

# Mosier Fire Log

**April 2013**

## CALL SUMMARY

	APR	YTD	4/12	12 YTD	4/11	11 YTD
MEDICAL:	6	25	4	19	2	16
FIRE:	2	9	1	3	0	3

## **Medical calls** in April:

- **Difficulty breathing**, downtown Mosier, on scene in three minutes.
- **Fainting or seizure**, downtown Mosier, on scene in two minutes.
- **Difficulty breathing**, downtown Mosier, on scene in three minutes.
- **Groin pain**, State Road, on scene in seven minutes.
- **Low blood-oxygen level**, downtown Mosier, on scene in four minutes.
- **Groin pain**, State Road (same caller), on scene in twelve minutes at 4 AM.

## **Fire calls** in April:

- **4/8**: Report of a **large, out of control fire** after dark near Carroll Road, large tree on fire. On scene in eight minutes. Located a permitted agricultural pile, lit after hours. 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. Caller was mistaken about the large tree – the pile was attended, well under control, and did not affect surrounding vegetation or buildings. No further action taken.
- **4/19**: Report of a **tree on fire**, downtown Mosier, on scene in two minutes. Permitted burn pile crept out of containment on a windy afternoon and started flames on a small section of bark at the base of a large pine tree. Doused the flame using a few gallons of water and called the landowner, who had stepped inside for dinner. Mosier residents are reminded not to burn on windy days, even this time of year, and to attend the fire until it is out.

## **DRY WEATHER!**

With the lack of rain this winter and spring, and with the National Weather Service forecasting continued below-normal precipitation through July, fire season looks to be early and ... interesting ... this year. Even with relatively cool temperatures lately, each windy day sees more grass turning brown, and weedy plants bolting and flowering earlier in the season.

Mosierites are reminded to get burn piles taken care of ASAP, and to expect the annual burn ban to come early, likely mid May for burn piles, and mid June for barrels. Call the Fire Chief with questions or concerns. **541-478-3333**.

## **VOLUNTEER NEWS**

**Mary Sather** passed the certification exam for National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, as an EMT. Congratulations Mary! She becomes the tenth EMT working for the Mosier Fire District.

**Jane Herman** and **Kris McNall** completed a three-day course in responder health, known as Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). Fire fighters and EMT's can experience and/or witness horrific scenes, similar to combat stress. It's an occupational hazard which we can prevent to some extent, but ultimately it's unavoidable and we are well served by preparing for it and by having a tool box to open when our people need help. The best preparation is an organization which allows and encourages compassion throughout the ranks. Beyond that, having team members and trusted outsiders who are trained to help fellow responders get through the worst of the psychic trauma is really the key to maintaining our own health as individuals and as a team. We hope we don't ever have to rely on the skills Kris and Jane are working on, but it's good to know they're part of a network of firefighters and EMT's throughout the Gorge who are ready and equipped to help.

Most of our Volunteers recently completed a rope rescue class, taught by **Craig Funk**, Mosier resident who is also a Battalion Chief with Portland Fire and Rescue. Craig trained us to be able to raise and lower a person strapped to a stretcher over ground that's just a little too steep to walk on – think all the scree slopes around here. Called “low angle rope rescue”, this gives us a capability which we could have used, for instance, on the crash which killed a seven-year-old boy on New Years Eve on I-84 – we would not have affected the outcome of the crash, but we could have assisted moving people and equipment up and down the rocky bank.

## **FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING MAY 9**

The first of two public meetings on the Fire District budget for fiscal year 2013-14 will be held at the District office 208 Washington St., at 7PM on Thursday, May 9. The budget will be presented to the Budget Committee for review and comment. The next public meeting is the Budget Hearing, Thursday, June 13. Look for the draft budget on our website later in May, [www.mosierfire.com](http://www.mosierfire.com)

### **Burn Permits:**

Mosier Fire Chief has mailed new burn permits to anyone outside the City of Mosier who had one in 2012. Residents of the City of Mosier need to request a permit at City Hall, 208 Washington St. 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.**