



# West Valley Fire Department

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## 2018 WVFD Awards Banquet

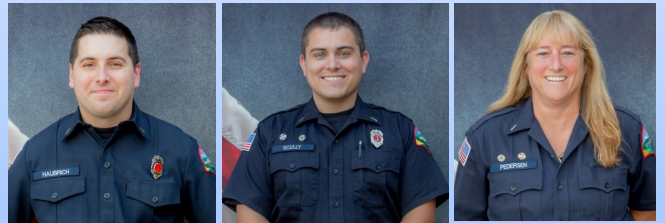
On March 9th we held our annual awards banquet to thank our volunteers for their continued dedication and support of the District. Special recognition goes to the following members:

### Firefighter of the Year: Brett Hyde

Brett has been a member of the WVFD for 10 years and has earned the respect of his peers for his consistency in response and training, his ability to keep a level head and willingness to help. In addition to his skills as a firefighter, Brett takes time to mentor other members, offer suggestions for improvement and is a problem solver. Brett demonstrates his Department PRIDE through his actions and is counted on to lead in the absence of a company officer. In Brett's nomination he is praised for his consistent high level of performance, great attitude and willingness to participate regardless of the job that needs to be done. Emergency services is typically judged on performance, consistent performers like Brett are what provides a solid foundation of a good organization.

### EMS Providers of the Year: Cameron Haubrich, Blake Scully & Chris Pedersen

Last year we implemented an Advanced First Aid responder certification. The development and instruction of this course was paramount to our success in EMS last year. Therefore, our 2018 EMS provider of the year is actually the three members that developed the course and taught the class which was comprised of new recruits and seasoned members within our Department that were previously first aid trained. On top of teaching the class all 3 members are leaders in our Department, serving as lieutenants at station 51.



**Bulldog Award:** Kaimana Makalii received this award for his composure and professionalism.

**Service Pins:** We would like to recognize & thank the following members for their continued dedication to our Department and Community: **5 years:** Aaron Cockrum, Mike Parrish, Chad Taylor, Craig Bunting, Jean Seibert, Brett Almon

**10 years:** Brett Hyde, Rollin Caryl, Mat Weiler **15 years:** Travis Christopher, Mike Gohl, Jim Johnston, Josh Wellner, Scott Wellner **20 years:** Ross Long **25 years:** Chris Pedersen, Scott Murphy, Ray Thomas

## INCIDENT FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM

In April West Valley Fire Department will implement an Incident Follow-Up Program. Based on key incident criteria, firefighters will visit the incident address on file and ask a series of survey questions, such as:

- Was 9-1-1 courteous and efficient?
- Were we ready to help when we arrived?
- Did we act professionally?
- Were all your questions answered?
- Overall were you satisfied with our service?
- After receiving service what is your opinion of West Valley Fire Department?

At this time firefighters can also help you with smoke detector questions and inspections, perform a home safety audit or answer any other questions you may have regarding home fire safety and accident prevention.

As identified in our District Strategic Plan, it is important that the Department continually monitor and evaluate our service to assure that the value and performance standards established for the District are being met, with oversight from the citizens we serve.

We need to hear from you!! Customer feedback is key in an ongoing effort to continually improve our service to our citizens.

We welcome all feedback, log on to [www.westvalleyfire.com](http://www.westvalleyfire.com) and find our Non-Response Citizen Survey under the "quick links" tab.

### Spring Calendar

#### APRIL

- 4-5 Safe Sitter Class 9am-3pm
- 9 Commissioner Meeting 7 pm\*
- 7-13 National Volunteer Week
- 20 WVFFA Easter Egg Hunt 1pm
- 22-25 E.D.I.T.H. House at Grade Schools
- 23 Commissioner Meeting 4 pm\*

#### MAY

- 11 Home Spun Crafter's Bazaar 9am-3pm
- 14 Commissioner Meeting 7 pm\*
- 27 Memorial Day-Office Closed
- 28 Commissioner Meeting 4 pm\*

#### JUNE

- 1 CPR Class 10am-4pm
- 11 Commissioner Meeting 7 pm\*

## 2018 CALL VOLUME

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	%
Fires	100	11.44%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	516	59.04%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	20	2.29%
Service Call	68	7.78%
Good Intent Call	144	16.48%
False Alarm & False Call	26	2.97%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR 2018</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## West Valley Firefighter Associations Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 20th @ 1pm**

- Meet Sparky the Fire Dog & the Easter Bunny
- Tour Fire Trucks & Meet our Firefighters
- 4 different age groups: 2 years old & under, 3-4 years old (pre-school), 5-6 years old (Kinder-1st grade), 7-10 years old (2nd-4th grade)



**West Valley Fire Department \* 10000 Zier Road, For questions call 509-966-3111**

## Homespun Crafter's Bazaar

West Valley Firefighter's Association invites you to join us for our first annual Spring Bazaar on Saturday, May 11th from 9am-3pm at the WVFD Training Center - 10000 Zier Road

To register for a booth or for more information contact Mandy Wellner at 509-949-2843



### Do your kids need something to do over Spring Break??

We will be hosting a Safe Sitter class on April 4th & 5th. If you have an 11-13 year old or know of anyone who might be interested in the class, call 509-966-3111 to get them registered. The class is limited to the first 10 paid participants. It is a 2-day class and the cost is \$75.00. Students will receive materials to start their babysitting business, First Aid/CPR training and will have a celebration lunch with the firefighters & instructors on the last day.

### CPR CLASS

We will be offering a FREE CPR class to WVFD residents. If you are outside our boundaries, you may attend for a fee of \$20 per person. Limited space available, call today to reserve your spot- 509-966-3111.

**Saturday, June 1st 10am-3pm**

**West Valley Training Center  
10000 Zier Road**



## **2018's EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**



<b>January:</b>	<b>Jason Wood, St. 54</b>	<b>July:</b>	<b>Chris Lyons, Chris Willette St. 51</b>
<b>February:</b>	<b>Wendy Stover, St. 52</b>	<b>August:</b>	<b>Eddie Smith, St. 52</b>
<b>March:</b>	<b>Rollin Caryl, St. 53</b>	<b>September:</b>	<b>Mike Gohl, St. 53</b>
<b>April:</b>	<b>Justin Nickolaus, St. 52</b>	<b>October:</b>	<b>Kathy McCay, Support</b>
<b>May:</b>	<b>Josh Wellner, St. 54</b>	<b>November:</b>	<b>Chase Tucker, St. 53</b>
<b>June:</b>	<b>Blake Scully, St. 51</b>	<b>December:</b>	<b>Aaron Cockrum, St. 52</b>

## **2019 New Recruits**

The Department hired 11 new members in January, 7 firefighters and 4 support members (Rehab). They will attend 150 hours of Recruit School that includes Wildland Firefighter training and Advanced First Aid.

After a one year probation period these new firefighters will have an opportunity to attend a 160 hour emergency medical technician (EMT) course. Members taking on the commitment this year are:

### Station 51

Angela Boyd  
Adrianna Carter  
Shauna Hubbard  
Chris Payne

### Station 52

Ben Whitehurst

### Station 53

Lindsay Fontaine

### Station 54

Tyler Skiba

### Rehab

Andrea Ely  
Kiann Jaeger  
Nicole Parpart  
Shanna Thompson

