



The East Side Flyer

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NATIONAL CHIMNEY SAFETY WEEK

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 6

Fall officially begins on September 23. What better time than September to ready your home for winter? Those of us who heat our homes utilizing fireplaces or wood stoves are aware of the potential for a chimney fire.

SIGNS of a chimney fire:

- ♦ Loud, cracking and popping noise
- ♦ Dense smoke
- ♦ Intense, hot smell

CREOSOTE is the residue that sticks to walls of chimneys as a result of burning wood, and is highly combustible.

Conditions that encourage buildup of creosote:

- ♦ Restricted air supply
- ♦ Unseasoned wood
- ♦ Cooler than normal chimney temperature

The Chimney Safety Institute of America (CSIA) and your local fire department (ESFD) highly recommend a yearly chimney inspection and sweeping.

Products approved by the CSIA for fireplaces

- ♦ Creosote Sweeping Logs (CSL) - nothing replaces physical sweeping, but when used with an annual inspection, these help reduce the risk of a chimney fire.
- ♦ ChimFex - a chimney fire extinguisher that removes oxygen from the chimney thereby smothering the fire. Be sure to follow the instructions for use.



CLEAN CHIMNEYS DON'T CATCH FIRE

THANK YOU, ESFD AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary will fund the purchase of a Zoll AutoPulse Chest Compression Device for East Side Fire. This device provides automated mechanical chest compressions supporting cardiac arrest resuscitation. AutoPulse will allow our responders to provide consistent, high-quality CPR for extended periods of time, both on-scene and during transport, if necessary. Additionally, once deployed, this tool frees up critical resources to perform other interventions such as airway management, respirations and AED monitoring.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our East Side Fire EMS responders were presented with the Kootenai County EMS Crew of the month for August, along with the ambulance crew from HCAA and the Medic Team personnel from Coeur d'Alene Fire, for their excellent cross-agency teamwork and care of an extremely urgent patient. ESFD crew members were Dave Bruyette, Carlene Cada, Kathy Flint and Charlotte Pegararo.





The Power of People with Purpose



As we approach the end of our 25th anniversary year, one can't help but think about what the future will bring. Now there are those who have pontificated that as an individual, one does not control the future, but only one's role in it. Others believe that one's role in the future has the power to shape what's to come when powered by a vision and hard work in leading others toward a future to be proud of.

When looking back at the history of East Side Fire, the latter certainly shines true. Individuals came together to visualize and shape the future, then they passed the vision forward to other individuals who bonded as a team to carry on with pride and purpose. All the while, balancing the opportunities with the good of the many rather than the good of the few, or the one.

Our mission as Commissioners, Officers, and volunteers includes imparting East Side Fire's legacy of purpose in providing top quality emergency services to our friends and neighbors, to our next new volunteers. We owe it to each other and our community to ensure the path stays true by providing future volunteers with history, vision and purpose that brought each of us to service over the last 25 years.

In appreciation for the past 25 years and in honor of the next 25, let's all make a commitment to sign up our replacements, enrich them with all that is great about East Side Fire, share the vision and write the next chapter of history. After all, it is our commitment and actions today that will shape the future of East Side Fire District.

Dan Currie, ESFD Chief

