

# Mosier Fire Log

February / March 2014

## CALL SUMMARY

	FEB	YTD	2/13	13 YTD	2/12	12 YTD
MEDICAL:	4	7	4	13	0	9
FIRE:	3	5	3	5	0	1

### **Medical calls** in February:

- **Fall injury**, downtown Mosier, on scene in eight minutes.
- **Person down**, downtown Mosier, on scene in three minutes.
- **Fall injury**, one mile south of Mosier, on scene in eight minutes.
- **Medical device failure**, downtown Mosier, on scene in four minutes.

### **Fire calls** in February:

- **1/31**: Report of a **vehicle fire**, Interstate 84 westbound milepost 75. Canceled en route – likely a stalled car reflecting rising sun, mistaken for flames.
- **2/6**: Assisted Oregon State Police by **providing warm shelter** in the fire office to a stranded motorist while an officer responded from Cascade Locks in bad weather.
- **2/10**: Report of a **diesel spill**, Interstate 84 milepost 74. Two fire fighters and apparatus stuck on the freeway for four hours due to a blocking semi. Icy conditions were a major contributing factor.

**Icy Weather Safety Advisory:** The majority of our calls in February related in some way to the spell of cold, icy weather. The common characteristic of these calls is that they occurred as temperatures warmed from days of extreme cold to just above freezing, allowing any moisture or drizzle to form a sheet of ice on frozen surfaces. These conditions are also extremely hazardous for your fire and EMS responders to work in – if conditions are bad enough that folks are wrecking or falling due to ice, we're about guaranteed to have problems ourselves. Picture being called to multiple vehicles in a ditch at a single location, and having to keep an eye out for incoming cars and trucks while managing injured patients.

You can do a lot to help yourself and your emergency responders by taking simple precautions. First, be aware of changes in the weather. If the high temperatures have been in the twenties or lower for several days and now are forecast to go up, expect a transition period where icing may happen, and understand it may be unpredictable about where and how severely ice forms. Consider delaying going outside or traveling by vehicle. Secondly, if you must venture out in these conditions, be prepared and don't be in a hurry. Have de-icer on hand, and use all available traction aids, including snow tires and over-shoe personal chains.

**CALL SUMMARY**

	MAR	YTD	3/13	13 YTD	3/12	12 YTD
MEDICAL:	6	13	6	19	6	15
FIRE:	2	7	2	7	1	2

**Medical calls** in March:

- **Medical device failure**, downtown Mosier, on scene in six minutes.
- **Panic attack**, Interstate 84 eastbound milepost 75, on scene in ten minutes.
- **Difficulty breathing**, downtown Mosier, on scene in three minutes.
- **Seizure**, Upper State Rd., on scene in three minutes.
- **Unconscious person**, downtown Mosier, on scene in four minutes.
- **Seizure**, upper Dry Creek Rd., on scene in three minutes.

**Fire calls** in March:

- **3/11: Motor vehicle crash**, upper Dry Creek Rd., on scene in twelve minutes. Vehicle on its top, single occupant self-extricated, no injuries.
- **3/16: Structure fire**, upper Dry Creek Rd., on scene in eight minutes. Large shop building with commercial and personal property. Building and contents were entirely involved by the time we were called. Cause still under investigation.

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## Volunteer News

**Maggie Goter, Joe Haythorn, and Lisa White** have passed their EMT final exams. They still have one more set of exams for National certification coming up in April, but all three will soon be State-licensed whether they pass the certification exams or not.

Emergency Medical Technician is a tough course. If you know Joe, Maggie, or Lisa, please give them hearty congratulations.

Three more brings us up to eleven licensed Fire District EMT's in the greater Mosier community. Chances are you live only minutes away from at least one EMT with a complete medical kit. EMT is the right level for our responders, filling the crucial gap between the initial call and the arrival of an ambulance. Our EMT's are earning a reputation among our regional EMS colleagues for the quality of our training and equipment, and the effectiveness of our responses.

