September # of calls

Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue responded to 226 calls this month. Yearly total 1989

Community Outreach

October was fire prevention month. During the month we provided education to over 1,500 students from all our different schools. Thank you to everyone who participated.

As mentioned previously, we raised over $15,000.00 for MDA. This month Blue Ridge was presented with the traveling axe award. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Reminder:

The Christmas Dinner will be held at Blue Ridge Community College on December 10th beginning at 6:30pm. Please make plans to attend. The sign up sheet is posted downstairs in the main room.

Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue

Featured Fire: "The Great Chicago Fire"

Buildings destroyed: 17,500 buildings
Dates: Oct 8, 1871 – Oct 10, 1871
Location: Chicago, IL
Fatalities: 300 killed (estimated)
Burned area: 2,112 acres
Financial Damage: Over 200 million dollars

Many theories have been discussed throughout history about what started the Great Chicago Fire, however the most famous is Mrs. O Leary's cow. The story states that Mrs. O Leary lit a lantern in the barn the night of the fire, and the cow kicked over the lantern beginning the most destructive fire in Chicago.

- Fire Prevention Month in October consisted of visiting Upward Elementary, Hillandale Elementary, Mountain Community, and Seventh Day Adventist. There were many visits made to the department where kids went through a small agility test to prove their skills.

Other events during October: Fall Frolic- This event was held on a Saturday at Flat Rock Park. Many people attended and Blue Ridge represented with personnel and trucks.

Farm City Day- This event was also held on a Saturday at Jackson Park. Many people attended and were presented with fire prevention material.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Chief Will Sheehan on the Hometown Hero award. This award was presented to 15 first responders who go above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you Chief for leading by example.