



BURN BAN - OFF

FIRE DANGER - HIGH

**OCT
2019**

CHIEF'S REPORT

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Fire Chief's Update

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FALL FIRE SEASON & HIGH FIRE DANGER




**Countywide
Burn
Ban
Lifted**

**BURN BANS - LIFTED
EFFECTIVE 10/04/2019**

Temperatures have been above normal and rain has been non-existent since July creating hazardous conditions for outdoor burning over most September into the beginning of October. We have seen rain over the start of October but October like March can often be windy with weather patterns quickly moving through and the winds drying out the rain we receive. It is not unusual for us to be under Burn Bans this time of year making it difficult to enjoy bon fires and frustrating homeowners trying to keep their yards clean from the leaves that are falling because of the lack of rain over the end of the summer season

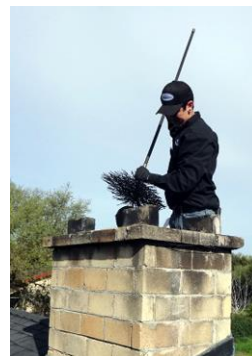
Please before you plan to burn follow a few rules to make sure your fire is legal and stays under control: 1. **Check for Burn Bans.** 2. **Have a water source.** 3. **Have clear defensible space around your fire.** 4. **Dedicate the time it takes to monitor your fire/ Do NOT Leave it UNATTENDED.** Conditions this time of year can be favorable for large wildfires-So please be attentive to your bon fires, cooking fires, and leaf/debris fires. Burn Bans were lifted October 4, 2019 but they can quickly be reinstated! So make sure to be aware before starting your fires!

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE

The July Vote to become a fire district passed with a total of 62.76% voting FOR! We want to extend our sincerest appreciation to our community members who in the months and days preceding the July Election helped with gathering signatures on petitions, making phone calls, getting information out, working the polls, and turning out to cast your votes! A vote FOR meant placing the dues on Real Estate Property Taxes paving the way to increase the participation of dues paying members from 41% to over 90%. More participation will provide the needed funds to update equipment, improve training, equip more firefighters and first responders, and allow the department the funds needed to work toward the ever continuing goals of providing better protection for the community and lowering the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Ratings for the area resulting in money back in the pockets of the homeowners with lower insurance premiums.. We will be working over the next few months to make the transition from 70 West Fire Protection Association to the newly formed District. We will share updates and information as soon as it's available. We will be holding a public meeting on November 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Every qualified elector of the district is invited to come and elect the new Board of Commissioners. The meeting and election will be held at Station 2 at 2900 Airport Road, Hot Springs, AR 71913. We are again very grateful to the community and will keep you updated as we go through the next few months.

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COOLER TEMPERATURES FORECASTED THIS WEEK – IS YOUR FIREPLACE READY?



Chimneys should be cleaned and inspected yearly! The build up of creosote can cause a fire that can rapidly spread to your roof and attic if it has an undetected crack. Contact a professional to clean and inspect yours before use and keep your family safe from fire.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- OCT 06-12 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**
- OCT 07 – FD TRAINING @ 6PM**
- OCT 12 – BERRY GLOBAL SAFETY DAY @ HS MALL**
- OCT 21 – ANNUAL MEETING @ 6PM**
- OCT 31 – FIREHOUSE TRICK OR TREAT @ DARK**
- NOV 4 – ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 70 WEST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT @ 6PM**

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

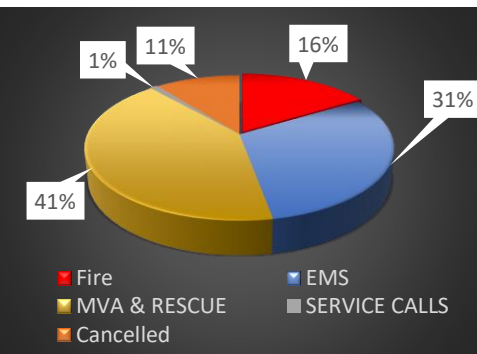


COVERING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

In September, 70 West took in a total of \$17,245.33 in membership dues, donations, sale of signs, and non-member fire fees. Our expenses totaled \$14,411.95 leaving a net income at the close of the month \$2,833.38

