

# Fire District #2 First Responder



North Plains-Administrative Office  
31370 NW Commercial Street,  
North Plains

Midway Station  
15200 SW Midway Road, Hillsboro,  
OR

## Burning Season is Closed The season will re-open October 1st.

### Open burning is allowed now until June 15th.

Open burning is the burning of debris in an outdoor fireplace, burn barrel, backyard incinerator or piles of yard debris.

An open burn may only contain **yard debris consisting of wood, needles or leaves from plants.**

Items that **cannot** be burned include: **tires, plastics, decomposable garbage, petroleum products, asphalt and chemicals.**

A burn barrel is an efficient and polluting method of burning. The best method for open burning is to use a loosely stacked pile. Make sure the pile is away from other combustible materials and/or structures. Burn piles should also be attended at all times and

have a extinguisher source nearby.

**Agricultural burning** is the burning of waste generated by an agricultural operation that uses the land for the purpose of raising, harvesting and selling crops or raising and selling animals. A permit from Washington County Fire District #2 is required and can be obtained at either station.

**Slash burning** is the burning of logging debris and can only be performed on forest land. A permit from Oregon Department of Forestry is required. For more information call 503-945-7200.

Even though burning is opened the Department of Environmental Quality reserves the right to close burning on particular days to protect air quality.

The link listed below offer more information on open burning and burning alternatives:

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/eq/burning/index.htm>

Before lighting any burn call **503-993-3242** to see if burning is allowed on that day and during what hours of the day.

For more information on burning please us at 503-647-9900.



**CALL BEFORE YOU  
BURN  
503-992-3242**

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**Board of Directors Meeting**

**2nd Wednesday of every month at  
6:30PM**

**Board of Directors**

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## Helpful Links



Washington County Fire District  
#2 <http://www.wcfd2.com/>

Oregon State Fire  
Marshal  
<http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/>

Oregon Department of Forestry  
<http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/>

Oregon Department of Environmental  
Quality  
<http://www.oregon.gov/DEQ/>

United States Fire  
Administration

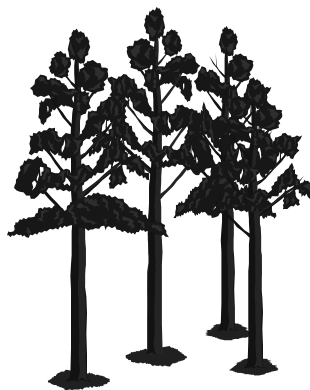
## Wildland Season is Near: Are you ready?

Spring is just beginning in the Willamette Valley and that is a great time to make sure you are prepared for wildland season.

Here some guidelines to help you to help protect your property in the event of a wildfire.

- Dispose of stove or fireplace ashes or charcoal briquettes only after soaking in water for 24 hrs.
- Store gasoline only in an approved safety container away from occupied buildings.
- Keep combustible items at least 100 feet from structure
- Clean roof surfaces and gutters regularly.
- Space shrubs at least 15 feet apart.
- Cut trees to a height of 15 feet.
- Remove piles of debris near the structure.
- Maintain a fuel break of 30' feet around your home on flat area or 100' on a

For more information or to schedule an inspection contact us at 503-647-



# Door to Door Smoke Alarm Campaign

Washington County Fire District #2 along with Hillsboro Fire and Rescue, Forest Grove Fire and Rescue, Banks Fire District and Cornelius Fire and Rescue will be going door to door in their areas checking smoke detectors and installing new ones.

During the summer, volunteers from five departments mentioned above will be going into homes to check your smoke detector and replace it with a new one.

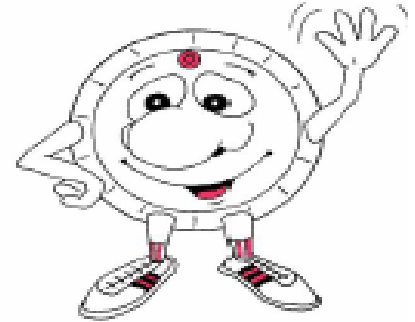
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It is important that you check your smoke detectors at least twice a year. A good rule of thumb is to check the batteries at the same time you change your clocks.

You should also keep your smoke detectors clear of dust by vacuuming periodically.

The funds for this program were provided by a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security.



For more information about smoke alarms call 503-647-9900.

## Volunteers Needed

We need your help. Washington County Fire District #2 is looking for volunteers.

To become a firefighter, you will need a clean driving and criminal record, and be in good health and a willingness to help in your community. As a firefighter you will help people in all types of emergencies including sickness, automobile crashes and structure fires.

The District will provide you with the basic required training. The volunteer firefighters academy is given twice a year in the fall and spring. During this eight week training session you will



work with other volunteer firefighters from western Washington County to learn basic firefighter skills.

In January the Emergency Medical Technician First Responder is given and will teach you the basic medical skills.

Our volunteer firefighters continually train each week. The North Plains station meets every Thursday at 730PM. The Midway station meets every Tuesday at 7PM.

There are other ways to help as well. You can provide support during community events and with public relations. For more information drop in on any training night or call 503-647-9900.

## Thank you for your support Measure 34-141 passes

In November the residents of Washington County Fire District #2 generously passed a \$.57/\$1,000 five year local option levy to increase staff and upgrade equipment.

In February, the District took the first step toward returning to 24 hour coverage by hiring Jordan Graybeal. Jordan has been a WCFD#2 volunteer for 5 years and has two years career firefighting experience. On July 1st four

more career firefighters will be added. The District will return to 24 hour coverage at both stations by August. This type of staffing will greatly reduce response times in the future.

Staffing levels is the number one goal of the 2007-2008 fiscal year, but funds are also being set aside in a reserve to purchase new apparatus and begin a wellness and fitness program to help ensure the safety of our firefighters.

The District has completed the 2007-2008 budget. You may view a copy at anytime between the hours of 9AM and 5PM, Monday through Friday. Now District officials will begin the process planning for the future.

To share your thoughts on the future of Washington County Fire District #2, please call 503-647-9900.