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Visit our website at:

www.ycfd4.org

Yakima County Fire District #4 is always 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 our new Firefighters. We educate our personnel in the roles of Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services, and other specialized low risk support opportunities. The fire service is a very rewarding occupation, whether you are looking at making it a career or looking to help your local community as a volunteer. For more information please stop or give us a call and we will be more than happy to answer any questions you have!

Applications can be picked up at our main
EVFD Station located at
2003 Beaudry Rd. Yakima, WA 98901
Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.





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We appreciate all of the continued support from the East Valley community!

Your East Valley Board of Fire Commissioners would like to extend their gratitude once again for your continuous support, the Department would not be what it is without you all!



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WHAT'S NEW AT EAST VALLEY?

Recently, our levy lid lift passed, thanks to the support of the community, giving Chief Lamoureux the go ahead by our Board of Commissioners to start the process of hiring 3 new career firefighters for the year 2025. The department so far has had 33 applicants request an application, and 4 of those have turned a completed packet in. Be on the lookout for some new faces at the department in March 2025!

Fire Chief Dale Hille has officially retired from the East Valley Fire Department after 4 years of service, and more than 40 years in the fire service as a whole. The department appreciates everything Fire Chief Hille has accomplished over the years and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

Former Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux has been appointed the new Fire Chief of East Valley Fire Department and is looking forward to continued service to the community.

This also opens up an employment opportunity for the departments Deputy Fire Chief. So far, there have been 3 application packets turned in and the application process will be closed on November 8th, 2024.

Department Events

October 12th, 2024 - The Department hosted a hot dog feed and open house at Station 42 in Terrace Heights and was great to see everyone from the community who stopped by.



November 15th, 2024 - Station 40 will be hosting a Movie Night at 2003 Beaudry Rd Yakima, WA 98901 Starting at 6:00 pm

Fall and Winter Safety

Safety in and around the home

- Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home .
- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (30%) was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys. Have them serviced by a qualified person.
- Nearly half (49%) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. That way in a time of need, firefighters will be able to find you easily.
- Don't over load outlets with extra lighting and heaters for the holidays/cold weather.
- If deep frying a turkey please be sure that it is thawed before putting in hot oil and cook it away from any combustible objects (buildings, decks, etc.)
- Ensure that you don't block any doors or windows with holiday decorations as these can be used as an exit during an emergency/fire.
- Have and practice your home

escape plan frequently especially with very young children.

- Keep holiday plants and trees well watered as they can easily ignite and cause rapid fire spread.
- When cleaning out a fireplace please wait until the ashes are completely cool and use a metal bucket to store them in.

Driving Safety

- Just because the road looks clear and dry does not mean that it is ... Please be aware of "**Black Ice**".
- When warming up your car do it in a well ventilated area as cars produce CO emissions which are poisonous and can kill.
- Leave 1 extra travel space between you and the car in front of you as the snow/ice require much more stopping distance.

For more information on seasonal safety:

www.Nfpa.org/Publiceducation

A Message From your New Fire Chief

2024 has been a busy year for EVFD including multiple large brush fires, the levy lid lift, and a change in department leadership.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Fire Chief Dale Hille for his service to the East Valley community these past four years; and for his 40+ years of total service in the fire service. Your dedication to the communities you served is appreciated beyond words and I wish you and Paula a well-deserved retirement as you begin this next chapter.

East Valley has experienced many large brush fires this year, and we would like to thank the community for their support, and for adhering to evacuation notices when issued. When we know the area in the potential path of the fire is clear, it decreases the chances of putting firefighters in further danger. A special thanks to Dominos Pizza for the many times they provided food for those fighting the fires, and to Olympic Fruit, Loftus Farms, Tree Top, Grocery Outlet and all those who donated snacks and drinks for the firefighters.

We want to thank the community for their support in approving the levy lid lift. This will allow the department to continue to amortize for vehicle replacement and capital projects, as well as hire three new firefighter positions to better serve the Terrace Heights area with three full-time firefighters working out of Station 42.

Lastly, it is my honor to serve this community as your Fire Chief, and I appreciate the confidence the Board of Fire Commissioners has placed in me. We have a great staff here at EVFD who is dedicated to the best possible service we can provide. I look forward to leading this highly capable team into the future and meeting the needs of our community as it continues to grow.

Be on the lookout for ways to serve the department in the areas of budgeting and strategic planning as we start these processes in 2025. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you ever have questions regarding the fire department or any of the services we provide.

Yours for better fire protection,

Ray Lamoureux CFO, CTO
Fire Chief

