



Three Rivers Rural Fire Protection District
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“Proudly serving Lake Billy Chinook and the Grandview Area”


Three Rivers Fire District is Granted Land for a New Fire Station

Earlier this Spring, the fire district approached the land owners in the Three Rivers association asking them to become “Grant Partners” in the Fire Station Construction Project and grant the RFPD a parcel of land. The fire district would like to construct a new station on a 3.23 acres parcel located west of the front gate and the office of Three Rivers.

Ballots were sent to all Three Rivers property owners. A total of 1002 ballots were counted, which constitutes 81.3% of the ballots sent out. The totals were: Yes, 921 No, 81, a total of 87.9% in favor.

Preliminary plans have begun for the new station. This is essential to identify all cost involved and to attract additional grant partners for various stages for construction. The new station would be built utilizing federal dollars, various grants and private donations

The new location is more central to the entire district. Grandview area citizens will benefit from this new station for decades to come.



Dial 911 for immediate fire or medical assistance, such as:

- Fires
- Unattended Burning
- Medical Emergencies
- Car, ATV, Motorcycle Accidents
- Anytime a life or lives are in danger
- Public Assistance or a welfare check do to illness, age, disability.

If you have to call 911, verify you are Calling Jefferson County 911. Stay calm and speak clearly. The dispatcher may ask several questions depending on the situation, so don't hang up until the dispatcher tells you to. The information is necessary to better prepare the responders, ensure the correct level of response, and for the safety of the responders. Many times the call is dispatched while you are still on the line. The dispatcher may also keep you on the phone to update the responders of any new information, such as change in a medical condition, etc.

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Is Your Address Clearly Visible?

When you call for help, emergency responders need to locate your residence quickly. Are your house numbers visible from the street? Is your house address posted on a mailbox that is located in cluster of mailboxes? In an emergency, every second counts. The Three Rivers Fire District has address signs available for \$25.00 which includes installation. Mail your completed order form and fee to the Three Rivers Fire Department, 5055 SW Lake View Dr. Culver, OR 9734 Applications are also available on-line.

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____

Special Instructions _____

THREE RIVERS RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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Test your smoke alarm today!

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Burning Info 541-410-5077

Spring/Summer 2010

Join the Team!



Interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter? A regional fire

training academy begins in late September. Hosted by 13 different fire districts, the academy trains both men and women to national firefighter standards. Topics include firefighter safety, PPE (personal protective equipment), fire behavior and fire suppression.

Training classes are held on Saturdays It's never been easier to become a motivated, highly skilled volunteer firefighter.

Volunteers are needed at the Three Rivers station within the Three Rivers Fire District. Please call Chief Don Colfels at 541-550-7673 or visit us on the web www.threeriversfire.org/about/volunteer.html for all of the details and an application.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEER TODAY!

A Message from the Fire Chief

In May of 2008, voters formed the Three Rivers Rural Fire Protection District. As a fire district, the fire department became eligible to receive grants, donations and surplus equipment. Since that time, the fire department has received nearly \$80,000 in grants. We received grants for new Wildland water supply equipment including new hoses, pump and portable tanks. We have received surplus equipment including of 2 heavy 6x6 brush engines, a water rescue boat, a Basic Life Support – Support staff vehicle and over \$1500.00 in donations. These grants and equipment has made it possible to increase our level of fire protection as well as the emergency services which the fire department provides to our community.

In 2009 the call volume was double that of previous years. Our medical response times averaged just 8 minutes. All Wildland fire starts were held to less than 1 acre.

Our training levels have increased overall. Our volunteers have spent hundreds of hours in training both fire, rescue, and emergency medical training. This summer we will have five EMT's volunteering on shifts both during the week and on weekends. Our firefighters will continue to track and monitor lightning strikes in order to continue to catch them small.

The fire district is off to a great start and we have begun to plan for the future.

With this growth, the anticipated future growth and the desire to continually improve our service level to the community, the district has begun the planning process of building a new fire station. The new station would be built utilizing federal dollars, various grants and private donations. The process has begun with the land owners of Three Rivers Landowners association voting to grant the Fire District 3.23 acres on Graham Rd. Now that the district has the land, we can begin to look for funding.

This overall process may take some time depending upon the amount of grant dollars and private donations we can attract.

If you have any question or concerns about your new fire district, I am always available. Please call me at 541-550-7673 or email don@threeriversfire.org Don Colfels, Fire Chief



Labor Day Breakfast

Sunday Sept. 5th—7:00 a.m.—Noon
 Three Rivers Rec Hall

Adults \$5, Children 6 and up —\$4
 Sponsored by the Three Rivers Fire District Volunteers

Women and Heart Attacks

If you're a woman, you may not believe you're as vulnerable to a heart attack as men—but you are. Women account for nearly half of all heart attack deaths. Heart disease is the number one killer of both women and men.

There are differences in how women and men respond to a heart attack. Women are less likely than men to believe they're having a heart attack and more likely to delay in seeking emergency treatment.

Furthermore, women tend to be about 10 years older than men when they have a heart attack. They are more likely to have other conditions, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and congestive heart failure—making it all the more vital that they get proper treatment fast. Women should learn the heart attack warning signs. These are:

- ♥ Pain or discomfort in the center of the chest.
- ♥ Pain or discomfort in other areas of the upper body, including the arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
- ♥ Other symptoms, such as a shortness of breath, breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or light-headedness.

