

# FIRE HOUSE NEWS

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## NEW FIRE TRUCK!

If you have driven by the fire hall recently, you have seen this truck sitting out front, and may be wondering what's going on. In keeping with the department mission to meet changing demands for apparatus and equipment, Chief Walker-Pope contacted the State program for assistance. An engine was offered and accepted. On Tuesday, June 16, at approximately 3 pm our new to us Type 4 Fire Engine arrived in Rocky Point. It hauls 1000 gallons of water, is shorter than 2111 so it will get into places where 2111 won't. We will be working on getting it all set up for service and will cover the progress in the August newsletter. We had to share a picture of it with you and hope you will be as excited as we are. This will be an excellent addition to our fleet. Although it is a Type 4 Fire Engine, it will probably serve most frequently as our Brush Truck.

## FIRE WISE

Be sure to check the Rocky Point Fire & EMS website (rpfire.com) frequently for valuable information and communications. Currently, the fire department is working on fire plans and is 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. We would like to create a local residence reference book that will enable us to study your floor plan and reduce time on scene in case of a fire. Knowledge of the layout of your home interior and surroundings in advance of arriving at your home will help the volunteer firefighters know how and where to attack the fire prior to arriving at your home. This pre-knowledge could help save your home.

## FIRE TIP

### HOW HOMES IGNITE

Your home and its surroundings are vulnerable to three potential ignition sources:

- Embers carried by the wind can blow into attic vents, open windows, underneath decks and into nooks and crannies of the roof.
- Surface fires burn through grass, trees, and shrubs that can lead a fire to the home.
- Crown fires burn through treetops, creating large flames that radiate enough heat to ignite wood walls from up to 30 feet away.

### HOME IGNITION ZONE

The Home Ignition Zone includes the home itself and its surroundings up to 200 feet from the foundation. Create "defensible space" in this area by using fire-safe building materials and landscaping techniques that protect your home and firefighters. If your Home Ignition Zone is properly maintained, your home is more likely to survive a wildfire!

Here are some things you can do:

#### STRUCTURE IGNITION ZONE 0 TO 30 FEET

- Make sure your address is easily visible on the home or driveway.
- Maintain a 5 foot free area closest to the home using non-flammable landscaping material and fire resistant plants.
- Remove debris from the roof and gutters and trim back trees that hang over the house.
- Remove dead plants, branches, needles, leaves and other materials that can burn.
- Keep your plants and lawn watered and mow the grass regularly.
- Move woodpiles 30 feet from all structures during fire season.

#### FIRE BREAK ZONE 30 TO 100 FEET

- Prune low-hanging branches 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- Space plants, shrubs and trees so as not to lead a fire to the home.
- Use driveways and gravel walkways as firebreaks.
- Choose fire-resistant plants, shrubs, and trees that don't ignite easily.
- Check out <http://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/pnw590> for fire resistant plant information.

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## Rocky Point Fire & EMS ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

Either go to [32auctions.com/RPF](https://32auctions.com/RPF) directly or our website [rpfire.com](https://rpfire.com) and click on the:



Our Annual Rocky Point Fire & EMS Festival in July has always had live and silent auctions as part of the festivities. This year because of COVID-19, we have canceled all of the festivities except the silent auction. We are offering the silent auction online.

The Auction began at 8 am June 25th and will continue for five weeks, through July 31. You'll find vacation packages, jewelry, hand-made items, a child's bicycle and much more. More items will be added throughout the three weeks, so be sure to check the site often for new items and to check on the status of your bid to ensure that you win that item that you love and want.

## EMAIL MESSAGES

If you would like to receive important Fire Season updates and messages from the Rocky Point Fire & EMS, send us an email at [firefighter.assoc@rpfire.com](mailto:firefighter.assoc@rpfire.com) and let us know you would like to receive email fire updates so we can add you to our mailing address list.

## ADDRESS SIGNS

In our May Newsletter we listed a fire tip asking if your street address was visible so we could find you in case of an emergency. If you need an address sign for your property; email [firefighter.assoc@rpfire.com](mailto:firefighter.assoc@rpfire.com). We can help you. We have the materials needed and they are free.

## TRAINING

Fire Training happens every Tuesday evening except the third Tuesday of the month. On the third Tuesday we have Medical Training. This month Tammy taught the class and covered water rescues and drowning. Last month Thomas taught the class and covered strokes.

## AROUND THE STATION

Tuesday, June 23, at 5 to 6 pm, we bid our friend and comrade, Judy Tegarden, adieu. Judy has been a volunteer on the Rocky Point Fire and EMS team since early 2015. During that time she has served as a faithful and dependable ambulance driver and a firefighter. When the Rescue truck was in service she oftentimes drove it to motor vehicle accidents. Even before she joined the Fire and EMS department she volunteered on the Annual Rocky Point BBQ. For four years she maintained the Rocky Point Fire website and she managed the Rocky Point Resort for one season. Tuesday evening we shared fun stories, ate cake and ice cream, and shared one final evening with Judy before she and Dennis move from the area. We all agreed that Judy leaves a hole in the team and we will greatly miss her in the future.

## FIRST AID TIP

We are now in a season which includes bees and potential bee stings. When a person has been stung by an insect, you should encourage the person to keep quiet and still. This will help slow the spread of the poison throughout the body. Remove the stinger. Call 911 if the person is experiencing tenderness, swelling, red streaks radiating from the injection site, weakness, dizziness, or itching. The application of an ice pack may help reduce local swelling and pain.

