



East Priest Lake Fire District

2026 Newsletter

Timeline

East Priest Lake Fire District [EPLFD] is a new district created in 2020 to provide structure fire protection for the previously unprotected 10 miles, or ~220 cabin owners, from the northern end of Cape Horn Road to South Hunt Creek Road. Fire district personnel and commissioners have worked diligently since our formation in late 2021 to create a fully functioning district with initial funding for the district available in 2022.

Achievements

Major achievements to date include enrollment of volunteer firefighters, instituting regular training sessions, obtaining firefighting apparatus, and personnel equipment.

Please see page 2 for details.

Ongoing focus

District Incident Priorities:

- Protection of life - this applies to firefighters, public safety personnel, and citizens
- Stabilization during fire incidents - put the fire out, prevent spread, treat victims, contain hazardous materials
- Minimize property damage during structure fire
- Educate, secure, and protect the public and volunteers to reduce fire risks

Goals 2026-7

EPLFD continues to use the Idaho Survey and Rating Bureau [ISRB] fire suppression rating schedule to prioritize the remaining balance of the public protection class [PC] rating requirements. As stated in our initial newsletter in 2021, the district's goal is to obtain a PC rating assisting in acquiring and retaining homeowner's insurance. A year-round heated structure to house water carrying apparatus is a requirement for applying and obtaining a PC rating. In addition to a rating, this structure will increase efficiency and improve response time to incidents.

Numerous sites have been pursued and eliminated due to the cost, geography, lot size limitations, or government regulations. Examples include a land exchange with Idaho Department of Lands, leasing a portion of Indian Creek Campground land, and purchasing or leasing private lands. Even with these constraints, the district has found a location that looks very promising and is actively pursuing next steps. EPLFD remains engaged and optimistic in finalizing this location in the coming months.

Additionally, EPLFD plans to add at least one water tender to the current active apparatus to increase water carrying capacity to satisfy the PC rating requirements.

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Incident categories:

Structure fire, ambulance support, secure life flight landing zone, vehicular & aircraft accident support, boat fire, ice rescue, down power line, alarm system activation

EPLFD Meetings

Quarterly in February, May, August, November

On 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm

August meeting includes review of Annual Budget

EPLFD contact info

Website:

eastpriestlakefd.org

Mailing & address:

48 E Lake Trout Lane

Coolin, ID 83821

How can you get involved?

EPLFD encourages all cabin owners & residents to consider becoming a volunteer today!

Contact Chief Tom Renzi
epbfdchief@gmail.com to ask about opportunities for volunteer training:

- * Firefighter
- * Equipment driving & operation
- * Incident activity support



EPLFD Team:

- 3 fire commissioners
- 1 fire chief, 1 assistant chief, 1 captain, 2 lieutenants
- 1 secretary
- 17 volunteer firefighters
- 11 firefighters are also equipment drivers
- 5 incident support personnel

Calls & Training:

of Responses: 2026=**12+**, 2025=**24**, 2024=**17**, 2023=**10**

Training Hours: 2026 =**292+**, 2025=**435**, 2024=**386**, 2023=**385**

Apparatus actively in service

2025 FB-2691
26' Munson Packman Landing
Craft **Fire Boat** (in service
2025)



2023 A-2651
Ford F550 **Attack [or Quick
Response] Vehicle**
450 gallons (in service 2024)



2018 E-2621
Rosenbauer Timber Wolf
4x4 Fire Engine
750 gallons 1250 GPM pump
(in service 2026)



2002 E-2631
International **Fire Engine**
1,000 gallons 1250 GPM pump
(in service 2025)

