

Mosier Fire Log

January 2012

CALL SUMMARY

	Jan	YTD	1/11	11 YTD	1/10	10 YTD
MEDICAL:	9	9	6	6	3	3
FIRE:	1	1	0	0	2	2

SELECTED CALL DETAILS

Fire call in January

- Smoke inside bathroom walls, Dry Creek Road, on scene in seven minutes

Medical calls in January:

- Multiple-vehicle injury crash, Memloose eastbound, on scene in seven minutes
- Possible heart on Morgensen Rd, on scene in thirteen minutes in poor weather.
- Repeat customer on Morgensen Rd, on scene in seven minutes.
- Vehicle reported in river at Mosier exit, canceled en route (scene already staffed)
- Chest pain in Mosier Manor, on scene in eight minutes.
- Welfare check on Mosier Manor patient next day, on scene in ten minutes.
- Possible stroke, downtown Mosier, on scene in four minutes.
- Difficulty breathing, Mosier Terrace, on scene in five minutes.
- Difficulty breathing and chest pain, Mosier Terrace, on scene in seven minutes

The one fire call was a close call for a homeowner thawing pipes using a propane torch. Sawdust insulation inside the wall clearly ignited, but failed to stay lit mainly due to cold damp weather, and due to dampness from the burst pipe. The fire safety message is mainly prevention – keep pipes from freezing first of all, and if you do need to thaw a frozen pipe, think safety and use open flame only as a last resort and be ready with a fire extinguisher or other means of suppression.

The two vehicle crashes were weather-related, but other than that emergency calls were normal during the cold weather and power outages.

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PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Subject: **Weather Emergency / Lessons Learned / Planning Group
6:00 PM, Monday, February 6, 2012 in the Legion Hall**

Please join Mosier Fire in this information gathering session and formation of a planning group to identify needs and recommend actions to prepare for future emergencies. If unable to attend, please call Chief Appleton at 541-478-3333.

Weather emergency: Many members of the Mosier community came together to operate a casual warming center in the American Legion Hall, from about January 18 to the 25th. The heart-warming scene was basically an ongoing fireside potluck dinner. Mosier Fire Volunteers helped ensure that several vulnerable citizens got to and from the Legion Hall, and we took hot meals to a few folks who didn't need or want to leave home. Chief Appleton thanks all who conceived and helped this effort, chiefly **Emily Reed** and **Charles Young, Rod** and **Tami Berthold, Jeff Behringer, Mayor Andrea Rogers,** and **Marc Berry.** Thanks also to **Quinn Clarkson, Judith Flint, Rachel Mortenson, Molly Hamlin,** and **Sara Thompson** for providing delicious food. And very special thanks to the members of the **American Legion Post 55** for providing a great, well-maintained facility.

BURN PERMITS

All burning in the Mosier Fire District now requires a permit from the Fire Chief, under state law (ORS 478.960). Previously, permits were issued and enforced separately by the City of Mosier and by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). Some industrial burning still requires a permit from ODF in addition to the Mosier permit.

Burn permits are required for all outdoor burning, year-round. No burning allowed during the burn ban, from July 1 each year until the arrival of fall rains, usually in October. Please call the Fire Chief if you have questions about outdoor burning, **541-478-3333.**

Mosier burn permits are valid from the date of issue until the next December 31.

Burn permits may be requested, free of charge, by any of the following means:

A) via electronic application using a form [linked](http://mosierfire.com/proposed-changes/burn-permits/) from our **web site**
[<http://mosierfire.com/proposed-changes/burn-permits/>]

B) in person at the **City Hall**, 208 Washington Street during regular hours (M-W-F, 9AM – 1PM), or

C) at the **Fire District office**, subject to staff availability.

Option “A”, the web form, is the best way to ensure a prompt reply.