



THE FIRE WIRE

THE NORTHERN LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Fire Chief Dean S. Marcus Retiring After 23 Years with the Northern Lakes Fire Protection District

After moving to North Idaho in 1984 and doing various jobs in the construction industry, Chief Marcus began volunteering with the then-Hayden Lake Fire Protection District in 1992. Due to his mechanical skills and experience in supervising, he was promoted to the position of Engineer and shortly thereafter to Chief Engineer; with a primary focus on training the District's drivers/operators.

In 1993, Dean successfully ran as a Fire Commissioner and served dually as Volunteer Firefighter/Engineer and Board Member. During this time, he also completed training and became certified as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B).

When the Fire District began hiring full-time firefighters in 1995, then Volunteer Marcus tested and was hired that October, resigning as a Fire Commissioner. His initial duty was serving as a Firefighter/EMT/Driver Operator until transferring to the Fire Prevention Bureau in 1996 and being trained as a Fire Inspector; he also obtained his certification of Advanced EMT in 1997. As the District grew, he would be reassigned from the Bureau to the line and then back depending on the



staffing needs for our fast-growing community.

In 1996 Chief Marcus began serving as Secretary/Treasurer of the Greater Kootenai County Fire Prevention Co-Operative, an organization dedicated to promoting fire prevention and life safety as well as coordinating the sharing of resources among local agencies. He continues to serve as the Co-Op's Treasurer today, nearly 20 years later.

He was promoted to Fire Inspector/Lieutenant in 1998 and served as a shift Lieutenant when working on the line. In October 2000, the Hayden Lake Fire and Rathdrum Rural Fire Districts consolidated to form the new Northern Lakes Fire Protection District. When the District's

long-standing Fire Marshal, Anson Gable, retired in 2003, Dean was assigned as the interim Fire Marshal, eventually promoting to the position in 2004.

After serving for five different chiefs over the course of his time with the District, he applied for and was promoted to Fire Chief in August 2007. In conjunction with his responsibilities as the Chief of the District, he also served as the Idaho Fire Chiefs Association District 1 Director until 2013.

Chief Marcus will be enjoying his "long" vacation by helping his lovely wife, Mary, with her Alpine Greenhouses Nursery at their home in Garwood. He might also spend some time working on getting his golf handicap down a few points!

After all these many years, in so many different positions, and involved in every area of District operations, it's hard to imagine a Northern Lakes Fire District without him!



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Chief Marcus' last day with the District is January 29th with a Retirement Open House at Station 1 in Hayden from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please be sure to stop in and wish him well on his retirement!

From the Chief...

In 1992, after talking to a neighbor who suggested I visit the fire station in Hayden to meet with "the guys", I realized that volunteering for the Fire District was something I wanted to do. Little did I know how that would impact my life and set my path for the following 23 years. Serving my community has been very rewarding and my proudest accomplishment of my 67 years on this planet.

With January being my last month with the Fire District, I want to thank those who have supported me throughout my 23 years of fire

service that began with the Hayden Lake Fire Protection District which has since become the Northern Lakes Fire Protection District.

I trust you all had a great holiday season and made it safely through the crazy weather we experienced this past year! May 2016 bring you and yours good fortune and joy.

Beginning in February, my new contact information will be 208-660-0126 or email at alpinegh@roadrunner.com

Sincerely,
Dean S. Marcus
Fire Chief



Introducing Fire Chief Pat Riley

In 1995, Chief Riley had been working in the construction trade for many years and during some downtime, decided to visit the Hayden Lake Fire District station. Little did he know how that would change the course of his life! After a tour and meeting with the fire crews, he filled out an application and began volunteering. Within a year, he had completed basic firefighter training and received his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification.

Two years after first volunteering, the Fire District transitioned to full-time, 24 hour shift coverage and began a hiring process for firefighters. Future Fire Chief Riley applied, passed written and physical ability tests, and sat through oral interview boards. On October 4, 1997 he was hired as a full-time career Firefighter/EMT, a moment he considers to be one of the "great gifts of my life".

