

FIRE HOUSE NEWS

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Rocky Point Fire & EMS

Chili Cook-off

Sunday, July 28, 2024

Bonanza Park

10:00 - 5:00

Cooks Needed !!

\$20 Entry Fee

To sign up please contact Theresa Peterson: Theresa8072@gmail.com or 541-892-3032.

There's Two Categories: Peoples Choice and Homestyle. Each category with it's own set of rules.

Peoples Choice

Can be cooked off premises
Must Have at least 2 gallons

Homestyle

Must be cooked on premises
Must prepare at least 2 gallons
Meat can be pre-cut off premises

PRIZES: \$200 - 1st Place
\$100 - 2nd Place
\$ 50 - 3rd Place

PRIZES: \$300 - 1st Place
\$200 - 2nd place
\$100 - 3rd place

Tickets will be sold for tasting/judging.

You can enter either or both categories.

Must bring your own canopy, table, chairs, cooking implements and cooking methods (BBQ, stove)

Silent Auction

We have some awesome baskets for the
Silent auction!

BBQ by RPF

Full Meal Deal includes chips, potato salad & all
the fixin's!

Hamburger \$15 Hot Dog/Brat \$10

50/50 Ticket Sales

Not a chili cook? Come on out - taste and judge the chilis

This is a fundraiser to supplement the 2024-2025 RPF budget.

Come on out and help support your local fire department and help keep
our emergency medical services available

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NEXT REGULAR FIRE BOARD MEETING

July 9 at 9:00 am

Everyone is welcome to come and listen.

Be sure to check the www.rpfire.com website or the kiosk in front of the fire hall for the official minutes of the June board meeting and/or the July Agenda.

Board Members Emails

There is one email address for the board. That email address is: board@rpfire.com.

Public Assist:

Remember, if you or a family member falls, indoors or outdoors, and you need help getting up, call 911. They will dispatch your local fire department, and we will come assist you in getting up. This is referred to as "Public Assist" and there is no charge, **unless** you have injured yourself and we need to transport you to the hospital.

Around the Station

Congratulations to Ty Collins and Carl Taylor who achieved their Firefighter 1 certifications.

The fire season grant we were awarded to have paid staff on board for the 2024 fire season begins July 1, 2024. Shane Cartwright and Ty Collins will be coming on as paid staff. August 31st will end the CWDG grant and Eric Krueger, Carl Taylor and Dustin Wyble will no longer be paid staff on that grant. Dustin will move to the fire season grant and remain as paid staff through September 30.

The luxury that we have come to enjoy and count on, over the past couple years, of having paid staff on board with fast response times will come to an end September 30. Not only that, but when they are no longer paid staff we are likely to lose them. They need jobs and Rocky Point doesn't offer a lot of options for career minded firefighters.

Effective October 1, 2024 the only paid staff will be the Chief and the Fire Station will once again only be staffed Monday through Wednesday at noon.

Dustin and Carl report having learned a lot at the OVFA Conference at Chemeketa College last week.

We really need volunteers!!

Medical Air Transport Memberships

We would encourage every resident of Rocky Point to be a member of both Airlink and Mercy Flights. In a medical emergency where air transport is critical, we have no control over which service will respond. The one that is currently available will be the one responding.

Even though Airlink will no longer be providing helicopter service from Klamath Falls, they will be providing helicopter service from Bend and fixed wing service from Klamath Falls. Your membership continuation is important in the case of a medical emergency when Airlink from Bend provides the flight service. The membership is honored State wide. In fact, your Airlink Membership is good Nation Wide. And keep in mind, your Airlink ambulance coverage is separate from your air transport coverage and you want to keep both.

We want to encourage you to also carry a Mercy flight membership as they will be providing service out of Medford. The memberships do not cross over. And Mercy Flights does not provide service nationwide.

The cost of carrying both memberships is minimal compared to an air transport bill.

First Aid Tip

Remember to stay hydrated. You should include juice and caffeine free sport drinks in addition to water. Sports drinks help restore the lost electrolytes you lose when sweating

Be sure to apply sunscreen before going out in the sun.

