

FIRE HOUSE NEWS

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TRAINING

On Saturday, May 9, 20 volunteers met for vital training on scene size up skills, safety, radio communication, critical thinking, vehicle stabilization, use of extrication tools, actual extrication procedures, victim care while trapped inside vehicle through extrication and loading in the ambulance, and scene clean up.



The instructors did a great job planning, and preparing for delivery of instruction. All participants worked together as a team while maintaining social distancing as much as possible. After each scenario we all participated in critiquing what we did good, what we could've done differently/better and what we learned.

The training was fun and educational and a great success.

We took time out for a pot luck lunch and as usual, there was ample delicious food for all. A few people from the Rocky Point Community joined us and watched our training. They were also given an opportunity to critique our training. A big thank you for your support and for coming out to watch.

Thank you to Kathy Taylor, professional photographer, from Klamath Falls for graciously joining us and photographing the event. Her photos will be posted on the Fire & EMS website soon. Thank you Kathy for your great work!

WILDLAND TRAINING

With fire season fast approaching, we will be taking a break from Fire Fighter 1 training and engaging in Wildland Fire Training in preparation for what could be a busy summer.

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

We welcome Chad Taylor, Firefighter 2 and Carl Taylor, Junior Cadet. We now have 26 Volunteers plus the Chief: 3 from Malin, 9 from Klamath Falls, and 15 from Rocky Point. We also have two Junior Cadets.

FROM THE CHIEF

I will be on vacation in Texas during much of the month of June, but will be working remotely. We are continuing to provide 24/7 coverage during my vacation.

Thank you Patrick and Jean Hagen for keeping our lawn looking great—You are awesome!

If you have a question about something at the Fire Department, please come down and ask us.

Be sure to check the rpfire.com website frequently for fire information updates.

AROUND THE STATION

In addition to weekly training sessions and quarterly Saturday trainings, the volunteers hold assigned responsibilities for certain tasks around the station. Volunteers are assigned vehicle maintenance checks monthly. Assignments rotate so that no one is assigned to the same vehicle all of the time. This ensures that each one has familiarity of all the vehicles in the fleet. In addition, we have program managers. Program Managers are in charge of certain programs that keep the Fire Department running smoothly. David Reed manages the radios, Bruce Harp manages the pagers, Linda Reed is the PPE Manager, James Kelley and Jim Derra are the vehicle managers, Jim Derra is Rope Rescue and Training, Medical Officer is open at this time, Safety Officer is Marcie Menon, Tom Barrett manages the SCBAs and Tom Barrett and Stephen Stacey manage the Junior Cadet program.

FIRST AID TIP

Be sure to drink a lot of fluids when it is hot this summer. Take frequent breaks to rest and cool down, avoid over exertion.

Comparing Heat Exhaustion and Heatstroke

<u>Heat Exhaustion</u>	<u>Heat Stroke</u>
Normal body temperature	High body temperature
Sweating	Dry skin (usually)
Cool Clammy skin	Hot and red skin
Dizziness and nausea	Semiconscious or unconscious

Cool off in the shade, drink fluids and lightly spray yourself with cool water to help cool down.

When you experience any of the above symptoms, call 911 for prompt medical care and assistance.

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FIRE TIP

The Leading Cause of Wildfires

About 70% of the wildfires in Oregon are started by people; debris burning, campfires, and equipment use. The other 30% of wildfires are started by lightning.

The leading cause of wildfires on state-protected lands is backyard debris burning. Campfires can escape when they are unattended or not fully extinguished before campers call it a night or leave the campsite. Motor vehicles (including ATV's), lawn mowers and power saws are a few examples of equipment that can cause a wildfire. Vehicles driving or idling over dry grass, a lawn mower or power saw casting sparks into dry vegetation creates the ignition.

Pay attention to local fire restrictions that may be in place during fire season.

How to Help Prevent Wildfires

- ◆ Avoid burning debris, particularly in the afternoon when temperatures are high and humidity is low. If you choose to burn your debris, follow all open air burning regulations.
- ◆ Avoid using any power equipment near dry vegetation
- ◆ Dispose of woodstove and BBQ ashes properly by soaking them in water, in a metal container, for three days prior to discarding them in an area free of fuel.
- ◆ Never leave a campfire unattended. Extinguish your campfire completely before calling it a night or leaving the campsite.
- ◆ Keep vehicles on established roads and trails.
- ◆ From target shooting to smoking, always have the proper tools on hand, such as a fire extinguisher, shovel, and garden hose or bucket of water to extinguish any sparks, escaped embers or ignitions.

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 firefighters.assoc@rpfire.com. We can help you.

EMAIL MESSAGES

If you would like to receive important Fire Season updates and messages from the Fire & EMS, send us an email at firefighters.assoc@rpfire.com and let us know you would like to receive email fire updates so we can add you to our mailing address.

FIRE WISE

Be sure to check the Rocky Point Fire & EMS website (rpfire.com) frequently for valuable information and communications. Currently, there is a form we would like for you to complete and send to us or drop off at the station regarding your home. This information is critical information for the Firefighters when approaching and protecting your home in the case of a fire.