As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back or jaw pain. If you feel heart attack symptoms, do not delay. Remember, minutes matter! Do not wait for more than a few minutes – 5 minutes at most—to call 9-1-1. Your family will benefit most if you seek fast treatment.

Lake Billy Chinook Boater Safety Tips

Members of the Three River Fire District Water Rescue Team would like to remind boaters and swimmers to be safe on Lake Billy Chinook this summer. Adults as well as children should wear life vests when boating or fishing. Be alert for snags and rocks both at the waters' surface and below.

Carry a cell phone with you. Protect yourself from the sun; wear a hat and sun screen lotion. If fishing alone, let others know of your plans; where you are heading, and when you are to be expected home. Take drinking water and a snack with you. And remember, even on the hottest of days, the lake's temperature remains cold, especially near the headwaters.



Do not hesitate to call 911 during an emergency.

2010 FireFree Emergency Services Expo



The annual FireFree / Emergency Services Expo was held May 8th at the Three Rivers Fire station. This years topic was "Defensible Space" This event was

an enjoyable interaction between the public and regional agencies. Airlink Critical Care helicopter flew in. Jefferson County EMS was also on hand. Both agencies were providing information on subscription services available.

Jefferson County marine patrol inspected several boats and issued their season inspection sticker. BLM was on hand to talk about defensible space and Red cross had information on Preparedness and evacuation kits. The district provided free hotdogs and hamburgers to everyone. This annual event is held each Spring and everyone in the fire district is welcome.



PROPANE CAMPFIRES



As you may or may not be aware, propane camp fires ARE legal during the "fire season" when open campfires are not allowed.

The following must be met: All propane type camp fires must be registered fire district. A green address sign must be installed at the end of your driveway in a visible location. The costs for these signs are \$25. Keep your flame at or below 18" in height and away from low lying branches as well as any flammables.

Three Rivers Fire District Services

- ☐ Free "FireFree" Property Inspections
- ☐ Address Signs Installation
- ☐ FireMed Subscriptions
- ☐ Free Blood Pressure Checks
- ☐ Free Blood Glucose Checks
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher Training
- ☐ Fire Prevention and Education
- ☐ First Aid/CPR Classes
- ☐ Emergency Services Expo



Open Enrollment
May & June

Jefferson County
Fire Med

AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

\$50 per year

A service of the Jefferson County
Emergency Medical Services

FireMed is a membership program that covers you and all members in your household*, even those family members living in a local residential care facility. A transport by ambulance is expensive, and occasionally not all ambulance costs are covered by some insurance companies or they may require that you pay a deductible or co-pay. The patient then becomes responsible for the remainder of the ambulance bill. FireMed members are protected against the unreimbursed ambulance fees, and considers the amount paid by the insurance company as payment in full.

**Please see application for definition of "family."*

Please contact The Fire Department 541-771-0992 or Jefferson County EMS 541 475-7476 for application and details

FIRE SEASON

Fire Season Begins June 1st.

All Open and Debris burning will be closed

- ☐ Call for Burn Barrels
- ☐ Call For Campfires
- ☐ NO FIREWORKS

Call daily since fire conditions may change overnight

Call 541-410-5077 for burn information. If you need further assistance, call 541-771-0992 during business hours.

www.ThreeRiversFire.org

Check out the Three Rivers Fire District website for valuable safety information. You will also find links to many informative websites that will provide you and your family with life-saving tips. The kids will enjoy the many safety activities when they link to the "kid's page". Check out www.threeriversfire.org today!

Are You Prepared for the Fire Season?



DEFENSIBLE SPACES REDUCE THE RISK OF AN URBAN INTERFACE FIRE

Be prepared. It could save lives and property. We can help! Contact Chief don Colfels (541-550-7673) if you have any questions or if you would like us to come out and survey your property.

► **CREATE A DEFENSIBLE SPACE** -A defensible space is a buffer zone, a minimum 30 foot non-combustible area around your house that reduces the intensity and risk of a wildfire from starting or spreading to your house.

► **REPLACE FLAMMABLE LANDSCAPING** - Choose plants that have a high moisture content and shrubs that have non-resinous branches.

► **PRUNE OR REMOVE TREES** - Prune low-hanging branches to help keep a ground fire from climbing into the tree. Remove or thin trees that are overcrowded or weakened.

► **CUT GRASS AND WEEDS** - Fire moves rapidly in dry grass and weeds. Mow grasses and other low vegetation and keep them well watered.

► **RELOCATE WOOD PILES** - Move wood piles and building materials away from your house. Keep them at least 30 feet away from your house or other buildings.

► **CLEAN YOUR ROOF AND YARD** - Clear your roof and gutters of pine needles, leaves and debris. Remove dead limbs and branches within 10 feet of your chimney and deck.

► **ADDRESSES AND ACCESS** - During a fire or other emergency, an easy-to-read road sign and visible address numbers help emergency personnel find your house. Driveways should be clear of vegetation to allow emergency vehicles, both large and small, to reach your house.