



The East Side Flyer

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Spring Cleaning

SPRING! I think it's finally here. While sorting through all of the things you normally tackle in spring, here are a few more considerations.

Medications

- ♦♦ Replace outdated over-the-counter (OTC) medication. Unused or outdated OTC or prescription medications can be safely discarded at most local pharmacies.
- ♦♦ While doing your inventory, update or create your Vial Of Life medication and medical information to help Emergency Medical Responders in an emergency. Obtain your kit at East Side Fire, Arrow Point Station.



Smoke Alarms

- ♦♦ We all know when to change batteries and that alarms need to be replaced every 10 years.
- ♦♦ When replacing smoke alarms, you might want to install batteries you know are fresh.
- ♦♦ We installed new smoke alarms in November. They all came with batteries, but we've already had to replace them in two alarms, so we decided to replace all of them.

Outside

- ♦♦ Clear rain gutters, downspouts and underground drains.
- ♦♦ Remove yard debris and combustibles from around your home.
- ♦♦ Remember ladder safety at all times.



What is a Fire Commissioner?

Commissioners play a critical role within East Side Fire District. Under their individual and collective leadership, the Fire District remains focused on the delivery of our Vision, Mission and Goals in providing the highest quality of emergency services to the East Side community.

Commissioners Fred Fricke, Mary Mills and Loren Nelson manage the District's overall fiduciary accountability including approval of investments in vehicles, equipment and training. This team also provides direction in support of our short and long-term planning processes.

As a result of their leadership and focus on what is best for our taxpayers, volunteers and community, East Side Fire District emergency responders will be there when you need us.

We will share more next month - in the meantime, check out our website for more information.
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NATIONAL EMS WEEK



May 19-25, 2019

**Celebrating our Emergency Medical Services Volunteers
who go beyond the call every day to create positive change
in their communities with direct, long-lasting impact.**

Are you as smart as a first grader?? Take the quiz on the next page



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East Side Fire District is a member of Kootenai County Fire Prevention Co-Op (KCFPC) along with Idaho Department of Lands, the US Forest Service and 8 other fire districts in our county. Each year, KCFPC performs fire safety skits for all of the first graders in Kootenai County. Here's a pop-quiz to see if you know what the first graders are learning.



- ♦♦ What number do you call in an emergency?
- ♦♦ What information do you give the dispatcher?
- ♦♦ If you are a first grader, who do you tell if you find matches or lighters?
- ♦♦ And do you ever pick them up?
- ♦♦ If there is a fire in your house, what do you do? ♦♦ And where do you go?
- ♦♦ Do you ever go back in to get your phone, pet or shoes?
- ♦♦ Which two tools should grownups bring when having a campfire?
- ♦♦ What are they for and how do you use them?



(We hope you answered all questions correctly)

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Last weekend, 57 ESFD volunteers spent 90 hours picking up enough trash to fill 57 large contractor bags along Highway 97, from I-90 all the way down to Harrison, and also Burma Road in its entirety. My team picked up at least 100 cigarette butts from along our designated mile.



PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T LITTER

East Side Fire's Annual Pancake Breakfast is just around the corner!

Not only will we be celebrating 25 years of service to the East Side, but also, Smokey Bear is celebrating his 75th birthday!

We're busy chopping chives, wrapping utensils, counting plates and cups, choosing some awesome raffle items, lining up pancake flippers, sausage and egg cookers, and so many more who are ready to make this the best pancake breakfast you'll attend this summer!

Smokey is busy traveling the U.S. celebrating his birthday with all of his friends and will be excited to see all of you at our pancake breakfast!



Mark your calendar!
Saturday, July 6, 2019
8:00AM - 12:00PM
Arrow Point Station

Jo Moncrief, ESFD Community Relations