the most common delays fire departments face is trying to locate homes without a clear, visible address. Even with GPS, crews need to confirm they're at the right place. If your numbers are faded, blocked, or hard to see from the road, critical time can be lost. If your home sits back from the street or is not easily visible, posting your address on a sign at the end of your driveway is highly recommended. This is especially important in rural areas where long driveways and dense trees are common.

To help emergency services reach you quickly:

- Make sure your address is clearly visible from the street—day or night.
- Use numbers at least four inches tall, in a contrasting color.
- If your home is set back, post your address at the driveway entrance.

Take a moment to check—can your address be seen from the road?

We offer blue address signs to residents living within our West Valley Fire District at no cost to you, call us today to get yours!

It's a small detail that could save a life.

Chip It, Don't Burn It Yard Waste Recycling Events

WVFD will be hosting it's last Yard Waste Recycling Event for 2025.

September 13th @ Station 51—10000 Zier Road
From 9am to 1pm

We CAN accept: Grass clippings, Tree limbs, Landscaping debris, Vegetation, Wood & the like.

PLEASE load trucks & trailers with base end of branches to the rear.
No dumping outside of event hours!

If you have any questions feel free to call our office at 509-966-3111.

Keep up with the latest from WV Fire Department

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<https://www.facebook.com/WVFD12>

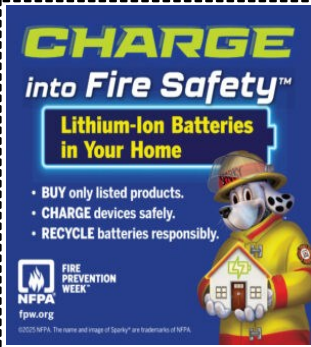
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"Protecting And Serving Our Community"



Fire Prevention Week, sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) since 1922, is the longest-running public health observance in the U.S. Each October, firefighters share lifesaving tips to help people of all ages stay safe, because in a fire, seconds can mean the difference between escape and tragedy.

This year's theme, *"Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,"* highlights the safe use of batteries found in everyday devices. When damaged or misused, these batteries can overheat, catch fire, or explode. NFPA urges everyone to handle them with care to help prevent dangerous incidents.

Charge into Fire Safety: 3 Steps

Buy only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.

Charge devices safely. Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

Recycle batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

For more information regarding Fire Prevention Week and safety tips on Lithium-Ion Batteries in your home, visit www.nfpa.org.

**WEST VALLEY
FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION'S
ANNUAL BAKED POTATO FEED**

Please join us on October 10th
from 5pm to 8pm

\$10.00 per Potato/ Person
At WV Fire Station 51
10000 Zier RD

Dinner Includes: 1 Baked Potato
with all the fixin's, Cesar Salad,
a Drink & Dessert.



**TRUNK OR TREAT @ SUNCOMM
2403 S. 18TH STREET UNION GAP
OCTOBER 25 FROM 4-7PM**

WVFD will be joining with other First
Responders for this spook-tacular event.
Dress in your best costume, bring your
candy bag, and enjoy a safe, family
friendly trunk or treat.

**WELCOME NEW RECRUITS & RETURNING
PERSONNEL TO THE WVFD**

- LINCOLN COLE— CADET
- BRADY JOLLEY— CADET
- JAIDEN WEBB— CADET
- DYLAN JOLLEY— FIREFIGHTER
- EMILY GOHL— FIREFIGHTER
- ERNESTO GARCIA— FIREFIGHTER
- STEPHANIE BUTLER— SUPPORT SERVICES

Apply Today!



Recruiting Paid-On-Call Members

Did you know the West Valley Fire Department is comprised largely of Paid-on-Call members? Our current members come from all walks of life: students, trades people, medical personnel, full-time professionals, retired people, etc. We are a very diverse group of individuals operating on a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" principal. We are actively recruiting in the West Valley area those that would like to give back to their community. If you have the desire and drive to serve others in their time of need – we are interested in meeting you! There is no greater feeling than walking away from an incident where you have helped another human in their worst possible time. Currently the West Valley Fire Department is recruiting more members to support our Mission in providing services to our 14,000 plus residents that reside within our 90 square mile Fire District.

Do you have a medical license such as, EMT, RN or Paramedic? We now offer an EMS only program, new to the Department this year.

Maybe firefighting isn't for you, but you want to get involved, we also have a Support Services division. Support Services is a dedicated team of members that provide rehabilitation to our firefighters on longer lasting incidents. This group provides shelter, nourishment, rest, measures vitals, and fills air bottles – this team is a very valuable asset to our Department.

A little about us: The West Valley Fire Department is a *combination* Fire Department—but what does that mean? It means we operate with both career (full-time) staff and Paid-on-Call firefighters. Our Department includes seven full-time members: a Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Finance Officer, and four Firefighters, along with one part-time Administrative Assistant. Together, we support over 80 Paid-on-Call members who respond to emergencies from one of our four strategically located stations within the district.

Applications are due no later than November 28th. Attend drill night/meet and greet on December 10th. Recruit physical ability testing and interviews will take place on December 13th, and lastly orientation is tentatively scheduled for February 2nd, 2026. Have questions?! Call us at 509-966-3111.

Applications are available at the Administration Office (10000 Zier Rd) or visit westvalleyfire.com.

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-Crafters Bazaar-

**November 15th, 2025
9am-3pm 10000 Zier Rd**
Sponsored by the West Valley Fire Fighters Association
**40+ vendors with all kinds of handmade
wood crafts, blankets, jewelry, soap, and so
much more!**

Contact Mandy Wellner at
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