RESPONSE STATS

SEPT RESPONSES = 104



FIRE INCIDENTS (17) - 16%	
Good Intent Calls - Controlled Burns, Illegal Burns, Burn Ban Violation, Smoke Scares	10
Grass/Brush/Woods Fires	4
Structure Fires, Cooking Fires	2
Heavy Equipment Fire	1
EMERGENCY MEDICAL (32) - 31%	
EMS - Medical Assist, First Responder	32
VEHICLE & RESCUE INCIDENTS (43) - 41%	
MVA with No Injury	30
MVA with Injury (Includes Extrication MVAs)	12
Extrication of Victim from Machinery	1
FALSE ALARMS/CALLS, CANCELLED (11) - 11%	
Fire Alarm - False Alarm	9
Dispatched, Cancelled Enroute	1
Wrong Location, No Incident Found	1
SERVICE CALLS (1) - 1%	
Agency Assist - Law Enforcement	1

ACTIVE ATTACK INTERGRATED RESPONSE TRAINING

70 WEST FIRE RESCUE'S FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS PARTICIPATE IN ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT RAPID RESPONSE TRAINING WITH OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES.

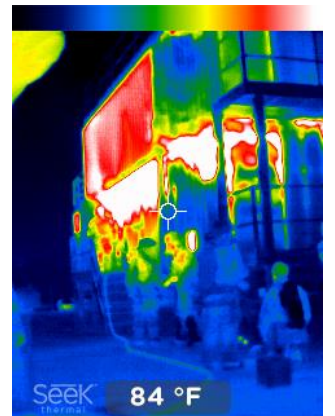
70 West crews recently had the opportunity to participate in ALERRT Training with several other emergency response agencies in the county. Four volunteers from 70 West completed the AAIR Course from ALERRT through Texas State University. ALERRT stands for - Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training. The AAIR Course was specialized training for Active Attack Integrated Response. This course taught law enforcement officials, firefighters, first responders, and other medical response teams how to work with law enforcement agencies in warm zones during active shooter/active threat emergencies. The course took place at Lake Hamilton School over the summer. Our responders practiced with other agencies how to mitigate the incidents, provide rapid triage, treatment, and extraction of patients from mass casualty incidents (MCIs), working with law enforcement officials and other medical and fire emergency response agencies. Local agencies represented included 70 West Fire, Fountain Lake Fire, Lake Hamilton Fire, Hot Springs Fire, Piney Fire, Garland County Sheriff's Office, and LifeNet EMS. There were some other Law Enforcement Officers from outside the county that attended as well.



LIVE FIRE TRAINING

70 WEST FIRE RESCUE'S FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS PARTICIPATE IN UTLRA HIGH PRESSURE FOAM SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION THANKS TO PYRO UHP!

70 West crews recently had the opportunity practice with the Pyro UHP System, a system we hope to soon be able to integrate into our fleet at 70 West. The system can extinguish fires with a lot less water than conventional methods, utilizes smaller hose lines, can fit on small or large apparatus, and our firefighters have been training on how to use the system over the last few months.



CONGRATS ELI PRELL

70 West recruit Eli Prell recently graduated the Arkansas Fire Training Academy Firefighter Standards Course.

Eli joined 70 West Fire Department back in January of 2018 as a volunteer. He decided that he wanted to try to get into firefighter as a career and was recently hired by Malvern Fire Department. Eli attended the late summer firefighter standards course at the Arkansas Fire Academy in Camden and recently graduated on October 4, 2019. Congratulations Eli on all of your hard work! Eli will continue to service on 70 West as a volunteer on his days off from Malvern.



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70 WEST FD'S ANNUAL FIREHOUSE TRICK & TREAT!

OCT 31 @ DARK

OCTOBER IS BUSY WITH FIRE PREVENTION!!!

We will be at several local Schools and Daycares for Fire Prevention Activities - After all the second week of October is Fire Prevention Week! Come visit us at some public events we have scheduled!

- SAT - OCT 12 BERRY GLOBAL SAFETY DAY AT HOT SPRINGS MALL
- THURS - OCT 31 ANNUAL FIREHOUSE TRICK OR TREAT STARTS AT DARK AT STATION 2