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Dial 9-1-1**

# THE DISPATCH

## OUTDOOR BURNING

### OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FIRE INFORMATION

AS THE WARMER MONTHS COME CLOSER WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF JUST WHAT IS AND ISN'T OK TO BURN OUTDOORS.

#### WHAT IS AN APPROVED / AUTHORIZED OUTDOOR FIRE

RECREATIONAL FIRE ARE ALLOWED IF BUILT IN METAL OR CONCRETE LINED FIRE PITS LIKE THOSE FOUND IN CAMPGROUNDS, AND CAMPING STOVES. FIRE PITS CAN ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED OF BRICKS OR ROCKS.

- FIRES SHALL NOT EXCEED 3 FEET IN DIAMETER AND HEIGHT.
- THE DEPTH OF THE PIT SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 6 INCHES AND CAPABLE OF CONTAINING FIRE DEBRIS.
- FIRES SHALL CONSIST OF DRY SEASONED FIREWOOD, "DURA-FLAME/PRESTO LOGS" OR CHARCOAL BRIQUETTES ONLY.
- A MINIMUM OF 10 FEET SHALL BE MAINTAINED AROUND THE ENTIRE PIT, FREE OF GRASS, SHRUBBERY, WEEDS, VEGETATION AND ANY OTHER COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL, INCLUDING OVERHANGING LIMBS FROM TREES. FIRE SHOULD BE NO CLOSER THAN 25 FEET FROM ANY BUILDINGS.
- FIRES SHALL BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES BY AN ADULT WITH IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO A BUCKET OF WATER OR AN ACTIVE GARDEN HOSE.



#### WHAT IS A NOT-APPROVED / UN-AUTHORIZED OUTDOOR FIRE

- FIRES THAT CONTAIN GARBAGE, PAINT, PLYWOOD, FINISHED LUMBER OR PARTICLE BOARD, OR ANY PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUCH AS TIRES, PLASTICS, GASOLINE MAY NOT BE BURNED. BURNING OF YARD WASTE IS ALSO NOT ALLOWED (NO BRANCHES, SHRUBBERY, OR WET WOOD).
- BURN BARRELS SHALL NEVER BE USED FOR ANY TYPE OF BURNING.



## FIREWORK SAFETY

### BE PREPARED... BEFORE YOU LIGHT FIREWORKS

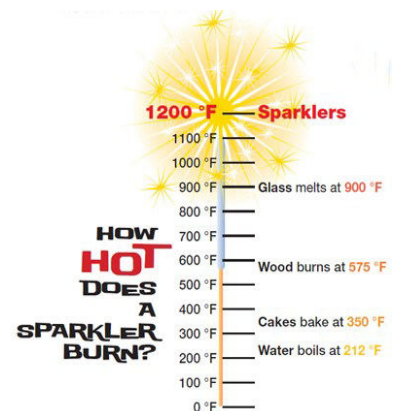
- ONLY USE FIREWORKS PURCHASED FROM STATE LICENSED FIREWORKS STANDS
- STORE FIREWORKS OUT OF CHILDREN'S REACH.
- KEEP PETS SAFE INDOORS.
- ALWAYS KEEP WATER HANDY.

### BE SAFE... WHEN LIGHTING FIREWORKS

- ONLY ADULTS SHOULD LIGHT FIREWORKS.
- ONLY USE FIREWORKS OUTDOORS.
- DO NOT THROW FIREWORKS OR HOLD THEM.
- PROTECT YOUR EYES.
- LIGHT ONE FIREWORK AT A TIME, MOVE AWAY QUICKLY-NEVER RELIGHT A "DUD".

### BE RESPONSIBLE... AFTER YOU FINISH

- SOAK USED FIREWORKS IN WATER.
- BE CONSIDERATE AND CLEAN UP USED FIREWORKS.
- REMEMBER FIREWORK DEBRIS BELONG IN THE TRASH, NOT THE RECYCLE BIN.
- KEEP MATCHES AND LIGHTERS AWAY FROM CHILDREN.





