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## Our Mission & Vision

### MISSION

The Hauser Lake Fire Protection District is a dedicated volunteer organization serving our community through fire suppression and prevention, emergency medical response, and excellent community service.

### VISION

We are committed to providing a superior level of emergency service that continually improves the quality of life, health and safety of the people who live and work in our community.

### Welcome the New Chief

Chief Simms is retiring and will turn over the reins of leadership. Please welcome Chief James Neils as the incoming fire chief. Chief Neils has been with Hauser Fire since 1993 and served as Deputy Chief under Chief Simms for many years. He will take over as Fire Chief in August and we are confident that he will serve the community well.



Fire Commissioners  
Andrea Maddalone  
Wes Michael  
Shane Kamps  
Fire Chief  
James Neils  
Auxiliary President  
Lisa Wendle

For the first six months of this year our members responded to 96 emergency calls. Each year our volunteers provide over 3,000 hours of service to the community. This includes emergency calls, training and community activities. In terms of dollar value this adds up to nearly \$100,000 per year in tax savings for our residents.

### Covid-19

This year has been a trying time for everyone with the current pandemic. We strongly encourage everyone to follow the guidelines for preventing the spread. Many do not feel that they need to wear a mask but the science shows that it prevents the spread from someone who may have the virus to someone who doesn't. Why wouldn't you protect your family and those around you? If we respond to a medical emergency our providers will be wearing the appropriate protection and evaluating each situation to provide appropriate care. Hospital admissions are on the rise and we are doing everything we can to keep from overwhelming our care facilities.

### Help Us Find the Hydrant

*Give your Fire Hydrant a Little TLC.* Keeping weeds cut during the spring and summer and shoveling the snow around hydrants during the winter season helps us find and use the fire hydrants when they are needed. Thank you to those who have maintained the area around your hydrant. Remember to keep chimneys clean and your smoke detectors working. In the event of a power outage do not run open flame or catalytic heaters without making sure that there is plenty of ventilation.



### Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Hauser Lake Fire Department and Auxiliary have some funding available to provide smoke detectors for distribution to those in need within our district. Preference will be given to those considered "at risk" to fires, especially senior citizens and those who cannot purchase needed detectors due to financial issues. Please remember to check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Generally these devices have a useful life of 10 years and many have become outdated and need to be replaced. Also remember to check the batteries in your alarms whenever it is time to change your clocks for daylight savings. If you need assistance checking your smoke or carbon monoxide alarms please feel free to call the fire station and we will be more than happy to assist you with changing batteries and/or cleaning out dust that may have accumulated.

See us on the Web at [hauserfire.org](http://hauserfire.org) and Facebook @HauserLakeFire

## Evacuation

How prepared are you? Everyone should have a plan in the event we have a major wildfire or other emergency that would require us to evacuate. All family members should know where to meet outside your home if you have a house fire and need to get out of the house. This will help us ensure that everyone is safe.

If we need to evacuate the area be sure you know what you will take with you such as important papers, pictures or whatever is irreplaceable. We utilize a three level evacuation notice in Kootenai County: Level 1 (Ready) means there is a possibility that we may need to evacuate such as heavy smoke in the area and we know that there is a major fire; Level 2 (Set) means that you may be requested to evacuate within two hours or less; Level 3 (Go) means you should leave the area immediately and go to a safe place.

Evacuation notices will be sent out via Alert Kootenai, but you need to register your cell phone for that. Landlines will receive a notification, without registration, and we may be able to notify cell phones via a national notification system. Also, the Emergency Alert System should be activated and look for information on our Facebook page. If it is needed, we will advise of shelters for families to go to. You should have a means by which out of area family members can contact you but remember that cell phones may be overloaded. For more information go to <https://www.iii.org/article/preparing-effective-evacuation-plan>. **SIGN UP FOR ALERT KOOTENAI AT WWW.KCSHERIFF.COM**

Do what you can to make your home survivable. Refrain from stacking flammables against your home and outbuildings. **Call us if you would like to have your property inspected for a FireSmart hazard reduction. (FREE)**

## Volunteer With Us

We are in need of volunteers from our community. We have had a couple of retirements and people move out of the area. We have an Auxiliary that supports us on incidents and takes on other various projects.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact us at the fire station for more information or just stop by for a chat.



## Can We Find You????



During an emergency, time is critical. When you call 911 and we respond, be sure that we can find your home by having easily readable address numbers. This is especially important when visibility is poor, such as at night or during bad weather. The blue address signs can be ordered from us at the fire station, if that is what you would like. They are two sided and reflective and are sold at cost—just \$15. Otherwise, be certain that your address is visible by having good contrast and large enough numbers which are easily seen when driving in a vehicle.

***WE NEED YOU! VOLUNTEER TO HELP PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY.***

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