

Social Media Policy



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District Chief _____

Date _____

Commission Chair _____

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PURPOSE - To establish guidelines for the public to interact on the Districts social media platforms.

POLICY – South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue may allow members of the public to respond and engage with each District social media page, but reserves the right to restrict or remove any content, including content deemed in violation of this policy or any applicable law, including, but not limited to the items listed below. Any individual accessing, using, posting or commenting on a District social media page, accepts without limitation or qualification, accepts the terms of this policy. The District retains the right to modify its policies without notice and any such modification shall be effective immediately. Users of District social media further recognize that such use is governed by the terms of service and privacy policies of the underlying social media service provider.

The District’s social media constitutes a limited public forum. The District monitors these sites on a regular basis and reserves the right to restrict or remove any content that is deemed in violation of the District’s social media policy or any applicable law. The District’s social media moderators have the responsibility to review all comments posted in a timely manner. Any posting or comment which violates this policy may be removed without notice.

1. Content that does not pertain to Fire District business
2. Content that violates any federal, state, or local law.
3. Comments that are off-topic and are unrelated to the particular site being commented upon.
4. Comments made for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of a person to an office, or for the promotion of or opposition to a ballot proposition. Such a use of District social media pages is specifically prohibited by this policy and RCW 42.17A.555, subject to exceptions stated therein.
5. Solicitations of commerce, including but not limited to advertising of any business or produce for sale.
6. Profane language or content or links to such language or content.
7. Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, color, ancestry, religion or creed, sex, national origin, marital status, age, physical or mental disability or perceived disability, medical condition, pregnancy related condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or political affiliation or belief.
8. Sexual content or links to sexual content.
9. Conducting or encouragement of illegal activity.
10. Content that violates any legal ownership interest.
11. Threats to persons or organizations.
12. Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems.
13. Content made pursuant to an official duty that tends to compromise or damage the mission, function, reputation or professionalism of South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue or its employees or volunteers.
14. Communications made on District social media does not constitute official notice to the District or any District personnel. Public Record requests may not be made via social media posts and must be submitted directly to the District's Public Record Officer consistent with the District's Public Record Policy.