

Chickaloon Fire Lines

Happy Spring everyone! These warm sunny days have been an amazing change up from our long winter, and it is great to see so many faces return that we haven't seen in months. Welcome back! The department has been continuing our efforts through the Winter; holding regular monthly department, board, and training meetings. Our team has been making progress on all fronts. We have some very important topics to discuss as we move into Fire Season (which actually officially started in the beginning of April).



Fire Permits

Brush Fire Season is upon us– Please follow the MSB procedures for a fire permit (this includes burn barrels and brush piles), and follow their guidelines for water and attendance. Also please let us know so we can be extra aware just in case! Email us ChickaloonCVFD@gmail.com.

Burn Requirements:

- Hand tools and water on site to extinguish the fire (i.e. water hoses

connected and for very large burns we may need to be in attendance with Tanker)

- The weather must be appropriate (not windy) for sparks to cause possible fire spread
- People must be on-site at **all times** during the fire
- Must be far enough away from other combustible material (structures, wildland) to prevent unwanted exposures. For a small-scale ground fire, it's going to be 8' wet perimeter on the ground around the burn
- The heat of the fire must not get hot enough to cause underground burning which means the burn must only include untreated wood, leaves, grass clippings, cardboard and paper
- Stay on-site until the burn area is cold to the touch (so there is no radiating heat to start the fire going again)

Save the Date!

Saturday, June 12th, the Chickaloon Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a FUNDRAISER! It is still in the final planning stages, but look for a possible dunk tank opportunity, ribs on the barby (+potluck), fire trucks to inspect, fire extinguisher practice for kids, free smoke detectors, door prizes or a raffle, car wash, donated items for yard sale.....any other ideas?

Recent Training Drills

February 26th - Successful test of our dispatch/call out procedures (we used it for an opportunity for a DRILL) with 9GBase. We were able to respond with the first person onsite

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within 15 minutes and all available volunteers (half of the department) responding within 30 minutes to a location at the southern border of our Fire Service Area.

Important Upcoming Training

May 16th-22nd: Fire Department Call out DRILL to respond with apparatus

May 22nd: Training with Forestry at the Wayner's airstrip (thank you Ron and Barb!)

June 3rd – 6th: State of Alaska 40-hour Basic Fire Fighter class in Palmer. We currently have one slot open for a new volunteer (to be confirmed)

June 21st-25th: Fire Department Call out DRILL, respond with apparatus, hose work, spray water.

Are you good with the books?

We are in need of a treasurer for basic book keeping and to maintain accountability of our funds. Currently, Kalee fills that role along with the being Secretary and many other duties – like writing grant requests, which Cia Vessey has kindly taken on. But, and fortunately, the department is growing in size and complexity of operations and we would love for someone who has a heart for math to volunteer to take on that role. It is not required that you be a volunteer firefighter if that is holding you back.

We need your help

Still/Always looking for volunteer fire fighters. We have a handful of new volunteers that are currently being welcomed into the department but this is one of those instances where you

cannot have too much of a good thing. “Many hands make for light work”.

The department is still in need of donations to keep up with our operating costs. This is not a one-and-done expense, we have fuel and insurance to pay for year-round. We do our best to apply for as many grants as possible, and our volunteers donate things we need, as often as they can manage. But we still need community support!

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- ChickaloonCVFD@gmail.com

To Make a Donation:

- Mail a check to Chickaloon Community Volunteer Fire Department PO Box 1163 Chickaloon AK 99674
- Send donations via Paypal: <http://paypal.me/CCVFDdonations>

