

# Mosier Fire Log

May 2012

## CALL SUMMARY

	May	YTD	5/11	11 YTD	5/10	10 YTD
MEDICAL:	4	23	7	23	2	17
FIRE:	2	5	2	5	1	8

## SELECTED CALL DETAILS

### **Fire calls** in May:

- On May 5, Mosier was called to a report of a **tree stump on fire** on Morgensen Road. Three firefighters were on scene in twelve minutes. One 18-inch diameter black locust stump and a small trash pile were smoldering. The fire was extinguished quickly. No apparent cause could be discerned.
- On May 6, we responded to a report from a passerby on Rock Creek Road of a **large brush fire** near the Twin Tunnels trailhead. Chief Appleton was in a location with a close birdseye view of the area, and recognized immediately that the caller was referring to a permitted brush pile. Responding units were on scene shortly and confirmed there was no emergency. No further action taken.

### **Medical calls** in May:

- Possible hip fracture in downtown Mosier, on scene in eleven minutes
- Cardiac arrest out of District off upper State Rd, on scene in eight minutes
- Seizure, Mosier Manor, on scene in three minutes
- Possible suicidal non-resident, Dry Creek Road, staged nearby in four minutes

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**Advance Directives:** Do you or someone you know have strong feelings about life-sustaining care? Would you want responders to stop life-sustaining care for any reason? Or perhaps you want responders to know that you wish to receive limited interventions (pain medications, IV fluids, antibiotics) but to allow natural death, or just the opposite – keep me alive, please, no matter what my wife says!

If you're unresponsive and EMT's are on scene, the EMT's are obligated to do everything we can to revive you and keep you alive unless A) your body is in rigor mortis, or B) we have in hand your legal document called an advance directive, signed by a physician. Even a spouse or family member cannot stop our treatment without a valid advance directive.

In Oregon, there is a form called **POLST** (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining

Treatment) which is simple to fill out, and which can be registered through OHSU so that even if the form is misplaced, responders can call a restricted phone number 24/7 to access your POLST, provided we have your name, date of birth, and social security number. Normally, the POLST is taped to the front of your refrigerator so we have a consistent place to look for it.

You can view the POLST form at <http://www.ohsu.edu/polst/> , look under “Programs”, and for questions and further information look under “For Patients and Families”.

Chief Appleton has plenty of the POLST forms available at no cost.

**Call 541-478-3333 to request a POLST form.** When completed and signed by a physician, leave it in sight on your fridge!

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**Fire District Budget:** The Mosier Fire District Budget Committee met on May 10, 2012 to review, tweak, and approve a budget for next fiscal year, beginning July 1. In addition to the Board, committee members Scott Baker (Chair), Mike Igo, Susan Gabay, Bill and Jeanne Reeves, and Marc Berry, and Budget Officer Barbara Irving caught a few minor errors and recommended four very helpful though non-substantive changes to an overall budget not much changed from the last two years. The **Budget Hearing is at 7PM on June 16**. A copy of the approved budget will go up on our website on June 1. Here are the highlights:

- Total tax receipts projected at \$159,000
- Chief's employment contract renewed for two years unchanged, at \$36,000
- Approximately one third of budget going to capital reserve and expenses
- Projected grant revenue of \$125,000, with \$6,250 matching funds

## **BURN BAN IS APPROACHING!**

If you have burn piles, you will have to wait until we are out of fire season, typically sometime in November, depending on fall rains.

**As of June 1, only approved burn barrels and incinerators are allowed. As of July 1, all outdoor burning is banned through the arrival of fall rains.** Some burn piles may be allowed after June 1 by written exception, but you must apply to the Fire Chief for this exception.

Burn permits are free and required for all outdoor burning in the Mosier Fire District. Please call the Fire Chief with any questions or concerns. 541-478-3333.