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Coeur d'Alene Fire Department

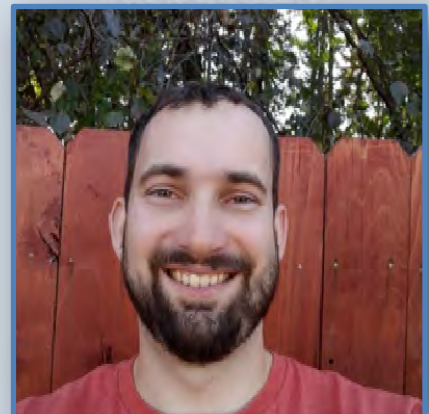
You may have seen the CDAFD Red Shift crew out at Riverstone undertaking the very important business of ice rescue training. They hope you never find yourself needing to be rescued from an icy situation, but rest assured the firefighters work hard to be prepared for whatever winter will bring.



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TRAVIS STEPPER WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATOR II WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Municipal Milestones recently caught up with newly hired Wastewater Treatment Operator II Travis Stepper, to learn more about his role with the City.

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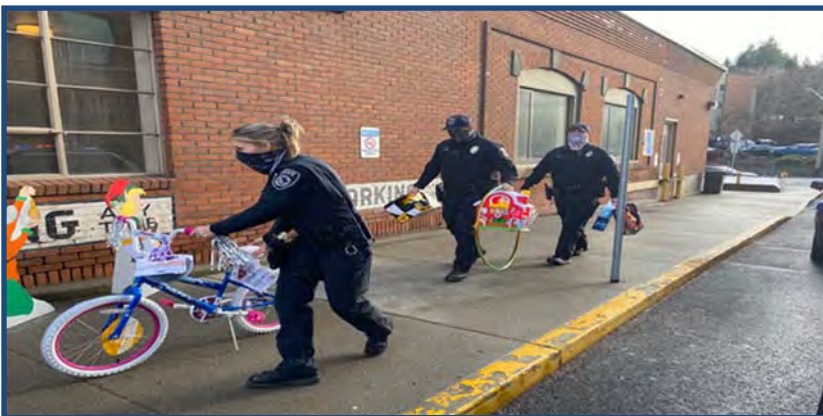
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CDAPD Foundation

The CDAPD Foundation's 2020 Children's Hospital Toy Drive came to a wonderful conclusion when Foundation members and Police Explorers delivered 64+ boxes (6.0 cubic feet each) of toys and gifts to the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital in Spokane. This year, an estimated \$34,000 worth of toys, cash and gift cards were donated by the community for this cause. They would like to give an extra thank you this year to Walmart for donating \$5,000, and the Les Schwab Tire Centers throughout Kootenai County for donating \$2,500.

For the past five toy drives, including this year, gracious community members have donated an estimated total of \$94,000 in toys, cash and gift cards.

Many children will spend the holiday season in a hospital fighting through or recovering from their illnesses. These young patients will be without the comfort of home, family, and gifts. While home and family can not be brought to these young patients, the goal is to bring some holiday cheer by providing them with gifts, smiles, and well wishes from the CDAPD Foundation.



Tell us a little bit about your background and experience: I grew up in Cheney, Washington but moved to Idaho a few years ago. The last five years I was a wastewater operator at the Spokane County Wastewater plant and have my class IV license. Aside from non-water-related work, I have worked with Blue Water Technologies as well as a summer with the CDA Water Department. I went to Spokane Community College and graduated with an Associates of Applied Sciences in Water Resources.

What kind of training do you need to be a Wastewater Treatment Operator? Wastewater treatment operators need to be more or less a "jack of all trades". There is no specific training needed to be a wastewater operator, but a general knowledge of chemicals, science, plumbing, heavy equipment, mechanics, and technology is a must.

What does a Wastewater Treatment Operator do? Wastewater operators keep their plant running efficiently and the surrounding waters safe from pollutants and excessive nutrients.

What do you enjoy most about your job? I enjoy fine tuning the minor details of a plant and then seeing those improvements make a difference within the plant overall.

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Winter Reading BINGO Challenge

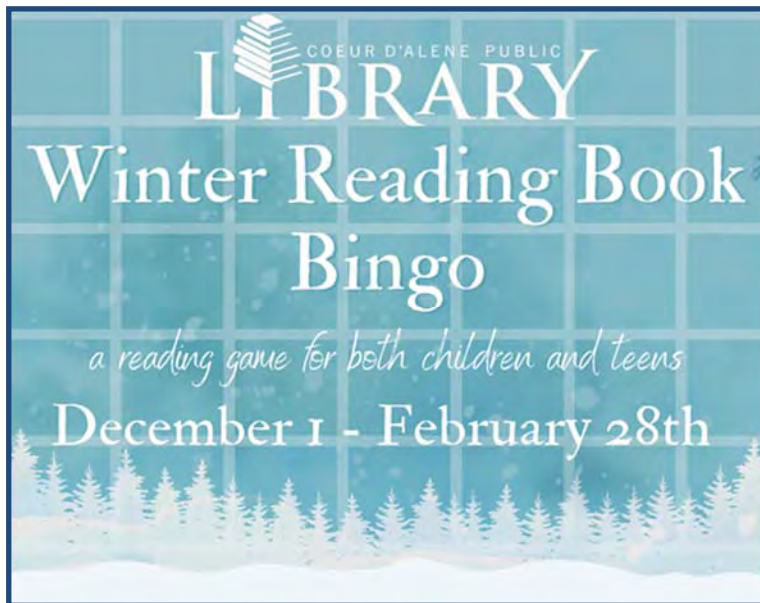
The Winter Reading BINGO challenge is the Library's annual winter reading program that runs from December through February.

You can pick up a printed copy of the BINGO card from the library curbside service or you can download the children's pdf BINGO card here:

tinyurl.com/cdakidslibrarywinterreading

and the teen's pdf BINGO card here:

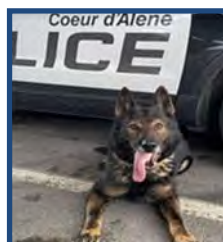
tinyurl.com/cdateenwinterbingo.



Finish the activities, check them off (using the downloaded pdf), and email your finished card to the Children's Librarian (youthsupervisor@cdalibrary.org), or the Teen Librarian (cdateens@cdalibrary.org) and you can win free books and the chance to win a Kindle Fire!

K9 Halo

K9 Halo assisted the Post Falls Police Department in locating a key piece of evidence in regard to a violent crime. The CDA Police Department is always willing to help other law enforcement agencies in the area. Great job, K9 Halo!



What about your family and interests?

My wife and I enjoy hunting, fishing, and hiking with our chocolate lab. Wastewater treatment is important to me because I like to spend my weekends on the river.

What do you love most about Coeur d'Alene and North Idaho? I like the hunting and fishing opportunities. It's great to be able to get in the woods in under an hour.