Address Signs

When you experience an emergency and call 911 for help, we need to be able to find you. Do you have your house number posted in plain site on the street? If you need an address sign for your property, call the station; 541-356-2100. If no one answers, please leave a message.

We need Chili Cook-off Entries!!

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Rocky Point is a Firewise Community!

Firewise Committee Update

Greetings Firewise Community,

Open burning has closed for the season!!

Fourmile Rock Quarry will remain open for brush debris. RPFire will inform the community when the Quarry is back open after the recent fire in that area.



Your Firewise Committee would like to thank all residents that have been logging hours and turning in worksheets. At this time we are asking for worksheets to be turned in at the Fire Department and for you to start a new sheet.

Worksheets may be picked up at the Fire Department or by printing from RPFire.com.

These worksheets are needed to continue our status as a Firewise Community.

We invite everyone to contact a committee member, listed below for additional information.

Committee members: Diana Newdall, Jerry Higgins, Greg Hoskins, Steve McKee, Del Ramsdel, Rod & Linda Golart, Steve Hill, and David Reed.

The committee may be reached at:
rockypointfirewiseconnection@gmail.com

CWDG Update

As always, to stay informed with up to date information regarding wildfire preparedness and the goings on with your Rocky Point Fire & EMS department give us a call (541) 356-2100, check our website www.rpfire.com or send your email address to rpfirefightersassoc@gmail.com and ask to be added to our outreach list.

Firewise Reminder

Be sure to check the Rocky Point Fire & EMS website (rpfire.com) frequently for information, updates, and in the case of any disaster or emergency, important instructions.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We can better serve you, in case of a house fire, if we have information available, in advance, regarding your floor plan and property design. Please go to the rpfire.com website, click on Chief's Desk then select Pre-Fire Planning Form. Print the form and fill it out including a drawing of your residence floor plan, and return it to the fire department.

All information will be kept confidential

Rocky Point Firewise Connection

Firewise USA® is a nationwide program that provides formal recognition to communities implementing actions to protect people and properties from the risk of fire in the wildland urban interface. Participants reduce their wildfire risks by actively participating in the program and completing requirements each year.
<https://www.nfpa.org>

Fire Tip

If you have a drone and know there is a fire near by, please don't fly your drone. If it is spotted flying during an active fire air attack, all efforts to stop the fire by air will be halted. That could very well cause the loss of the entire community.

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SIGN UP FOR THE CHILI COOK-OFF

Support Rocky Point Fire & EMS

July 28, 2024 – Held In Bonanza

\$20 Entry Fee (see page 1)

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Rules for the Cook-Off Category – People's Choice

1. There are no rules. This is a friendly competition of who has the best chili!! In Peoples Choice the chili does not have to be made on site. It can be made at home, bought at the store or stolen from your neighbor, then warmed before serving. We ask that you bring at least 2 gallons. It is to your benefit to have an endless supply so that you have plenty of samples to give out. The more you give out, the more votes you are eligible to receive. The People's Choice will start at 10:30 am and continue on until approximately 4:30 pm when we will collect your can of votes for counting.

2. In People's Choice Chili you can use your favorite recipe or one you found on the Internet. The only requirement in People's Choice Chili is **the chili has to have either beans or pasta.**

3. You will need to bring with you the day of the cook-off: chili, of course, and plenty of it. You will need to provide a non-electric stove to keep the chili warm, a serving ladle, thermometer and if at all possible a table and chairs. You will be given a 10'X10' area for you to serve. It is also recommended that you have some type of covering for your booth, a pop-up tent is best. We will have on hand an extra table and two chairs for each booth that does not have their own. You will need to let us know if they are needed. Last, but definitely not the least.....Have fun!!!

Rules for the Home Style Chili haven't been released yet. We will email them as soon as we get them in hand.

Quarry Update

The Quarry is open for dumping. Please follow the guidelines (rules). No Commercial Dumping. No Dimensional Lumber and No household trash.



The following was copied from a post on Facebook posted by a fire agency.

You might as well turn this sucker off!

All the fire departments in the county need help. We've heard all the excuses. I can't commit to (fill in the blank), I'm not always available, I'm too young/old, I don't know anything about it. They are just excuses. We are all volunteers. We can when we can and we can't when we can't.



