

Burning News from The Shaw Fire District

Call 911 for Emergencies

Medical Assistance

Don't hesitate to call 911. Our state certified volunteers are eager to assist with your medical emergency. The current Aid Team members are:

Phil Ekstrom
Paul Gingerich
Jed Lengyel
Roman Miller
Helen Riggins - Coordinator
Andrea Schmidt

Medical Advisors are:

Jack Lynch
Ingrid Lynch
Houston Taylor

Aid Team Requirements

Class time for EMT certification is 130 hours with certification renewed every three years. Aid team members are also required to attend monthly drill meetings.

Eleven individuals will be taking the upcoming EMT certification class including new recruits to the team.

**We are very grateful for the Shaw residents who volunteer for the Aid and Fire Teams.
The community is enriched by their dedication.**

Fire

The Fire Team members are:

Doug Baier
Cal Cary
Peter Christensen
Ray Glaze
Brud Joslin – Chief
Monte Larsen
Steve Mason
Roman Miller
Ken Molitor
Tim Nelson
Jack Rawls
Helen Riggins
Hardy Schmidt
Mike Simmering
Jon Troxel

Fire Fighter Requirements

The firefighters drill monthly, practicing basic skills and learning new techniques.

Would you like to serve your community as a firefighter?

Call Deanna for details 468-4560.

Shaw airstrip use for medically related purposes

Aid unit members are now able to arrange daylight air transportation via Island Air using the Shaw airstrip for non-emergency, medically related purposes. This can now be done in a wide variety of situations. Examples include:

- Family members of a patient who has gone off in the helicopter who wish to follow
- "Walking wounded": injured or ill persons who need to see a doctor, but can sit up and travel as ordinary passengers
- Patients undergoing chemotherapy or radiation treatments for whom ferry and car travel is burdensome.

The key elements here are the combination of medical need (not necessarily extreme need) with the ability to travel as an ordinary passenger, evaluation by an aid unit member, arrangements made by the aid unit member, and Island Air as the qualified operator into our rather unusual Shaw airstrip. Island Air will bill the cost of an ordinary charter flight to the traveler. The current charges for a charter from Shaw range from \$95 to \$340, depending on destination and aircraft capacity, plus a \$7 fuel surcharge for each person.

Of course if you have an emergency, or think that you might have one, please call 911 immediately. When in doubt, do call. We'd rather respond to ten non-serious calls quickly than to delay while one turns into something serious. If a non-emergency trip turns out to be an appropriate next step, we can now arrange one for you.

If there is no emergency, but you do need such transportation, contact an aid unit member. Helen Riggins or Phil Ekstrom can normally be contacted at NMT, 468-3375, during the day. Other unit members are Andy Schmidt, Roman Miller, Paul Gingerich, and Jed Lengyel.

Non Emergency Services

Child Car Safety

Barbara Dretske is a certified Child Car Safety Technician. Barbara is available to help with car seat installation, to help with determining the appropriate seat for your child and to answer questions regarding child car safety. The Fire Department has car seats and booster seats to loan if you need to transport a child when their seat is not available or when you have a visitor who needs one. Contact Barbara at 468-4318. If she is unavailable, call Deanna at 468-4560.

Did you know that all children under 4'9" need to be in a child car seat appropriate to their weight. Most accidents occur within 20 miles of home, so it is important to always properly buckle children into the appropriate seat. Always read and follow instructions in both your car owner's manual and car seat instruction booklet.

Bicycle Helmets and Life Jackets

Bicycle helmets and life jackets are available for your use and the use of your guests. Contact Helen Riggins at 468-3602 for helmets or life jackets.

Site Inspection

Contact Brud Joslin at 468-2788 or 378-7880 for a fire hazard on site inspection of your property.

CPR Training

CPR training for community residents is scheduled for spring 2006. Watch the kiosk for the date or contact Paula Molitor at 468-3035.

Reminders

Chimney sweep reminder

Maintain your chimney and fireplace properly. A fire hazard exists if ¼ inch (or more) of creosote coats the inner walls of the chimney. Have an inspection at least once a year.

Health Form Reminder

Keep an updated Health Form in a plastic bag inside your refrigerator door. The forms are available on the kiosk.

Physical Address: If you haven't done so already, please mark your driveway with your address to assist the aid team and firefighters when responding to a call at your home. If you do not have a physical address, contact Helen Riggins 468-3602 for the appropriate form.

Vocal Smoke Alarms: The District still has some FREE vocal smoke alarms. If you are a Shaw resident and have a child or children in your home or you have hearing loss, you qualify to receive one. If you haven't gotten your smoke alarm yet, please contact Deanna at 468-4560.

San Juan County Fire Protection District #5

Fire Commissioners - Tim Riggins, Kathi Melville, Jaime Smith
Secretary - Deanna Shannon

We are here to serve you

Fire Commission Meetings are held the first Monday on or after the 10th of the month at 7:00 pm at the Community Building. The public is welcome to attend.