

FIRE HOUSE NEWS

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ROCKY POINT FIRE & EMS FUNDRAISERS



All Rocky Point Fire & EMS fundraisers will be held at the fire station: 25600 Rocky Point Rd.

All proceeds will support your local Fire Department

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Firehouse News, the official fire department newsletter, will now be posted every month on the website: rpfire.com

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NEXT REGULAR FIRE BOARD MEETING

November 14 at 10:00 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 October board meeting.

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There's a rumor passing through Rocky Point that Mike Cook, Fire Chief of Chiloquin Fire and EMS will take over Rocky Point Fire & EMS. And like most rumors, there is no truth in it, and no facts available to verify the rumor. At the September RPF Board of Directors meeting, during the public input portion, this rumor was brought up by a resident in the community. Brandon Fowler, Klamath County Emergency Management and Sheriff's Office, also a member of the Chiloquin Fire Board of Directors was present and immediately responded to the inquiry. He stated that at the last Chiloquin Fire Board of Directors meeting this was on the agenda and once the minutes of that board meeting are approved, the minutes will be shared with Chief Walker-Pope and will be posted on the rpfire.com website. This should dispel the rumor and the false assumptions of this community. Chiloquin Board of Directors has no interest in taking over Rocky Point Fire & EMS. Their only interest is in mutual aid, in the event that mutual aid is requested by Rocky Point Fire & EMS. Please check the rpfire.com website and read the Chiloquin Board of Directors minutes for your self, so you know the truth and then help stop this rumor.

Rocky Point Fire & EMS Quilt Raffle

Raffle tickets, 6 for \$5.00, are for sale from any one of the volunteers or at the fire department. **ALL** proceeds from the sale of these raffle tickets will go to the fire department. The winning ticket will be drawn at the November Bake Sale. You do not need to be present to win.

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022



Beginning at 10:00am to 2:00pm or until all the goodies are sold, whichever comes first.

All proceeds from this event will go to the fire department. If you have a favorite holiday goodie you would love to make and donate to the bake sale we will be happy to accept your donation. Donations will be accepted at the fire station beginning at 7:00 am that Saturday. Or if you can't be there on Saturday, call and we can make arrangements for a volunteer to meet you Friday.



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Around The Station

The mobile home arrived Tuesday, October 25 and was set in place. Now to get the plumbing and electricity hooked up. Furnishings, lamps, and kitchen and bathroom items are being selected and placed. Soon we will have an appropriate living quarters for our out of the area volunteers to stay in when they are on standby at the station to respond to emergency calls.

The chili and cornbread fundraiser netted us \$2087.00. There were numerous comments about how delicious the chili was. And for dessert we served berry or cherry crumble topped with a choice of ice cream or whipped cream. If anyone went away hungry it was their fault!

It was a great day and we enjoyed meeting and visiting with the community. Thank you for coming out and showing your support.

We want to thank the Quilt Ladies for their support as well. We received a \$200 donation from the Fall Festival Quilt Ticket sales. Thank you Ladies!

Training for October was testing hose to be sure all the hose we have on the rigs are in good shape and aren't going to sprout leaks while we are out fighting a fire. That is most inconvenient when that happens! We also reviewed standing orders, how to complete a PCR, and reviewed the importance of being diligent about getting all of the information and pictures needed for billing while at the scene. Training was also provided on how to complete EF Recovery claims.

The OSHA medical consultation went very well and we got good ratings and compliments. Your local fire department is in good shape. We just need more local volunteers.

Do you have a heart for helping people in need? Volunteering even just one day a week would be a huge help. Do you have one day a week that you could volunteer to be a driver, help with traffic control, or be the person responsible for recording the information needed for billing, while on scene? You don't have to be an EMT, firefighter or even an EMR to be a valuable volunteer on the fire department. First Aid and CPR are required, and we will help you get that by offering classes right here.

Volunteer Profile



Meet Capt. Wyble. Dustin Wyble grew up in the city of Norco, California, where he got his first taste of fire chasing with his father. Since moving to Oregon he interned as a firefighter at Shady Cove and then volunteered at Lake Creek. He worked at Lake of the Woods, and found time to go camping and fishing, which gave him the opportunity

to become familiar with the area and of different access roads which has proven very valuable in getting us to the scene faster on numerous occasions. He has been volunteering at Rocky Point Fire & EMS for 3 years.

Dustin has Oregon State certification as a Firefighter 1, Hazmat Ops, Wildland FF2, EVOC, and EMT. His next goal is to become a DPSST certified Instructor 1. He takes care of rig maintenance and makes sure the rigs are ready to respond. Dustin currently resides at the fire station, which having someone readily available to respond, allows for a faster response time.

Dustin was the lead paid staff firefighter of three we had on staff from July 15 to October 15, through the Oregon State Fire Marshall's Staffing grant.

Thank you Dustin for your commitment to excellence, as well as selfless ability to serve the residents of Rocky Point and patrons of Klamath Falls that travel HWY 140.

