

# Mosier Fire Log

November 2010

<u>CALL SUMMARY</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>11/09</u>	<u>09 YTD</u>	<u>11/08</u>	<u>08 YTD</u>
MEDICAL:	5	31	3	57	3	34
FIRE:	2	13	0	36	3	25

## SELECTED CALL DETAILS

Medical calls were not serious, and include false-alarm reports of injury vehicle accidents in the periods of icy weather. Fire calls consist of one smoke investigation of no consequence, and a reported car fire which fire personnel and law enforcement were unable to locate.

## NOTABLE EVENTS

**Hose Testing:** All structural fire hose was recently tested by National Hose Testing Service, for the first time in memory. Out of 8,000 feet, only two 50-foot sections failed, and we have confidence in our remaining inventory. This is a major safety advance, thanks mainly to funding from the new Mosier Fire District.

**Pumper Testing:** Our three main fire engines recently passed annual service tests, also for the first time in memory. As with hose testing, this is a crucial safety and performance advance, also made possible in part by our new funding base.

**EMT Enrollments:** Five of us are now nearing mid-way through a two-semester course for certification as Emergency Medical Technician (Basic), at the Community College. Chief Appleton and volunteers **Ron Carroll, Aurora Moore, Kris McNall, and Charles Young** are due to graduate and take the National exam in April, after successful completion of which Mosier Fire will have a total of eight EMT's. Eleven additional volunteers are trained to a level of Professional Rescuer.

## PUBLIC SERVICE / PREVENTION

**Home Heating Safety Advisory:** Please see our website for important information and tips for home heating safety (<http://mosierfire.com/fire-prevention/home-heating-safety/>). In summary, you as homeowner or renter can ensure 100% prevention of heating-related fires, by taking simple precautions depending on the type of heating system you use. Please take the time!

**Brush Clearing Party Rescheduled:** Please join Mosier Fire on **Saturday, December 18**, from 9:30 to noon, for a quick "haircut" along the south side of Mosier Creek at the Pocket Falls. We'll provide tools, safety equipment, instruction for all skill levels. This is important, effective fire prevention in a critical area.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECRUITING:**

The Columbia Gorge Training Association will conduct its annual **Fire Academy** beginning the first week of January, 2011. This is the first step toward certification as a structural firefighter, with a solid introduction to the basics. The course will be run differently this year, with fewer students (24 maximum) and an emphasis on hands-on skills, and a preference for candidates 25 years old and up. The course runs ten weeks, mainly on Thursday evenings, with several Saturdays devoted to practical drills. Held mainly at Hood River, Cascade Locks, and The Dalles. Mosier Fire will pay tuition for any qualified individual who wishes to enroll and who is willing to commit to volunteering for the fire department. Please email or call Chief Appleton if interested (see contact info below). Space is limited. **Application deadline is December 10, 2010.**

**BOARD MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA:**

The next public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mosier Fire District will be in the Fire Office, 208 Washington Street, at **7PM on Thursday, December 9, 2010**. Public attendance is encouraged. Minutes of prior meetings can be accessed on our website, <http://mosierfire.com/proposed-changes/minutes/>. Proposed agenda items include:

- Determine 2 and 4 year Board positions.
- Conduct elections for Board positions.
- Chief to update ISO review target.
- Board training.
- Treasurers bond.
- Long range planning.
- Set date for public meeting on Fire District feedback.
- Follow-up on Jeanne Reeve's proposal regarding contract for clerical services.
- Credit/Debit card for department ordering.
- Board bylaws/policies.
- SDAO Best Practices survey.

**TRAINING CALENDAR:**

Drills are held each Monday at 1900 hrs (7PM), usually at the City Station, 208 Washington Street. If you are interested in volunteering, this is the best way to get acquainted. Either come on by, or call for more info.

**WEBSITE LINK AND FURTHER RESOURCES:** <http://mosierfire.com/>

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