

For Firefighters on 24-Hour Shifts, Avenue Dental Care North Spokane Offers a Same-Day Option

Dr. Navdeep Virk is holding same-day emergency slots and waiving costs for firefighters, EMS, and law enforcement during Spokane County's wildfire response.

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Firefighters working 24-hour shifts during wildfire season face a scheduling problem most patients don't: by the time a shift ends, most dental offices are closed, and the next one starts before many reopen. [Avenue Dental Care North Spokane](#), led by [Dr. Navdeep Virk](#), is addressing that gap by holding same-day emergency slots for firefighters, EMS personnel, and other first responders serving in the current wildfire response across Spokane County and eastern Washington — no insurance requirement, no out-of-pocket cost.



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"Cost isn't the only barrier for people on rotating shifts — timing is just as real a problem," said Dr. Virk. "If someone calls us with a dental emergency and they're due back on shift in a few hours, we want to be able to work them in that same day, not next week."

The need reflects the scale of current demand on Spokane's emergency services. Spokane Fire Department crews responded to 54,312 calls in 2024, about 82 percent medical, according to department figures — a workload now stretched further by wildfire response duties. The department's roots go back to volunteer companies formed in 1884, and its firefighters' union, IAFF Local 29, chartered in 1918, was a founding member of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

The program covers emergency issues only — pain, infection, swelling, broken or knocked-out teeth, and lost fillings or crowns — Monday through Friday. Personnel on 24-hour shifts or deployed rotations are asked to call ahead so the practice can hold a slot.

"This isn't about a discount — it's about making sure access actually works for how these shifts are structured," Dr. Virk added.

Free Emergency Dental Appointment
— Offer Details

Offer: Free emergency dental appointment (exam, necessary X-rays, and urgent treatment as clinically indicated)
Eligibility: Career and volunteer firefighters, EMTs and paramedics, law enforcement officers, and 911 dispatchers, including out-of-area personnel deployed to the current fires

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Our firefighters and first responders protect us every day. Avenue Dental Care North Spokane is honored to support them with urgent dental care when emergencies arise”

Dr. Navdeep Virk

Verification: Department ID, badge, or deployment paperwork

Availability: Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Avenue Dental Care North Spokane, 755 E Holland Ave, Spokane, WA 99218

Phone: (509) 467-8000

Avenue Dental Care North Spokane is not affiliated with the Spokane Fire Department, Spokane County Fire District, or IAFF Local 29. For evacuation levels, air quality, and shelter information, residents should follow [Spokane](#)

[County Emergency Management](#) and Spokane Regional Emergency Communications directly.

About: Led by Dr. Navdeep Virk with Dr. Gregg Liedtka in restorative and implant dentistry, Avenue Dental Care North Spokane provides general, cosmetic, and emergency dental care to the Spokane community.

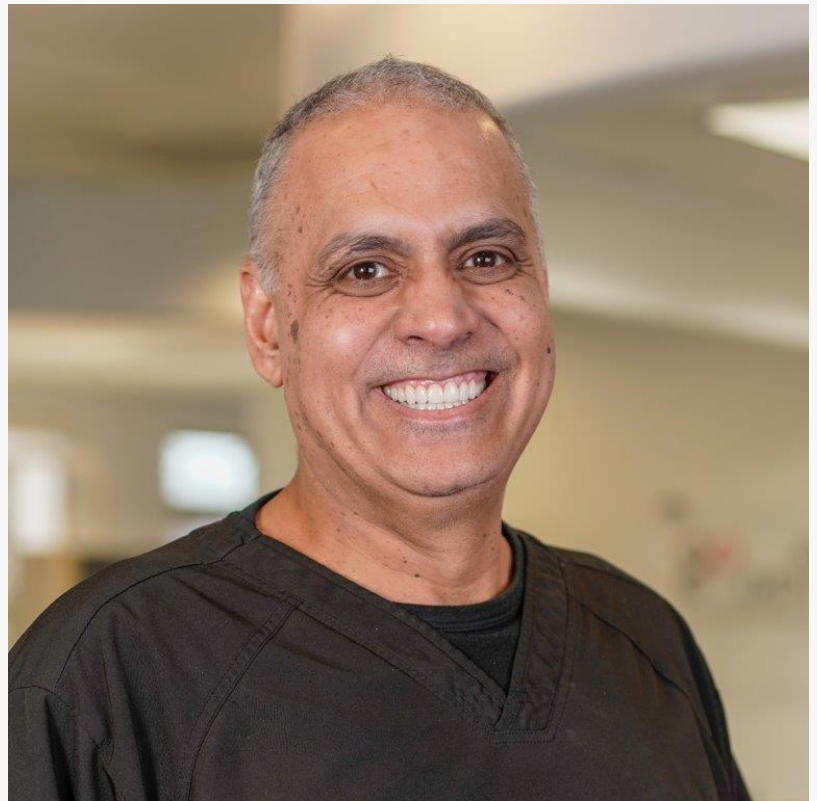
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