After taking advantage of every training opportunity to master his new profession, Pat was promoted to the rank of Fire Lieutenant in 2000, then as one of the District's first Fire Captains in 2010.



In 2011, the Division Chief of Training position opened up due to a retirement. After many hours of discussion with his family and mentors, Pat

made the decision to apply for and was promoted as Training Officer. As a chief officer, he again took every training and development opportunity to improve his leadership skills. Eight months later, he was promoted as the Deputy Chief of Operations in July 2012.

Early in 2014, Chief Marcus announced his intent to retire after 23 years of dedicated service. Just over 20 years since his first visit to the station, Pat Riley is now Chief of the Department and hopes to serve the members and constituents of the Northern Lakes Fire District for many years to come!





EMPLOYEE of the QUARTER

Since 2004, our employee of the quarter has been leading the way in fitness and healthy lifestyle at Northern Lakes Fire District. Engineer/Paramedic Tyler Denham was born in Spokane in 1982 and has lived in the Northwest his entire life. Growing up in Elk, Washington, Tyler has known hard work since a youngster working on local farms and dairies; even managing a tree farm when only 17 years old!

moved to a Hotshot crew in Coeur d'Alene.

Northern Lakes Fire was fortunate to hire Tyler as a firefighter in August 2004. He received his Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-A) certification in 2006 and was promoted to Driver/Engineer in 2011. The District was very proud when Tyler completed a year-long program and became a certified Paramedic in 2014.

Following his job of growing trees, Tyler began protecting them while working on a hand crew as a wildland firefighter for the United States Forest Service in Newport, Washington for three seasons (2001 through 2003). The following year Tyler

The District is honored to have such a valued employee who consistently works to develop his skills to provide the best service to his fellow members and our community. Please be sure to give Tyler an "atta boy" the next time you see him!

Tyler Denham

2016 District Awards Banquet

The District held its 3rd Annual Awards Banquet on January 16th to celebrate the past year and recognize individual and unit achievements.

Each year members of Northern Lakes Fire District nominate fellow members for special recognition as Firefighter of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Employee of the Year. At this year's event, special awards were also presented to three members for their 20 years of service to the District and to one member for 25 years.

The District awarded its first Community Partnership Award to Superintendent Brad Murray, on behalf of the Lakeland Joint School District #272, for their support of many training and

safety events during the past year involving both student and staff participation in the annual Mock Crash event at Lakeland High School, a decontamination drill, fire prevention presentations and for making safety a priority by meeting current fire codes.

Fire Commissioner Larry Clark received recognition for his 10 years as a member of the board and appreciation of his support and dedication to the District.

The highlight of each banquet is the life-saving awards. Members are recognized for saving a life in the line of duty that results in the individual being released from medical care to return to a productive, normal and functional life. This year's awards were given to seventeen members for their prompt, alert and precise medical care during field resuscitations of patients in full cardiac arrest.



Firefighter of the Year

L-R Chief Marcus with Jarrod Pitts, Firefighter of the Year

Years of Service Awards



L-R Pat Riley (20), Marc Ghirarduzzi (25), Jerry Moreau (20) & Brad Belmont (20)

Awards Banquet (continued)



L-R Volunteer of the Year Joe Mallrie with Chief Dean Marcus



Superintendent Brad Murray received Community Partnership Award on behalf of Lakeland Joint School District



L-R Employees of the Year Lori Brickey, Valerie Knapp & Penney Laird with Chief Marcus



Fire Commissioner Larry Clark awarded in recognition of his 10 Years of Support & Dedication

Life Saving Awards



L-R Eric Sorenson, Justin Brodin, Cody Moore, Phillip Duzet & Ryan Alltus



Gregg Haddick



L-R Scott Hochberger, Philip Foley, Burt Maines, Joe Mallrie, Aaron O'Brien, Amanda Tams & Caleb Tyler

Not pictured Brad Belmont, Matt Dill, Michael Duke, Jerry Moreau and Forrest Muthersbaugh



Helmet shields presented to three members who successfully completed their one-year probation.

