

# Mosier Fire Log

October 2011

## CALL SUMMARY

	Oct	YTD	10/10	10 YTD	10/09	09 YTD
MEDICAL:	5	<b>57</b>	3	35	8	55
FIRE:	1	<b>16</b>	0	15	7	36

## SELECTED CALL DETAILS

### **Fire calls** in October:

**10/26:** Our radio scanner picked up Hood River/Pine Grove being dispatched to a possible ground-cover fire north of I-84 at milepost 69. We were en route immediately, beating our own dispatchers by a few minutes. Mosier was unable to locate fire at milepost 69 and we were able to turn other units around before they got on the freeway. Advised dispatchers of a permitted burn pile just off the north side of the freeway near milepost 71.5.

### **Medical calls** in October:

- Diabetic issue on State Road outside the Fire District, on scene in five minutes
- Cardiac arrest in downtown Mosier, on scene in one minute. See below.
- Broken foot, Memaloose eastbound, on scene in eleven minutes.
- Possible stroke on lower Dry Creek, on scene in fourteen minutes
- Possible assault, downtown Mosier, on scene in two minutes.

Medical calls this month were consistently staffed by at least two EMT's and as many as five total responders.

## **C P R   S A V E S   A   L I F E !**

This is old news by now, but for those who haven't heard, on October 5 a visitor to Mosier was successfully revived from cardiac arrest, thanks mainly to CPR started right away by **Brian Barrett**. This is the first time to our knowledge that a life has been saved in this way in our town. The patient is a man in his sixties whose heart stopped without warning. Brian called 911 and went to work, delivering good-quality compressions which kept oxygenated blood flowing to the man's brain. **Chief Appleton** and volunteer EMT **Aurora Moore** had one of our defibrillators attached within about four minutes of the man's collapse, and the second shock, at six minutes, brought him back to life. Hood River paramedics then administered life-saving drugs and transported, ultimately into Portland. At last report the man is doing well. Mosier Fire encourages everyone to learn CPR. Call us at 541-478-3333

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer **Marc Berry** assisted a family displaced by a house fire in Hood River. Marc is a Disaster Assistance Team member with the Columbia River District of the American Red Cross.

### BRUSH CLEARING PARTIES: Will resume on **October 8.**

We will meet at **9:30AM** on the second Saturday of each month, for two hours. Volunteers welcome and encouraged. We provide some safety equipment.

- **Saturday, October 8:** Rock Creek Rd at Hwy 30
- **Saturday, November 12:** ODOT Haul Rd to Rock Pit

### Training:

– Volunteers **Charles Young, Ellen Dittebrandt, Aurora Moore,** and **Kris McNall** attended a half-day class on cardiac emergencies. The intent was to give an overview of all the steps and components of an organized cardiac response at our level of practice. CPR, recognizing and understanding relevant drugs and EKG readings, and ways to assist paramedics with advanced airway and cardiac procedures were the main topics.

– **Structural Firefighter Academy** enrollment opens soon. The Academy usually runs ten weeks at one evening per week plus a couple of weekends. Graduates are trained to a basic level, the first step to becoming a certified firefighter.

– **Chief Appleton** completed a series of FEMA courses which are now required for some kinds of federal reimbursement. The training took many days and hours over the last eight months, with a completion and recording date by September 30.

– Volunteers **Ellen Dittebrandt** and **Jeff Behringer** started a two-semester course for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) – Basic at Columbia Gorge Community College in Hood River. Upon graduation, these two will give Mosier a total of nine EMT-B's and one Intermediate.

## INSURANCE    RATING    UPDATE

Chief Appleton is about to request an interim review by the Insurance Service Office (ISO) of our protection class ratings. In 2008, ISO downgraded the City of Mosier from a 6 to a 7, and the old Mosier Rural Fire Protection District from a 8b to a 9. Since 2008, we have taken steps which correct some key criteria for ISO's rating, notably by training and by testing equipment. The goal of this interim review will be to reach the old protection classes at a minimum. Chief Appleton is cautiously optimistic that the City in particular can see further improvement, possibly as low as a 4 in the City with more hard work. Stay tuned! As a rule of thumb, property insurance premiums may go down by

about ten percent per class, but there is no formula. There are other factors which also affect premiums