



# The East Side Flyer

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## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Simply defined, **Situational Awareness** is knowing what is going on around you. There are many careers where situational awareness is imperative for personal and public safety, such as in aviation, law enforcement, military and construction. It's also very important in our everyday lives. Being aware of one's surroundings with relation to the activity in which one is involved can prevent accidents. Being mindful of terrain when hiking, weather when boating, road conditions and other drivers when driving, are a few examples.

Distractions hamper our situational awareness skills. If the car beside you suddenly enters your lane, will you have a plan to avoid a crash? The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 80% of crashes and 65% of near-crashes involve some

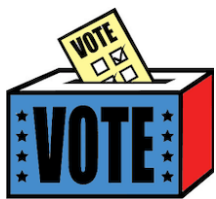


form of driver inattentiveness within three seconds before the event. Eating, grooming, phone calls, conversations with passengers, and the radio are distractions when driving.

Take a look around your home. Are there hazards that might lead to a fall or injury during that brief moment when you might not be giving an activity your full attention? Is there a throw rug at the bottom of the stairs that you are quickly descending? Or maybe an appliance or extension cord lying in a place that might cause you to trip? Is that ladder you just leaned against your house level and appropriately supported?



We can all sharpen our awareness skills by using all of our senses, not just our eyes. Pay attention to surroundings and ask yourself if you're missing anything. The more we practice situational awareness, the easier it gets until it becomes habit.



## VOTING IN THE TIME OF COVID

The Election Office has stated that In Person Voting will take place on November 3, and will be in

accordance with guidelines set by the State at the end of this month. There will be an update in the October Flyer.

**To register to vote or update your registration:**

Go to [www.idahovotes.gov](http://www.idahovotes.gov) or [www.kcgov.us](http://www.kcgov.us) and choose the Elections tab or visit the Election Office in Coeur d'Alene.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

**Absentee ballots may be requested online at [www.idahovotes.gov](http://www.idahovotes.gov) or in person at the Election Office.**

The first absentee ballot mail-out: September 18

Last day to request an absentee ballot: October 23.

An absentee ballot must reach the Election Office by November 3 to be counted.

**To check the status of a requested absentee ballot:**

Go to [www.idahovotes.gov](http://www.idahovotes.gov) or call the Election Office at (208) 446-1030 after September 10.

## FIRE DANGER - HIGH

The July 29th burning ban is still in effect and sources indicate that by early September, the fire danger will be elevated to **VERY HIGH**, in which case campfires are prohibited. Barbecues would still be permitted. **WATCH FOR THE FIRE DANGER STATUS POSTED ON THE SIGNS ALONG HIGHWAY 97 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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NO CAMPFIRES

# FIREFIGHTER CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 2021

Have you ever wanted to drive a big red fire engine? Or how about cutting up a car? Or perhaps knowing how to use a rescue sled? Wouldn't it be great to be at the nozzle end of a fire hose?

These activities sound like lots of fun, but more than that, they are all property and life saving skills that you will learn when you decide to become a volunteer firefighter.



**You don't have to wait until January to join our team!**

**SIGN UP NOW** and join a few of your classmates who are already volunteering!

**YOUR NEIGHBOR IS COUNTING ON YOU!**



## ESFD POSITION AVAILABLE

A part-time office assistant position has opened up at the Arrow Point Station.

**8 hours per week  
Tuesday/Thursday 8AM-12PM**

Come by and drop off your resumé or call the Arrow Point Station at (208) 769-4269 for more information.

## DON'T FORGET!

East Side Fire logo clothing and gear is still available for purchase at the Arrow Point Station. Shirts, blankets, totes and more.

**GET YOURS TODAY!**



**ENJOY**

**STAY SAFE**

