

# Mosier Fire Log

**March 2012**

## CALL SUMMARY

	Mar	YTD	3/11	11 YTD	3/10	10 YTD
MEDICAL:	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	4	14	4	11
FIRE:	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	1	3	2	5

## SELECTED CALL DETAILS

**Fire call** in March: On March 9, Chief Appleton responded to a citizen's burn complaint on Dry Creek Road. On arrival, we found a burn pile had escaped containment. Strong, shifting winds extended the fire into grass and brush, burning approximately one-tenth acre including several piles of lumber and debris. A hose line and approximately 100 gallons of water extinguished the flanks of the fire and much of the lumber. This fire was burning slowly but steadily in relatively green grass, about to find larger dry fuels which could have turned into a localized but worrisome wildland fire, with houses threatened. It's never too early or too wet to adhere to the following:

- ensure piles and barrels have at least ten feet of mineral soil fire break
- ensure proper clearance from combustibles and structures (50' if unsure)
- never leave a pile or barrel unattended, and have water/extinguishment
- don't burn on windy days, and observe burn bans (6/1 for piles, 7/1 barrels)
- see the Fire Chief if you haven't already, for a free burn permit

**Medical calls** in March:

- Chest pain, Mosier Manor, on scene in two minutes
- Generalized pain, Mosier Creek Terrace, on scene in five minutes
- Acute respiratory distress on Dry Creek, on scene in 11 minutes (bad address info)
- Altered mental status, Memaloose eastbound, on scene in seven minutes
- Very low blood sugar, Hwy 30, on scene in eight minutes
- Headache, Mosier Creek Terrace, on scene in two minutes

## **PINE BEETLE UPDATE**

Many of the recently-dead Ponderosa pines in the City of Mosier have been removed. Rob Flowers, ODF's entomologist, identifies the most visible damage as caused by the California five-spined ips ("CFI"), *ips paraconfusus*. Beginning in late summer, this beetle mainly attacks thin new bark at the tops of vulnerable mature trees, and entire small-diameter trees. CFI is native here, not typically capable of widespread damage, and the type and scale of damage we're seeing now is nothing new.