



WEST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Recruiting Paid-On-Call Members

The West Valley Fire Department is seeking dedicated community members to join our team of paid-on-call firefighters and support services division. If you've ever felt the desire to make a difference in our community, this is your opportunity to contribute to the safety and well-being of your neighbors. As a combination fire department, we rely on both career and on-call members to ensure we are always ready to respond when emergencies strike. By joining the West Valley Fire Department as a paid-on-call volunteer, you will make a tremendous impact within our community by supporting our Department's Mission and responding to fire calls, medical emergencies, and other incidents around the clock.

Why You Should Join The WV Fire Department:

Serving Our Community: Be a part of something bigger by protecting lives and property in your own neighborhood.

Comprehensive Training Provided: No prior experience is necessary. All recruits will attend our own WVFD recruit class and trained by certified instructors to ensure all firefighters are confidently equipped with the knowledge and skills to safely act when the call comes in. Recruits will be trained on how to respond to structure & wildland fires, perform multiple levels of first aid, and various rescue techniques.

Maybe firefighting isn't for you but you'd like to be involved. We have a support services division where these on-call members play a key role in providing rehabilitation to our firefighters during 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.

Flexible Commitment: Being an on-call member allows you to serve our community on a schedule that fits your life. Our volunteers successfully balance careers, families, education and hobbies while contributing to our Fire Department's Mission.

Apply Today!



Here is How to Apply:

We are accepting applications now thru 5pm on November 28th. For more information or to complete an application, please visit our website or stop by the Administrative Office on Zier Road.



2026 Budget Update

Assessed Value and Levy Rate

The total assessed value of taxable property within the District for 2026 is \$2.48 billion. As assessed value increases, state law requires fire districts to adjust levy rates to remain within statutory limits. As a result:

- The fire levy rate will decrease from \$1.14 to approximately \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2026.
- The District's levy collection will be approximately \$2,524,239, an increase of about \$76,000, which includes new construction from 2025.

Fire Budget Revenue

The 2026 Fire Budget includes the following revenue sources:

Revenue Source	Amount
Carryover Balance	\$641,492
Property Tax Revenue	\$2,524,239
Grants (Generators)	\$286,150
Rent / Interest	\$24,000
EMS Transfer to Payroll	\$300,000
Total Revenue	\$3,775,881

How These Funds Are Used

Our expenses reflect the cost of staffing, training, maintaining stations and apparatus, funding replacement schedules, and preparing for emergencies:

Expense Category	Amount
Wages & Benefits	\$1,462,415
Supplies, Fuel & Equipment	\$297,150
Services, Communications & Insurance	\$165,260
Travel & Training	\$20,100
Utilities, Repairs & Maintenance	\$337,240
Station Generators	\$282,000
Capital Bond Payment	\$183,707
Savings for SCBA Replacement	\$200,000
Fire Engines Replacement	\$211,717
Total Fire Budget	\$3,159,589

We anticipate a projected carryover of approximately \$616,000 going into 2027, which is required to operate the first four months of 2027.

We are proud to serve the West Valley community. Your trust and support allow us to answer the call when emergencies happen. If you have questions about this budget or would like to learn more, we welcome your outreach and engagement.

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Keeping Warm Without the Worry

As temperatures drop, many families turn to fireplaces, wood stoves, and space heaters to stay warm. While these can make your home cozy, they also increase the risk of home fires if not used properly. Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of residential fires each winter — but with a few simple precautions, these fires are entirely preventable.

Space Heater Safety

- ◆ **Keep it clear:** Maintain at least three feet of space between heaters and anything that can burn—curtains, bedding, furniture, or clothing.
- ◆ **Plug it right:** Always plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Never use extension cords or power strips, which can overheat.
- ◆ **Turn it off when unattended:** Always unplug heaters before leaving a room or going to sleep.

Fireplaces & Wood Stoves

- ◆ **Schedule an inspection:** Have chimneys and vents cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional to remove creosote buildup.
- ◆ **Use a screen:** Keep sparks and embers contained with a sturdy fireplace screen or glass door.
- ◆ **Burn only dry, seasoned wood:** Avoid burning trash, cardboard, or treated wood—they can release harmful fumes and create extra creosote.
- ◆ **Dispose of ashes safely:** Place cooled ashes in a metal container with a lid, stored outside and away from buildings or combustible materials.

Gas & Fuel-Burning Heaters

- ◆ **Vent properly:** Ensure all gas or fuel-burning heaters are vented outdoors to prevent carbon monoxide buildup.
- ◆ **Install CO alarms:** Place carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home and near sleeping areas.
- ◆ **Check for leaks:** If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the heater, exit the building immediately, and call 911 or your gas provider.

General Heating Safety

- ◆ Keep children and pets at least three feet away from any heat source.
- ◆ Never dry clothing or shoes on or near a heater or fireplace.
- ◆ Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly and replace batteries at least once a year.
- ◆ Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it.

Stay Safe, Stay Warm

As your local fire department, we encourage everyone to take a few moments this season to check heating devices, clean chimneys, and review home fire safety plans. A few simple precautions can make all the difference in keeping your family safe this winter.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, in hallways outside sleeping areas, and on every level of your home—including the basement.

Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory sensitivities or physical disabilities.

Test each smoke alarm monthly by pressing the test button.

Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years, or sooner if they don't respond properly.

Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half!

Did you know WV Fire Department provides some great safety resources at no cost—just for you? From smoke alarm installs (battery-operated only) to reflective address signs and Wildfire Ready Neighbor inspections!

To be eligible, you must reside within the West Valley Fire District.

Not sure which Fire District you're in? Feel free to contact us— We are here to help!

NOVEMBER

27th Happy Thanksgiving (Office Closed)

DECEMBER

9th Commissioner Meeting 4pm*
21st Winter Begins
24th Christmas Eve
25th Merry Christmas (Office Closed)
31st New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2026

1st New Year's Day (Office Closed)
12th Blood Drive @ St. 51 1-6pm
13th Commissioner Meeting 4pm*
19th MLK Day (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.*

Stay up to date on upcoming information by following us on social media or reach out to us directly:



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