

# Mosier Fire Log

February 2011

<u>CALL SUMMARY</u>	Feb	<u>YTD</u>	<u>02/10</u>	<u>10 YTD</u>	<u>02/09</u>	<u>09 YTD</u>
MEDICAL:	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	4	7	2	10
FIRE:	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	1	3	3	4

## SELECTED CALL DETAILS

Mosier's first structure fire in a year and a half occurred on Dry Creek Road near Morgensen in the early morning hours of Thursday, February 24. A detached wood-frame three-car garage with upstairs workshop was a total loss before we were even called. Seven responders arrived within fifteen minutes to find nearly all of the building either gone or collapsed into the foundation and burning. We extinguished the remaining fire and checked for problems around the main house and a 250-gallon propane tank.

Though the official investigation finds no determinable cause, a wood stove is one of the prime suspects. This is a useful reminder to homeowners and residents to **have chimneys cleaned and inspected annually.**

Losses consisted of two vehicles, a bass boat, extensive recreational equipment, a lifetime of tools, stored household items, and one beloved cat.

If sprinklers were installed in this structure, more than likely the fire would have been slowed enough to allow us to save most of the property -- and the cat might still be among us.

Those building new construction, **PLEASE consider sprinklers throughout.** You'll be doing yourself and your community a favor. A "very good" response by your fire department is still long enough for any fire to spread to the point of total loss, absent sprinklers. Costs for new systems are coming down and installation can now be done by a regular contractor, but even on the high side, is \$4, - 5,000 worth protecting everything you own, not to mention the lives of your loved ones?

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The other fire call this month was for a car fire on I-84, which was put out before we left the station, just three minutes after the initial page.

Medical calls in February were one hip fracture, two strokes for one person in nine days, and a possible urinary infection. Response times to the scene were consis-

tently around seven minutes on average (as low as three minutes), and staffing continues to be at least two EMT students and typically a total of four to five responders.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE FORMING:**

The Board is looking for **five community volunteers** to participate on the budget committee. Budget is due July 15, 2011. Meeting schedule TBD. If you have questions, ideas or opinions about Fire District priorities, we want to hear from you. If interested, please contact the Fire Chief, 541.478.3333, [mosierfire@gmail.com](mailto:mosierfire@gmail.com)

#### **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, March 10, 2011.** Public attendance is encouraged. Minutes of prior meetings can be accessed on our website, <http://mosierfire.com/proposed-changes/minutes/>. Agenda has not been set as of publication date.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE / PREVENTION**

**BRUSH CLEARING PARTIES:** Mosier Fire leads year-round, brief monthly public work parties to clear brush and thin and limb trees, on publicly-owned land in and around the City of Mosier. Unlike past events, we're keeping it to around two hours, and focus on smaller areas at a steady pace over the course of the full year. Piles will not be burned on these days. Tools, instruction, and safety equipment provided for all ages and experience levels. Refreshment providers are also welcome and encouraged. We will meet at **9:30AM** on each of the following Saturdays:

- **March 12, 2011:** East end of Pocket Park. Meet at Senior Center, 500 East Second Ave.
- **April 9, 2011:** Chamberlain Park (across Hwy 30 from Mosier School). Park next to overpass. This is a very prominent area and we'd like to see a lot of hands turn out for this easy half-day of clean-up.
- **May 7, 2011:** Rock Creek Rd, from Hwy 30 to sewage plant. Park at Rock Creek Access entry.
- **June 11, 2011:** Rock Creek Rd and ODOT Haul Rd. Park at Chamberlain Park or Rock Creek Access entry.

This is vitally important fire prevention in critical areas. Please join us. Have fun with your neighbors while helping to protect the community! Please call the Fire Chief if you have questions. 541-478-3333.

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