

## Ask Firefighter Jim

So, who is “Firefighter Jim”? My name is Jim Lyon. I entered the fire service just over six years ago, through the back door if you will, as a retired educator with 21 years of teaching experience, mostly in Alaska, but with no previous fire service.

I soon completed training and became a certified firefighter, with additional training in injury and fire prevention. When I began working with children in schools, teachers were introducing me to their students as “Firefighter Jim” and the name has stuck.

My job responsibilities for KCFR focus on the prevention of injuries and fires along with being the Public Information Officer. Through this work I have met many outstanding professionals in my department along with the several agencies providing emergency services throughout Kootenai County and beyond. When I have questions, these are the ones I go to for answers.

I will be the first to admit that my experience and knowledge of the “how, what, and whys” of the world of emergency services is limited but I also have no problem finding those who can best answer a question.