

ASOTIN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1 NEWS

Fall 2018



Chief's Corner

By Fire Chief Noel Hardin

There is a lot of good news to share in this edition of our newsletter. First of all, we have broken ground on our new fire station! Many thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate this event as well as participate in our Open House.

We purchased the property at 2377 Appleside Boulevard a few years ago with the intent to renovate the building on the site to serve as a larger fire station. We secured a grant, but it was less than we needed to complete the renovations. As a result, we asked our community to approve a fire levy lid lift in 2017. A portion of these funds were to make up the shortfall.

When we bid the project, the lowest one was over a million dollars higher than our anticipated costs. This indicates that the economy is doing well, but well out of our budget. The Board of Fire Commissioners has

said that our goal is not to ask our taxpayers for more money. As a result, we rejected all bids and went back to the drawing board.

We divided the renovation project into two phases and rebid the first part during a more competitive time for construction work. This was a successful approach, and the first phase was awarded to a local contractor to do site work and utility connections, which is happening now.

We anticipate going out to bid for the second phase of building renovations in fall of 2018. This approach is taking longer to complete the new station, but it is more cost-effective.

This has been a multi-year project and we appreciate you sticking with us through the end. The new station will meet the needs of our fire district for the next 60 years. Please feel free to contact me with questions at nhardin@acfd1.org or (509) 758-5181.

Groundbreaking for New Station!

Asotin County Fire District 1 held its annual Open House on August 18. This year was very special because it included a groundbreaking ceremony for the new fire station. We're glad you could celebrate with us! Learn more about YOUR fire district by visiting our web site at www.acfd1.org.





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Fire Prevention Week

October 7-13, 2018 is Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere." The campaign works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely in the event of one:

"LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

"LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

"LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.



Volunteers Needed

Asotin County Fire District 1 is looking for people who want to give back to their community by serving as firefighters and/or emergency medical technicians. Successful applicants will be paid for training and receive a stipend and retirement for their time of service.

We are proud to be a volunteer fire department. Volunteering is a time-honored tradition for the fire district that dates back to 1951. We invite you to join our team by downloading an application on our web site (www.acfd1.org), contacting Chief Noel Hardin (509-758-5181 nhardin@acfd1.org) or stopping by the station at 2314 Appleside Boulevard to learn more.