

Mosier Fire Log

July 2012

CALL SUMMARY

	July	YTD	7/11	11 YTD	7/11	10 YTD
MEDICAL:	2	27	11	42	6	26
FIRE:	4	9	3	8	2	11

SELECTED CALL DETAILS

Medical calls in July:

- Shortness of breath, downtown Mosier, on scene in seven minutes.
- False alarm report of a fall injury, Memaloose westbound, on scene in thirteen minutes.

Fire calls in July:

- Accidental activation of central smoke alarm, Hwy 30, on scene in eight minutes
- False alarm report of a car fire, Memaloose eastbound, on scene in eleven minutes
- Motor vehicle crash with injuries, I-84 MP 68.5, on scene in eleven minutes.
- Diesel spill, I-84 eastbound MP 75, on scene in ten minutes.

Four out of six calls this month occurred on the Interstate. I-84 is without doubt the most dangerous place we routinely respond to, and we go to considerable time and expense preparing for it. We don't have a choice, we receive no compensation for these calls, and our potential from billing is poor. We recently requested grant money to purchase a new fire truck, based partly on the theory that the Feds owe us something for these responses, not to mention protecting their investment in the well-regulated Scenic Area. Trucks are a long shot in grants. Time will tell.

BURN BAN IN EFFECT!

As of July 1, all outdoor burning is banned until the arrival of fall rains.

The July 1 cutoff was established by Oregon Department of Forestry in 2007, in consultation with local fire agencies.

The ban is lifted by announcement in the fall when conditions allow, not on a fixed date. You'll know when ODF's sign's no longer say "All Burning Prohibited".

Please call the Fire Chief with any questions or concerns. 541-478-3333.

August 2012

CALL SUMMARY

	Aug	YTD	8/11	11 YTD	8/10	10 YTD
MEDICAL:	3	30	8	50	3	29
FIRE:	3	12	3	11	3	14

SELECTED CALL DETAILS

Medical calls in August:

- False alarm report of a woman down, I-84 eastbound MP 67.5, on scene in three minutes.
- Difficulty breathing, downtown Mosier, on scene in five minutes.
- Stomach pain, Hwy 30, on scene in seven minutes.

Fire calls in August:

- **8/2:** unable to locate a report of open burn, Root Rd, on scene in eleven minutes.
- **8/11:** unable to locate a report of smoke, out of District at the top of Seven Mile, on scene in eight minutes.
- **8/13:** grass and brush fire, State Road, on scene in three minutes. After a week of hot dry weather, at about 3:45 on an afternoon with a fifteen mph breeze, two Pacific Power employees were servicing an electrical meter on a power pole. When they re-attached the meter to its base, something arced, sending a shower of sparks in a ten-foot circle. Within three minutes, the fire had spread to over one-half acre. The two power company guys kept the fire from a house to the north, but it looked like a barn was a goner, and that the fire had potential to run south under Mosier Creek Bridge and up the drainages. Quick action by first-in Mosier units, and by an engine from the Scenic Area, saved the barn and stopped the fire at the bridge. Further resources from the Scenic Area, Mosier and ODF mopped up. This could have been **"The Big One"**. The fire occurred in the bull's-eye of what fire planners have called the Mosier Gap, a strategic location from which any fire has the potential to affect any property between Rattler Ridge and The Dalles. Had it been an expanding fire in the high winds of the next three days, it could have been very destructive. The community will be well served by paying further attention to the fuels in the Mosier Gap, both on private properties and the City's well-used park lots, and up the Dry Creek bottom land up to the end of Catron Rd.

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BOARD MEETING: Next meeting is Thursday, September 13, 7PM at the District office, 208 Washington Street. Agenda items include a motion to approve policies.