Congratulations Caleb Tyler, Justin Brodin and Joshua Gernns!



Presentation of Colors by the Northern Lakes Fire Protection District Honor Guard (Members L-R Jarrod Pitts, Scott Hochberger, Phillip Duzet, Cody Moore, Eric Sorenson & Robert Jaeger)



Current members of the Northern Lakes Fire Protection District



Frozen lakes....Staying safe & dry this winter

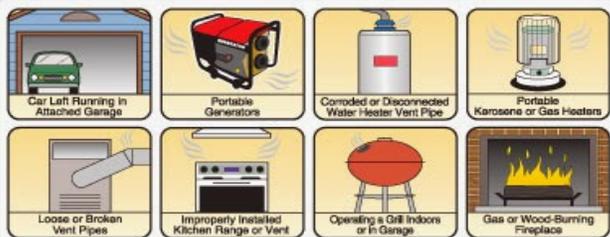
With so many beautiful lakes in our area, it's natural for outdoor enthusiasts to head out with fishing poles or cross county skis to take advantage of the open space when they freeze over. With the recent incident of a fisherman falling through thin ice on Twin Lakes, it is a wakeup call to always have safety as your number one concern before venturing out for a day on the ice. Following are some safety tips for those heading out onto our lakes this season:

- Always provide your location & times you plan to be on the ice to family or friends, and let them know when you return
- Go with a friend & not alone
- Wear a personal flotation device (there are now comfortable low profile styles)
- Check the ice thickness when in doubt; at least 4 inches of solid ice is needed to support an average adult
- Be aware of areas where water is flowing into the lake & avoid these areas
- If you do fall through, get out as quickly as possible & roll away from the hole until you reach stable ice
- Purchase a pair of hand spikes to carry around your neck on a rope to be able to pull yourself out if you fall in
- If you are unsure of conditions, *stay off the ice!*



Northern Lakes Fire District Ice Rescue Training on Hayden Lake

POTENTIAL SOURCES OF CO POISONING



- ⇒ Never use a generator or non-approved heating or cooking device indoors or in enclosed spaces such as garages, crawl spaces, or basements.
- ⇒ Always ensure generators are connected properly to electrical systems; contact an electrician or the power company for proper installation
- ⇒ Make sure there is a 3-4 foot clear space around generators, heaters and cooking devices for adequate ventilation and reduction of fire risk.
- ⇒ Do not place generators by doors, windows or vents as CO can enter the home.
- ⇒ Have working smoke detectors and CO detectors on all stories of your home.
- ⇒ For questions about safety related to gas fueled equipment, contact your local fire department or power company.

Carbon Monoxide...The Silent Killer

Did you know that according to the CDC approximately 400 people in the United States die annually from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning? Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is slightly lighter than air. It is often produced as a result of incomplete combustion often due to inadequately vented gas, oil, or wood-burning appliances. This gas is dangerous in the human body as it bonds to your red blood cells 250 times greater than oxygen, displacing the oxygen our bodies need to survive.

Symptoms of exposure to carbon monoxide can be mistaken as the flu, with headache, lightheaded-

ness, nausea, weakness, dizziness and confusion. Longer and higher exposures can lead to seizures, unconsciousness and death. If any symptoms are seen, get fresh air immediately and seek medical attention.

Carbon monoxide exposures increase during winter months. It is important to keep gas-powered devices for heating, cooking and power, vented properly and maintained. All homes should have a CO detector on each floor and near sleeping areas to alert occupants of unsafe levels of CO. If your alarm sounds, leave the home immediately and call 9-1-1.

Notable News...Applying for Grants

Since 2002, the Northern Lakes Fire District has applied for and been awarded more than \$2 million in grant funds for a wide array of equipment, training, facilities, and fire prevention supplies. Grants are an alternative revenue source to property taxes that the District works hard to take advantage of at every opportunity.

Our most recent grant application was completed this month for the 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding to replace all of the District's aging self-contained breathing apparatus with new equipment that meets current safety standards.

