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# LWFR UPDATE

A NEWSLETTER OF LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE & RESCUE

## DONATIONS AT WORK

Donations from local residents go to many different projects. Funds directed by our Auxiliary and Firefighters Association enabled us to utilize a grant this year that brought the first emergency wildfire detection cameras (in Washington State), into our district. These cameras have already detected two fires that threatened the Winton and Coles Corner areas, long before they were detected by human observations. These early warnings allowed a rapid and effective response while the fires were manageable. We would like to recognize München House, Kahler Mountain Club, Plain Cellars, Squirrel Tree and all those that helped fill the boot. We couldn't do these projects without you.



Recruit Class of 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I want to thank our community for helping us all have a safe and enjoyable summer. As they do each year, County fire restrictions were applied in early summer and continued until the first fall rains at the end of September. The vast majority of local residents respected these sensible fire restrictions all season. This resulted in less fires, less emergency calls, less cost, and less smoke for all of us.

Being a safe and fire adapted community isn't difficult. It only requires that people understand the environment where they live, take practical steps to reduce risk, and have the smarts to use good judgement. Thanks for a great year!

-Fire Chief David Walker

## STAFF SHOUT OUT



Chuck Kocher is the Department's Lead Mechanic. With 5 stations it is a huge responsibility! As a credentialed Emergency Vehicle Technician, his job is keeping all of our 25 + apparatus' running. This includes trucks, boats, snowmobiles, chainsaws, etc. If there's a motor on it, Chuck fixes it. Thanks for all you do Chuck, we appreciate you, and your 16 years here at Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue.

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*Community Outreach team with the program's Subaru*

## CONTACT

If you or anyone you know could benefit from this program please don't hesitate to reach out. Your safety and well-being matter to us, and we're here to help.

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

For over three years, Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue has been committed to our Community Outreach Program. We are dedicated to ensuring the safety and happiness of our elderly and disabled community members in their own homes. Our primary goal is to support them in living independently for as long as possible while reducing unnecessary 911 calls for service. Services are supported by grant funds from, "We Thrive Together", of Central Washington. Our services include:

- Home Visits: Our caring team conducts regular home visits to check on your well-being.
- Vital Sign Checks: We monitor your health with regular vital sign assessments, ensuring you stay in good health.
- Prescription Pick-Ups: We assist with picking up your medications, ensuring you never miss a dose.
- Medical Appointment Transportation: (Pre-arrangement required) Making sure you see your doctor when you should.
- Fall Prevention Evaluations: We will recommend changes if your home is unsafe for you.
- Social Service Referrals: We connect you with valuable community resources to enhance your quality of life.
- Evacuation Planning: Emergency assistance for mobility limited individuals during natural disasters.

## TRAINING CORNER

Did you know that LWFR Firefighters train multiple times per month? Recently we trained in vehicle extrication and water supply for structural firefighting. Fall is also the time of year for the West Zone Recruit Fire Academy. This is a structural firefighting academy held in Leavenworth and students come from LWFR, CCFD3 (Leavenworth), and CCFD6 (Monitor to Peshastin). There are 21 total students, 7 of which are LWFR members. We thank our members for their commitment to improving their skills to better serve our community!