This is an incredible job you get paid for in ways that aren't money. If you've ever thought about it, contact the VFD in your area. The hardest part, is walking through that station door the first time. We all live in the communities we serve. How can you make a difference?

Every fire department across the country needs help.

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Twice Again RPFD First on Fire Scene!

In the month of June we had two wildland fires and Rocky Point Fire was the first responders on both of the fires: Odessa Campground fire and Harriman Fire.

On both fires, Rocky Point Fire Department stopped the forward movement of the fires and held them until forestry departments arrived and took over command .

Odessa Campground Fire

Sunday, June 16th Rocky Point Fire & EMS units responded to a report of an unattended and escaped campfire with a rapid rate of spread in the area of Odessa Campground.



Once on scene firefighters had an approximate 1/4 acre fire in heavy brush and timber. They quickly got hose lines established and were able to get forward progress stopped and mop-up started. Roughly 20 minutes in, ODF and US Forest Service units arrived and incident command was transferred.



Harriman Fire

Saturday, June 22, at 12:39 pm Rocky Point Fire & EMS responded to a smoke report at the Four Mile Rock Quarry. Your local volunteer firefighters were first on scene. Once on scene they quickly applied water to the fire and slowed the spread of the fire until additional help arrived from



other agencies.

Once the other agencies arrived on scene, forest service took over command of the fire.

Harriman Fire - continued

And then the wind came up and the fire flared and jumped the fire line that had been established and once again firefighters were fighting active fire. The wind continued to feed the fire and spotting started occurring. Campers had to be evacuated.

Two air tankers, a dozer, a couple of helicopters, several water tenders, Keno Fire, ODF Fremont-Winema, OSP and Law Enforcement were all involved. District 1 - station 4 crew was on stand-by at the RP fire station as well.

Your local volunteer fire-fighters remained at scene for over seven hours until released.

A big thank you to all who served on this fire.

This should be a big wake up call to all of the Rocky Point Community. With a local fire department, response time to a call is quick. The 30 to 40 minute response time from Klamath Falls, if we didn't have a local fire department, could be the difference between these two fires being success stories and being stories of destruction and disaster. Fire can travel fast and the wait time for a response from Klamath Falls, Keno or Chiloquin is too long. Remember neither ODF or Fremont Winema has fire equipment stationed in our area.

We need your involvement, support and financial help to keep our doors open and keep this fire department here in Rocky Point.

Thank you.

June Calls:

ALS 11

MVA 3

Public Assist 1

Smoke Report 3 - Once on Scene: 2 were wild fires



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June 8th Fire Prevention Fair



Thank you to all of the helpers on this event and to all who came out to support us. It was a good turn out, all though there were a lot of community members we didn't see at the event. We had people from California and from Reno, NV attending.

The information was readily available and free to everyone. There were lots of free handouts and trinkets and treasures to be had by the attendees



The silent auction had some wonderful baskets to bid on and did very well.

Sharon Nettleson won the 50/50 and donated all but \$20 of her winnings to the fire department. Thank you Sharon.



Outlaw Wood Products was one of the vendors that attended. They had some really cool stuff for sale.



We want to send out a big thank you to two ODF crew members, Teal and Frank, who stepped up at the end of the day and helped us take down the tents. They will never understand completely how deeply we appreciated their act of support and kindness.

This event brought in a little over \$10,000 profit. We hope the event in July will bring in as much or more.

If you are available and could volunteer a few hours of your time in Bonanza, Sunday July 28, please contact us and let us know. We have need for servers, 50/50 ticket sales, silent auction helpers, cashiers, and chili chefs. We need lots of chili cook off entries. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in two categories. See page 1. See page 4 for rules and entry form.



Basin Transit Services provides free rides between Klamath Falls and Rocky Point and Lake of the Woods. They have a place on the Kiosk in front of the Fire Station with their schedule. The Rocky Point Fire Station is the pick up and drop off location in Rocky Point.

Fire Season Danger has risen to HIGH!

We emailed the official letter, from Southern Central Oregon Fire Management Partnership & Lakeview Interagency Fire Center, out to the community last week. And we are attaching it to this email as it contains the Public Use Restrictions that went into effect June 27.