If awarded, this federal cost-sharing grant would fund 90% of the new equipment, or \$273,637, with the District's portion of only 10%, or \$27,363. A 2013 AFG was applied for and awarded with funds used to provide crucial leadership training to all the District's fire officers.

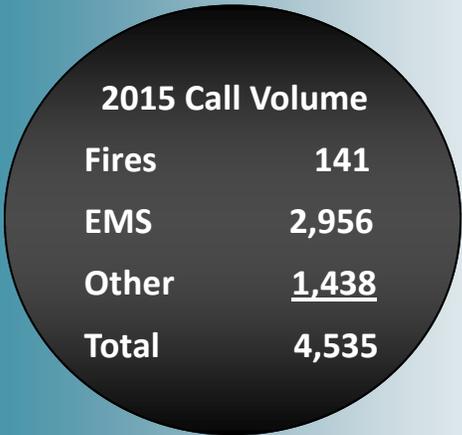
TOTAL GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO NORTHERN LAKES FIRE DISTRICT

Federal Grants		
2002 AFG PPE/Training Facility	FY 2002	\$ 129,050.00
2003 AFG Exhaust/Fitness Grant	FY 2003	160,662.00
2004 AFG SCBA Grant	FY 2004	205,569.00
2005 AFG EMS/Camp Lab Grant	FY 2005	278,540.00
2007 AFG Equip/PPE Grant	FY 2007	173,202.00
2008 AFG Fire Prev Media Center	FY 2008	15,746.00
ARRA 2009 SCG Sl 2 Replacement	FY 2011	1,054,120.00
2013 AFG Training	FY 2014	71,827.00
		\$2,038,716.00
State of Idaho Grants		
2002 IDL Grant/Wildland Gear	FY 2003	\$ 3,559.50
2005 EMS Grant/Training Materials	FY 2006	1,050.00
2005 ITD Grant/Extraction Equip	FY 2006	6,414.00
2009 IDL Grant/Fireline Packs	FY 2010	4,538.34
2013 ITD Grant/Extraction Equip	FY 2013	6,700.00
		\$ 22,261.84
Idaho Fire Chiefs Association		
2003 Idaho License Plate Grant	FY 2003	\$ 1,000.00
Fire Prev Coloring Books		
2006 Idaho License Plate Grant	FY 2006	1,000.00
Fire/Door Hangers for Station Open Houses		
2009 Idaho License Plate Grant	FY 2009	650.00
Training Room Mobile Projector		
2010 Idaho License Plate Grant	FY 2010	665.00
Juvenile Fire Setter DVDs		
2011 Idaho License Plate Grant	FY 2011	550.00
Public Education Video Camera		
2012 Idaho License Plate Grant	FY 2012	900.00
Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors		
2014 Idaho License Plate Grant	FY 2014	1,000.00
Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors		
		\$ 5,765.00
Kootenai Electric Grant		
Operation Round-Up Funds	FY 2008	\$ 870.00
Extraction Equipment		
Operation Round-Up Funds	FY 2009	1,725.00
75 Smoke Detectors Low-Income And Seniors		
		\$ 2,595.00
Miscellaneous		
Hayden Lake Eagles/CPR Equip	FY 2003	\$ 1,000.00
Idaho Community Foundation	FY 2008	1,500.00
Ice Rescue Sled, Suits, Life Jackets		
		\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL GRANT FUNDS AWARDED:		\$2,071,837.84

As of 01/2016

Year in Review — 2015

Increase in Calls Over Prior Year  **12%**



To submit ideas for future newsletters, please contact us at:

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In 2015, our personnel participated in 91 fire and injury prevention presentations to 6,314 children & adults, involving 374 personnel hours.

We gave 17 tours of our fire stations in Hayden and Rathdrum involving 375 people and 65 personnel hours.

Staff spent 24 hours during 2015 installing smoke detectors & child car seats, as well as juvenile fire setter interventions in our communities

Other prevention activities during 2015 included 40 fire investigations, reviews of 54 new commercial projects & 133 new residential buildings.