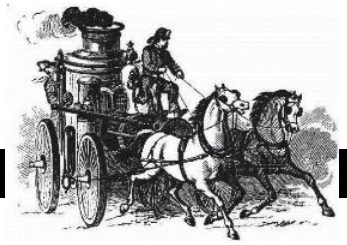


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EAST VALLEY FIRE



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Special points of interest:

- 1115 incidents for EVFD for 2012.
- 24 Hour Coverage Starting April 1st.
- Can we see your address
- Change batteries for smoke detectors

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Letter from Chief Riel

We are in exciting times for the fire district!

With the approval of the 2013 Budget we will be improving services in a number of ways. We have just completed the hiring process for three new full time career positions. Job offers have been made and accepted. Orientation and start date is March 15, 2013. We anticipate an April 1, 2013 start date for 24 hour 7 days week coverage to begin. Engine Company staffing will be working 48 / 96 hour shifts (2 days on shift and 4 days off).

The search began with 118 online applications provided by the National Testing Network. Our step 2 process then narrowed the applications to eight candidates, based on identified requirements. The step 3 result from the final interviews and physical testing provided the final three personnel. They are Ryan Evers, Josh Spellman, both residents of the fire district, former career firefighters with

local agencies and history as former East Valley Firefighters.

The third position is filled by Michael Stevens an energetic and qualified young man from Snohomish County Fire District # 22.

Yakima County Fire District 4 will continue to rely on its paid-on-call response personnel commitments and efforts for providing services. These staffing changes will reinforce the current coverage, significantly improve response times, and will fill any gaps that could occur with the ever increasing call volumes and demands. In 2012 the district responded to 1115 Incidents. We would also like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate FF Richard (Tyler) Abhold on his completion of probation as of April 1, 2013. FF Abhold completed his required probationary training and currently is detailed as the Training Coordinator along with his regular details assigned. I would like to thank all of our

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

Please visit our web site at www.ycfd4.org for current information, events and a great resource to learn about your local Fire Department.

Chief Michael Riel
East Valley Fire Department
Yakima County Fire District 4

Train as if your life depends on it.

Can we find you -

911

What's your Address?

Commissioner's Corner

East Valley Fire District 4 moves into 2013 with a balanced budget, new leadership and with a solid foundation for success.

The Board of Commissioners appointed Mike Riel to the position of Fire Chief on January 28th. It is because of Mike's experience, knowledge, dedication and leadership that made

him the best candidate and the vote was unanimous. With Mike's leadership we will continue our efforts to make this a strong, united district.

A huge thank you goes out to the fire fighters for recognizing the fire commissioners at the annual banquet. It was an honor to be recognized for our

leadership in 2012. We are currently seeking 3 new fire fighters and will be moving to 24 hour shifts. With this change we will be providing better service to the citizens of our district. Our goal is to have all three fire fighters hired by April 1st. We look forward to serving you again in 2013

Can we find YOU!

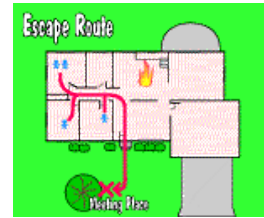
Have you ever seen a pizza delivery person drive around aimlessly looking for an address....and you think to yourself, "he looks lost"? Now imagine that pizza delivery vehicle is an ambulance or a fire truck, those precious moments spent looking for an address could mean life or death to the person in need. It's nearly impossible to help you if we can't find you! To ensure we can find you in an emergency, we recommend following these easy steps:

- Place house numbers on your home that are at least 4" tall and are a contrasting color

from your home.

- Make sure they are visible from the street; clear away any tree branches or other obstructions.
- If your home is not visible from the street, place another set of numbers on a post or sign at the entrance of your driveway.
- If there is more than one residence down your driveway, make sure each is marked at the entrance and the homes are clearly marked with address numbers. Be sure to mark individual occupancies within apartment buildings and duplexes.

In life-threatening situations, every minute is critical.....we don't want to waste those minutes searching for you!



For more information log onto www.ycdf4.org

Have an Escape Route

Check your SMOKE DETECTORS!!!!

Those small round beeping things attached to the ceiling of your home are not just for decoration. Smoke detectors are the single most important safety item you can have in your home. Their sole purpose is to alert folks of smoke and fire and provide additional time to evacuate the residence.

Smoke detectors save lives!!

Right now is a great time to check your smoke detector and make sure it is working properly. Has the battery in your smoke detector been changed in the last year? Has your smoke detector been properly maintained? Vacuuming the vents around the outside of the smoke detector clear it of dust build up, too much dust will limit the ability for your smoke detector to "smell" smoke. If your smoke detector is electrically connected make sure to turn the power off before vacuuming. Make sure to

test your detector monthly by pressing the "test" button and following the manufacturer's test instructions. Smoke detectors don't last forever, and only have a 10 year life expectancy. If you think your smoke detector is 10 years old or older, consider replacing it. Your local fire department might even have a smoke detector program, contact them for availability.

For more information on smoke detectors and other life saving fire prevention tips, log onto www.ycdf4.org or contact your local fire department.



Change your batteries twice a year. Spring forward and fall backwards.

1115 incidents for 2012

2012 Incident Breakdown

