

# Mosier Fire Log

March 2013

## CALL SUMMARY

	MAR	YTD	3/12	12 YTD	3/11	11 YTD
MEDICAL:	6	19	6	15	4	14
FIRE:	2	7	1	2	1	3

## **Medical calls** in March:

- **Back pain**, on Dell Road, on scene in eleven minutes.
- **Chest pain**, Exit 69 overpass, on scene in seven minutes.
- **Difficulty breathing**, out of District on State Road, on scene in twenty minutes, due in part to a poorly marked address.
- **Lift assist**, helping a person who could not get out of the bath tub, Hood River Road, on scene in twenty-nine minutes in part due to incorrect dispatch information and a poorly marked address.
- **Difficulty breathing**, downtown Mosier, on scene in four minutes.
- **Burns to face** while on oxygen, downtown Mosier, on scene in five minutes. See below, on Page Two.

## **Fire calls** in March:

- **2/27**: Report of a **large fire** after dark near Carroll Road. On scene in four minutes. Located a permitted agricultural pile, lit after hours. No further action taken. Mosier residents are reminded not to have anything other than a small campfire after dark. Your neighbors can't see what's burning and they call us.
- **3/10**: **Monitored smoke alarm activation**, Rocky Prairie, on scene in six minutes. False alarm caused by burnt toast.

## **ADDRESS MARKERS**

Two separate calls this month illustrate the importance of having your address clearly visible. We were delayed, in one case by over ten minutes, because our responders couldn't identify addresses.

Mosier Fire District has red metal license-plate-sized placards which you can use for address markers. You will need to buy your own numbers, available at most hardware and home improvement shops. There is no cost for the placards.

Please call the Fire Chief for further information, or to request placards.

## **ANNUAL SALMON DINNER**

The annual salmon barbeque and Smorgasbord will take place on **Sunday, April 14.**

From 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM, hundreds of folks line up for the best salmon you've ever had, plus ham, potatoes done several ways, salads and other side dishes, and dessert. Adults \$10, children 6 – 12 \$2, under 6 free. Sponsored by the Mosier Grange and the Fire District Volunteers.

Proceeds this year will go to benefit the Grange building, in part to enhance its use as an emergency shelter.

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### **ALERT: Medical Oxygen Hazards**

Supplemental pure oxygen is a life-giver for some people with breathing problems. Without a steady supply of it, these people would quickly find themselves unable to function.

Pure oxygen is also an extreme fire hazard. Oxygen itself doesn't burn, but it is the agent which allows flammable materials to burn. Pure oxygen greatly accelerates combustion, and it can in fact support burning in some materials which aren't otherwise flammable, even some metals.

Mosier EMT's and Hood River paramedics recently responded to a person on medical oxygen who had serious burns. Use of a cigarette lighter close to the face apparently led to ignition of unknown material, burning the person's lips and face and melting away the plastic tubing and nasal prongs, called a cannula, which delivered the oxygen. The injury was bad enough, but this was also a close call for a larger fire in the person's home, with potential to spread easily to neighboring homes.

Mosier Fire urges awareness of the dangers of medical oxygen, and especially of smoking while oxygen is in use – something which must never be done. If you or someone you know smokes while using oxygen, please find a way to stop this very risky behavior – at the very least, remove cannula or mask and turn off oxygen. Do it for the sake of those who might be endangered if your house catches fire.

### **Burn Permits:**

Mosier Fire Chief has mailed new burn permits to anyone who had one in 2012. The new permits are valid through 12/31/2013. If you need a burn permit, or if you think we forgot to mail yours, please call the Fire Chief at 541-478-3333.

**All burning in the Mosier Fire District requires a valid permit, year-round.**