Every year on average, 37 children die in hot cars in the US.



From 1999 to 2010, 8,081 heat-related deaths were reported in the United States. Of these 8,081:

Stay Cool



72% underlying cause was heat exposure  
28% heat was contributing factor

Stay Hydrated



69% were Males

94% occurred May-Sept

Stay Informed



July was highest month accounting for 39%

Source: CDC

# A LOOK AT YOUR DEPARTMENT

## MEET YOUR FIREFIGHTERS

CAPTAIN/ PARAMEDIC ALLEN PUTZ

ALLEN PUTZ BEGAN WITH RIVERSIDE FIRE & RESCUE IN 2011 AS AN INTERN FIREFIGHTER WHILE WORKING TOWARDS HIS FIRE SCIENCE DEGREE AND EMT-BASIC AT BATES TECHNICALLY COLLEGE. SINCE COMPLETION, HE HAS CONTINUED HIS TRAINING AND EDUCATION BY OBTAINING HIS PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION AND FIRE OFFICER TRAINING. HE WAS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN TWO YEARS AGO AND IS CURRENTLY THE ASSISTANT TO THE MEDICAL SUPERVISOR AND TRAINING OFFICER.



IN HIS FREE TIME HE IS BUSY AT HOME RAISING HIS TWO GIRLS, AGES TWO AND FOUR,

WE PROVIDED AN INSIGHT INTO HIS WORK ETHIC AND DEDICATION WITH OUR FAVORITE QUOTE FROM HIM:

"COME ON, HURRY UP! YOU GUYS ARE SO SLOW, I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO SAVE ME IN A FIRE!"

## HEAT RELATED ILLNESS PREVENTION

### HEAT EXHAUSTION

#### Symptoms

- Faint or Dizzy
- Headache
- Profuse Sweating
- Irritability
- Weak, Rapid Pulse
- Shallow Breathing
- Pale, Cool, Clammy Skin
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Muscle Cramps

#### Treatment

- 1) Have victim lie down in a cool shaded area or air conditioned area.
- 2) Drink water if victim is conscious.
- 3) Use caution when victim stands up, apply cold compresses.

FLUIDS, AND REPLACE THE BODY'S SALTS AND MINERALS, WHICH SWEATING CAN RELEASE. DO NOT TAKE SALT TABLETS UNLESS UNDER MEDICAL SUPERVISION.

- DRESS INFANTS AND CHILDREN IN COOL, LOOSE CLOTHING AND SHADE THEIR HEADS AND FACES FROM THE SUN WITH HATS OR AN UMBRELLA.
- PROVIDE PLENTY OF FRESH WATER FOR PETS, AND LEAVE THE WATER IN A SHADED AREA.

- DURING HEAT WAVES, FREQUENTLY CHECK ON PEOPLE AT RISK FOR HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS, SUCH AS THE ELDERLY, DISABLED OR HOMEBOUND PEOPLE.
- NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN ALONE IN CARS, AND ENSURE THAT CHILDREN CANNOT LOCK THEMSELVES IN AN ENCLOSED SPACE, SUCH AS A CAR TRUNK.
- LIMIT SUN EXPOSURE DURING MIDDAY HOURS AND IN PLACES OF POTENTIAL SEVERE EXPOSURE, SUCH AS BEACHES.

- DRINK PLENTY OF NON-ALCOHOLIC FLUIDS, AND REPLACE THE BODY'S SALTS AND MINERALS, WHICH SWEATING CAN RELEASE. DO NOT TAKE SALT TABLETS UNLESS UNDER MEDICAL SUPERVISION.

### HEAT STROKE

#### Symptoms

- Absence of Sweating
- Pulsating Headache
- Hot, Red, Dry Skin
- High Body Temp: Above 103
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Strong, Rapid Pulse
- Confusion
- Convulsions
- May Lose Consciousness

#### Treatment

### 1) DIAL 911

- 2) Take action to cool victim by any means. Place victims in a cool area, wrap in wet towel, sponge victim with cool water.



# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Volunteers are required to work (4) 12 hour shifts per month.

Department drills are Tuesdays 1830-2130 and again Friday 1000-1300



80% of drill attendance is required quarterly

All firefighters are required to complete a Fire Academy and obtain EMT-B within a year.



### Additional training offered includes:

- Driver/Operator
- Vehicle Extrication
- Hazardous Materials
- Swift Water Rescue
- Wildland Firefighter
- Rope Rescue
- Officer Development

PLEASE POST/SHARE THE RECRUITMENT FLYER AT YOUR WORK, GYM, SCHOOL OR OTHER PUBLIC LOCATION. THE AVERAGE TENURE OF VOLUNTEERS IS 1-2 YEARS WHICH MEANS ONE OF OUR TOP ONGOING PRIORITIES IS RECRUITMENT. YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IS RUN PRIMARILY BY VOLUNTEERS, SO PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO HELP US OUT AND SPREAD THE WORD!

WE ARE PLANNING TO HOST OUR SECOND ANNUAL FIRE ACADEMY STARTING IN JUNE. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR FOOT IN THE DOOR FOR A FUTURE IN THE FIRE SERVICE WHILE SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY.

## A GLANCE AT FIRE ACADEMY

THE TYPICAL DAY AT RIVERSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE'S TRAINING ACADEMY IS VERY BUSY. THERE ARE ACADEMIC AND PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS TO THE DAY, AND A LOT OF INFORMATION IS COMPRESSED INTO THE SCHEDULE. RIVERSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE TAKES PRIDE IN ITS EXTENSIVE TRAINING AND, AS A RESULT, RIVERSIDE

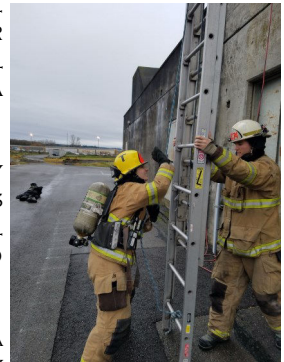


FIRE AND RESCUE'S FIREFIGHTERS ARE TRAINED TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN THE SHORT DURATION RECRUITS SPEND IN THE ACADEMY.

RECRUIT FIREFIGHTERS WILL SPEND 3 MONTHS IN RIVERSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE'S TRAINING ACADEMY. RECRUITS MUST BE SEATED AT THEIR DESK PREPARED FOR THE DAY AT 1800 ON WEEKDAYS AND 0800 ON WEEKENDS. THE RECRUIT ACADEMY TYPICALLY RUNS EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY FROM 1730 TO 2130 AND EVERY OTHER SATURDAY/SUNDAY FROM 0630 TO 1700. AFTER GRADUATING THE

ACADEMY, EACH FIREFIGHTER TESTS FOR THEIR INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE ACCREDITATION CONGRESS (IFSAC) FIREFIGHTER AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CERTIFICATIONS. A PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL RECOGNIZING YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AS A FIREFIGHTER.

RECRUITS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR CLASSROOM LECTURES BY COMPLETING ALL ASSIGNMENTS PRIOR TO THAT DAYS INSTRUCTION. BECAUSE THE SCHEDULE IS DYNAMIC, ALL EQUIPMENT, BOOKS AND UNIFORMS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO WORK EVERY DAY REGARDLESS OF THE EXPECTED SCHEDULE.



THE FOLLOWING IS A SAMPLE OF THE DAILY SCHEDULE. CLASSROOM AND DRILL GROUND TIME WILL VARY FROM WEEK TO WEEK. THE SCHEDULE IS DYNAMIC AND WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2017

- PT 0630-0730
- INSPECTIONS 0730-0745
- LADDERS 0745-1200
- LUNCH 1200-1245
- LADDERS 1245-1700

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