Congratulations

Congratulations to David Carpenter who has recently become the Rocky Point Fire & EMS Division Chief. David has extensive experience in firefighting having worked in California as a firefighter for a number of years. He lives in Rocky Point and provides another level of command for the department.

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Safety Tip

Make sure your car windows are clean, and the heating and defrosting system is working correctly before leaving home. Put a blanket in your car and make sure you always take your meds, snacks and water with you. You never know when you might be held up for a number of hours on the highway due to traffic accidents. Make it a habit to drive on the top half of the fuel tank also.

Parking Restrictions at the Fire Station

With the completion of the new septic system, parking or driving on the grass will no longer be acceptable. Parking is available in the lot across from the fire station on Fugar Way. The new septic tank can not be driven on and the tank is located between the Kiosk & Pine tree and the building in front of the Aspen Room. We can no longer drive through there or back up to the Aspen Room door to load or unload. Please help protect the new system by following the new guidelines. Thank you.

MedCare Network

We want to encourage every resident of Rocky Point to be a member of Air MedCare Network (Airlink). Because time is of the essence, in the case of a stroke we will almost always call for the launch of the helicopter. Because we are 45 minutes or more from the hospital, depending on the seriousness of your injuries or emergency, we won't hesitate to call for Airlift if your life depends on it. If you are a member of Air MedCare Network, you won't be left with a huge transport bill. In a medical emergency you need the peace of mind that finances aren't going to be an issue. Applications are available at the fire hall.

You might also consider obtaining membership with Mercy Flights in case an Air Link helicopter isn't available.

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. We can help you

Fire Tip

When the cold weather arrives, so too does the portable heating equipment, pulled out of the garage or closet and fired up to keep us warm.

Heating equipment is a leading cause of fires in U.S. homes. According to the NFPA, fire departments responded to approximately 52,000 fires involving heating equipment each year during the years 2012 to 2016 -15% of all reported home fires.

So how can we stay warm without creating a fire hazard? The NFPA offers these tips for safe space heater use:

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from any-thing that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic.
- Never block an exit.
- Keep children and pets away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly in the wall outlet.
- Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

If your space heater catches fire, call 911 immediately. If possible, close the door to the room where the space heater is located before exiting the building.



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First Aid Tip

Cold Weather – Frostbite

The affected body part, most commonly fingers, toes, or ears, first becomes numb and then acquires a bright red color. Eventually the area loses its color and changes to a pale white. There may be a loss of feeling and sensation in the injured area. If the area is re-warmed, the patient may experience a tingling feeling.

Warming a superficial frostbite must be done quickly and carefully. Usually putting the fingers, toes or ears next to a warm body part is sufficient. For example, place frostbitten fingers in the armpits.

DO NOT try to warm a frostbitten area by rubbing it. NEVER rub snow or ice on a suspected frostbitten area.

In the case of severe frostbite, the skin will be white and waxy and it may appear firm or frozen. Swelling and blisters may be present. DO NOT break the blisters or rub the area. DO NOT apply heat to the area or allow the patient to walk on an affected lower extremity.

Remove any jewelry and cover the extremity with dry clothing or dressing and call 911 or transport the patient to a medical facility.

Fire Wise

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 are working on creating a reference book for fire plans and we need your help. We are asking you to fill out a form, including a drawing of your residence floor plan, and return it to the fire department. The form is found on the rpfire.com website in pdf format. You can click on the form and print it out to complete and return to the fire station. **All information will be kept confidential.**

Stats for October Activity

ALS calls – 13

Public Assist - 2

Brush Fire - 2

Smoke Report - 2

MVA - 4



Amazon will donate 0.5% of purchases to Rocky Point Fire & EMS with no fees and no cost to the customers. Go to rpfire.com and click on the button that says: "Shop AmazonSmile".

Begin shopping at AmazonSmile where you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. If you have an account at Amazon, it is the same login information. You can type smile.amazon.com in your browser and select Rocky Point Fire & EMS, (type it in the search), but it is much easier, for the first time, to go to rpfire.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ROCKY POINT FIRE & EMS

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You can also go on-line and register your Fred Meyers Rewards card to support the Rocky Point Fire Dept.

Local Forest Health Project for Rocky Point

The Klamath-Lake Forest Health Partnership (KLFHP) is initiating the Southeastern Cascades Forest and Fire Project this Spring to help landowners understand their forest condition and wildfire risk, and to provide financial support for forestry projects.

This is the project we were told was coming to Rocky Point to help our community be more fire wise.

If you haven't signed up yet to have your property mapped for the project, please do so. You can go to : <https://www.klfhp.org/> then at the top, click on **Projects**. Select: **Southeastern Cascades Forest and Fire Project**. Scroll down to the section on Mapping. The last paragraph in that section says: "If you would like to grant permission for mapping on your property, please complete [this form](#)." Click on the blue highlighted "this form". Complete the information and click on **Submit**.