



SELAH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Honesty, Integrity, Respect

2023 DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Selah Fire Department protects residents and visitors in the City of Selah and within the boundaries of Yakima County Fire Protection District #2. The Department has been preparing and making changes as needed to keep up with the growth of our area. From 2020 to 2022, emergency responses increased 29.5%. This has put added strain on our paid-on-call (volunteer) membership, and our ability to respond efficiently to all incidents.

To help mitigate this issue and provide more consistent service to our coverage area, the Selah Fire Department is making a big change. Starting in July of this year, we are moving to a shift model that will provide manpower for response 24 hours per day. The on-shift crews will work a 48/96 schedule and our paid-on-call staff will still be responding to other incidents that happen at the same time, and to our large events requiring more manpower and apparatus. This change required hiring 4 new firefighters to fill shift positions. All four hired came from our paid-on-call membership.

This is an exciting time for our department and the people we serve. We are looking forward to the change and the positive outcomes from it.

Thank you for all of your support!

Jim Lange
Fire Chief

Selah Fire

Department/ YCFD #2

Station **21** 206 W Fremont Ave

Station **22** 1830 Harrison Road

Station **24** 4251 N Wenas Rd

Station **26** 121 Fink Lane

FUN FIRE FACT



When cars were first invented, they were all painted black! So to help clear the roads when a fire truck was coming through, they painted them red so everyone would see them rushing to an emergency!

CALENDAR

August

8th- City Council Meeting
8th-Commisitorner's Meeting
22nd-City Council meeting
30th- Department Open House
(all invited)

September

4th-OFFICE CLOSED
12th-City Council Meeting
12th-Commisioner's Meeting
26th-City Council Meeting

Public Education

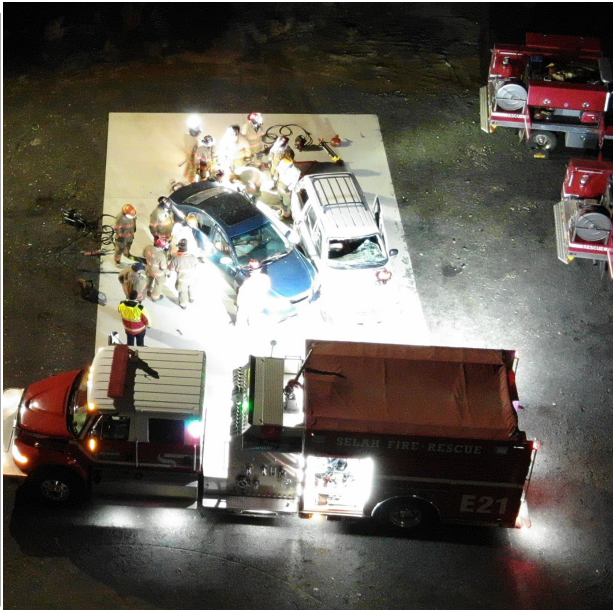
Public Education and Fire Prevention is going to be up and running in 2023. April will be an extremely busy month, John Campbell Primary will be sending over 13 classes, and 245 second grade children, to learn about EDITH House. Which stands for Exit Drills In The Home. The students will be taught the necessary skills needed to get out of their home in the event of a fire. They are taught of the importance of having a working smoke detector, an escape plan, and a meeting spot that will ensure that everyone in out safely. What they learn, can then be brought home and be implemented into their family's emergency escape plan and training. Each student will leave the station with safety material that has been provided through generous donations from local businesses, that they can share with their families. Robert Lince Early Learning is invited to the station in May, and the most important thing they will learn is that firefighters are not someone that they need to be afraid of, but someone that is there to help them. A firefighter demonstrates how to get into their personal protective gear, focusing on, even though our gear might look scary, we are just firefighters there to help them when needed. The Fire Prevention/Public Education Officer has also reached out to home school families, and they are invited to the station too. The Selah Fire Department has also been invited to participate in Career Days, and observes school evacuation drills at all levels. In all, The Selah Fire Department will educate hundreds of children on fire prevention.



YCFD 2 / Selah Fire will now have life jackets available to borrow for those that need one. They will be available at station 22 located at 1830 Harrison RD, Yakima WA, 98901. They will be outside on the front of the building and are available 24/7. Please use as needed and return so the whole community can share and stay safe around the water.

As the weather begins to warm and the days get longer you may notice our trucks and personnel out and about a little more often. There is a lot of training to catch up on for the year. Not only required by the state, but to keep our skills fresh for the many different types of emergencies we may respond to.

January marked the start of the 2023 SFD recruit School. This mandatory training entails 200+ hours of online study, classroom and lecture, hands on practical skills, Advanced First-Aid, and live fire training. As of mid-April we still have 15 student enrolled which is a very encouraging post pandemic student number. Class is expected to conclude at the end of May.



Want to help your neighbors and your community in new and exciting ways?

Selah Fire Department is always looking for volunteer firefighters to help with our ever-growing call volume. Selah Fire Department has an excellent volunteer training program that requires no prior Firefighting or emergency medical experience. For more information, please visit our website www.selahwa.gov/fire or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.



Is your home wildfire ready?
Have local professionals from your Selah Fire Department come out and assess your home at no cost to you! Find out more information and sign up at <https://wildfireready.dnr.wa.gov/>

