

Mosier Fire Log

October 2012

CALL SUMMARY

	OCT	YTD	10/11	11 YTD	10/10	10 YTD
MEDICAL:	4	41	5	57	3	35
FIRE:	4	17	1	15	0	15

SELECTED CALL DETAILS

Medical calls in October:

- Fall, possible **hip dislocation**, downtown Mosier, on scene in four minutes.
- Urinary tract **hemorrhage**, downtown Mosier, on scene in three minutes.
- **Chest pain**, Mosier exit, on scene in four minutes.
- Possible **heart attack**, downtown Mosier, on scene in three minutes.

Fire calls in October:

- **10/3: Vehicle fire**, eastbound I-84 at milepost 68, on scene in 18 minutes. Wy'East/Pine Grove units were dispatched ahead of Mosier and had the fire controlled well before our arrival. Mosier assisted with safety and traffic control well after Wy'East cleared the scene, to ensure the wrecker had a safe work zone.
- **10/6: Burn complaint**, Hwy 30 in vicinity of Meyerdale, on scene in five minutes. Unable to locate reported burn pile.
- **10/14: Burn complaint**, downtown Mosier, on scene in six minutes. Informed homeowner of burn ban and need for permit; advised to extinguish remaining pile and burn again with a permit, when allowed. No further action taken.
- **10/21: Burn complaint**, downtown Mosier, on scene in five minutes. Permitted burn pile but after 11AM cutoff; requested homeowner spread the remaining pile and burn again when Fire Season is lifted (see below).

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Last week the mail brought a letter from Portland that starts, "Let me introduce myself. The last time we met I was dead."

Readers of the Fire Log may recall last October we reported that a guy whose heart stopped was brought back to life, thanks mainly to effective bystander CPR by **Brian Barrett**, and a fast response from Mosier EMT's with a defibrillator.

EMT's can get a little discouraged sometimes from the more common outcome for cardiac arrest – the end of a life. Seeing a dead guy in our care actually make it back, and then write us a year later to say he's doing well, is pretty awesome.

Chimney Reminder!

If you burn wood in a fireplace, furnace, or wood stove, you owe it to yourself and to your family to have the chimney cleaned and professionally inspected at least once per year.

You should also understand the best fuel and operating tips for your heating appliance, to ensure the buildup of flammable deposits is minimal.

Chimney fires have been rare here lately (keep it up, Mosierites!), but they do happen, and they're just about 100% avoidable.

For more information on home heating safety, visit the Oregon State Fire Marshal's [website](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Pages/HFSC_Combust.aspx) (http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Pages/HFSC_Combust.aspx).

BURN BAN IS OVER!

As of October 15, all outdoor burning is allowed with a valid permit, according to the terms of the permit, until next Fire Season, around June 1, 2013.

By State law, all burning within the Mosier Fire District requires a permit issued by the Fire Chief.

Burn permits are available at no cost, by phone or at our office, 208 Washington St.

Please call the Fire Chief to request a burn permit. **541-478-3333**.

Volunteer News:

Charles Young, David Froh, and Chief Appleton successfully completed a driving test for certification with the State.

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Fire Fighter Training Academy:

Mosier Fire will cover tuition and expenses for qualified Volunteers who wish to enroll in the basic Academy, beginning the first week of January. The Academy is the first step toward State certification as a structural fire fighter. Anyone interested should call the Fire Chief at **541-478-3333**. So far, we have made commitments to **David Froh, Hessayn Olivas, and Joe Haythorn**, with two more on the fence.