

EAST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Thank You East Valley Community!

East Valley Fire Department would like to thank all of the community members for your support during this very active fire season! The generous outpouring of donations is very much appreciated by our first responders and is being put to good use in keeping them well hydrated and fed during incidents throughout Yakima County. **Thank you from all of us at East Valley Fire!**

Congratulations On Your Retirement Chief Riel!

On May 31st 2016 after 35 years of dedicated service to Yakima County Fire District #4 Chief Michael Riel began his retirement. Chief Riel began his journey in the fire service as a volunteer firefighter with the department. After several years he decided that he wanted to make the fire service his career and began full-time employment with the Hanford Fire Department all while still volunteering with us. He progressed up through the ranks as a volunteer to the position of Captain/EMS officer and in 1997 he had the opportunity to test for and accepted a full-time position as the district's training officer. From there he further progressed up the ranks to Deputy Chief and eventually to the position of Chief. He was instrumental in establishing

24/7 staffing to provide coverage for the ever increasing call volume of the district. He also was very focused on the future of the District and not just the here and now all while keeping the district fiscally sound and providing the best service for the residents of East Valley. He now plans on spending as much time as he can with the people who have supported him the most throughout his career, his wife Barbara of 40 years, his son Scott his Daughter Michelle and his grandchildren Bryce, Lexi and Leighton. All of us at East Valley Fire would like to thank Chief Riel and his family for his 35 years of tireless service to the Department and we wish you the best in your retirement!



Welcome to our new District Secretary

East Valley Fire would like to extend a warm welcome newly appointed District Secretary Jenifer Huit. Jenifer grew up on an apple orchard out in Cowiche before moving to Oregon and 5 years ago she returned to the Yakima Valley. Jenifer and her husband Dakota have 2 grown sons Timothy and Alec and are excited to be grandparents in the spring. Bringing more than 20 years of experience in office administration, accounting and public service she greatly looks forward to making a positive contribution and is pleased to be working with the many volunteer and career firefighters that show such care, concern, and compassion for our community. From all of us at East Valley Fire welcome to the family and we look forward to working with you!

RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Yakima County Fire District #4 is looking for highly motivated individuals to join our team in serving the needs of our citizens. The East Valley Fire Department prides itself on the training of newly hired Firefighters. We educate our personnel in the roles of Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services. The fire service is a very rewarding occupation, whether you are looking at making it a career or looking to help your local community. For more information please stop or give us a call and we will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have!

Applications can be picked up at EVFD Headquarters located at
2003 Beaudry Rd. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PREVENTION DIVISION

At East Valley Fire we aim to put prevention at the top of our list. As the old adage goes an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. We strive to remain proactive in educating our citizens in the risks involving fire, EMS and other hazards.

As winter is quickly approaching East Valley Firefighters would like to pass on some helpful tips that can help you help prevent injury to yourself and damage to your property.

Safety Tips

- Ensure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm and check them monthly.
- Just like smoke alarms test your CO alarms at least once a month.
- Gas and charcoal grills produce CO and should only be used outside

- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home or any structures. Place them in a metal container outside.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Extension cords are not recommended.
- Practice your family's fire escape plan with everyone in the home. If windows are used as an emergency exit practice using them and ensure they are easily opened. Home escape ladders are recommended for second stories.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping it clear of snow, so in the event it is needed in can be easily located.

A big thank you from your EVFD Fire Prevention Division!



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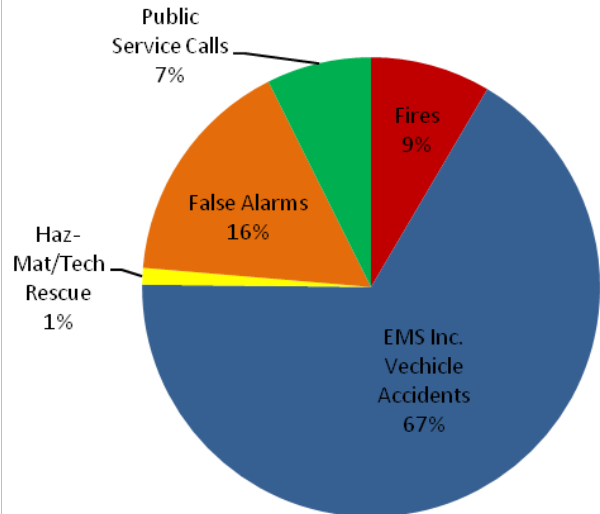
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Did You Know?

That your fire department is on duty 24 hours a day 7 days a week? Yes that's right - we have 9 full time firefighters that stay at the station, they work a 48/96 shift which means the crew is there 48 hours straight. There are 3 shifts an "A" "B" and "C" shift that rotate 48 hours at a time to make sure our citizens have the best coverage they can. We respond to all kinds of calls, from structure fires to your simple lift assists, oh and even changing smoke detectors batteries too!

2016 Calls For Service To Date



INCIDENT TYPE	# OF INCIDENTS	% OF TOTAL
Fires	79	9%
EMS Including Vehicle Accidents	623	67%
Hazardous Materials/Technical Rescue	11	1%
False Alarm	152	16%
Public Service Calls	69	7%
TOTAL	934	100%

Thank you to our personnel, their families, fire commissioners' and tax payers who make our service possible.

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