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Stay Connected

If you would like to stay updated with the commissioner's meetings, please use our website for meeting schedules, agendas, and meeting minutes.

Fire Safety Tips

1. Don't stack firewood next to your cabin.
2. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors regularly.
3. If you don't have detectors, please install them. If you need help, contact us.

How Can You Help?

1. EPLFD relies on generous donations from the public! Donate by sending a check to the physical address listed below or use the Donate Button on the Website.
2. Become a Volunteer Firefighter! More info on page Three.

East Priest Lake Fire District



What a Year That was 2023!

As we have entered into a new year and put another one behind us, we are thrilled to share the progress we've made and the hope we have for the future.

We have 15 fantastic volunteers that responded to the community last year. Just to name a few of the incidents:

- Structure Fire Calls: 4
- Landing Zone Setup: 1
- Small aircraft crash: 1
- Moter Vehicle accident: 1
- Boat Fire: 1
- Down power line: 1
- Alarm system: 1



From the calls we had last year and the continued training we take, we are looking forward to serving our community in 2024 and beyond.

Thank You to Our Donors!

We would like to thank everyone that attended and helped put on Priest-A-Palooza this last summer. In 2023 we took in \$10,993 in donations from our amazing and kind community. Thank you!

Firefighting Fun Fact

Roughly 70% of fire departments in the U.S. are solely volunteer operated.

Approximately 68% of the departments have 1 station

Source: U.S. Fire Administration



What a Good Looking Apparatus!



EPLFD has acquired its first Attack Vehicle! Through the kind donations of the community and public funds, the fire district was able to purchase a new Fire Attack Vehicle without needing a loan. Thank you to everyone that help make this possible! We have already began training on this new vehicle with our neighboring fire districts. Our new fire attack apparatus is almost ready to enter into service. This will be of great help in protecting our community, our friends, here at the lake.

Fire Boat: Coming Soon to a Lake Near You

We are excited to announce that we have a Fire Boat on order! The EPLFD Fire Boat is expected to be delivered in 2025. With this new boat, we will need to secure a mooring location with quick access to responding firefighters. The new fire boat will greatly increase how we can provide services and aid to the community. From medical emergencies on the water to fighting a blaze, we are hopeful for the future of this boat to help save lives and property.

The image below is just an example of the boat type on order.



Winter Weather Safety Tips

What are Winter Weather Alerts?

Winter Storm Warning:
Issued 12-24 hours before heavy snow, freezing rain, or sleet is expected.

Winter Storm Watch:
Issued 12-48 hours before a blizzard, heavy snow, freezing rain, or sleet is expected.

Winter Weather Advisory:
Issued when snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and sleet will cause significant inconveniences or life-threatening situations if caution is not taken.

Signs of Frostbite and Hypothermia

Frostbite: Numbness, skin that is firm or waxy, and/or white or grayish/yellow skin coloration.

Hypothermia: Exhaustion, shivering, drowsiness, fumbling hands, confusion, memory loss, and/or slurred speech.

Source: <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>



A Hopeful Future!

We are planning to move forward with the procurement of land to build our station before this coming summer. This is critical for us to establish a lower District ISO Rating that will make getting insurance for cabins better and easier.

Be a Volunteer Firefighter!

Thank you to the dozen individuals in our district who have already stepped forward to train as volunteer firefighters. While EPLFD solidifies the framework for our own equipment, building, and training, volunteers are being graciously trained and relied on by our neighboring districts: Coolin Cavanaugh Bay Fire Protection District (CCBFPD) and North of the Narrows Fire District (NNFD). If you would like to learn more about volunteering, training and dates, please see our online application, eastpriestlakefire.org or reach through our email, EastPriestLakeFD@gmail.com



Spread The Word!

Please Share this Newsletter with Your Neighbors! If someone did not receive this newsletter by email, please contact EPLFD at EastPriestLakeFD@gmail.com to provide the owner's name, physical address, email, and phone number.



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EPLFD is Here to Serve You!



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**Secretary
Jaime Yob**



**Commissioner, Chairman
Tom Clevenger**



**Commissioner
Jenny Seaman**



**Commissioner
Ann McKinstry**

EPLFD Emergency Contacts

Bonner County Sheriff's Office - Emergency	911
Border Patrol – Bonner's Ferry	208-267-2734
Priest Lake Ambulance & EMT	911
Idaho State Police	911
Idaho Department of Lands (24-Hour Number)	208-443-2516 800-232-3473
Forest Service – Priest Lake	208-443-2512
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
Northern Lights (Power Outage Reporting)	866-665-4837
Priest Lake State Park Headquarters	208-443-2200