



FLORENCE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2018

SPECIALS POINTS OF INTEREST

JULY 4TH
FIREWORKS

NEW FIRE ENGINE
&
AMBULANCE

JULY 4TH PICNIC & FIREWORKS



Come enjoy the July 4th holiday with a fun family picnic and fireworks show.

The Florence Rural Fire District and the Florence Firefighters Association are proud to sponsor the annual July 4th picnic and fireworks show at the Florence community park. This is also made possible by donations that the community makes to the fire district for this yearly event.

We thank you for your continued support and donations!

Starting with a **free** community potluck dinner at **5:00 pm**. Hotdogs and hamburgers are cooked by members of the Fire District, supported by all those fantastic pot luck dishes brought in by members of the Florence Civic Club and Florence Community. Bring in your favorite side dish or dessert, and enjoy all of the good eats!

Starting at apx. **10:15 pm**, there will be a free aerial fireworks show.

Sit back and watch the great display!

During the evening, there will be a raffle, music, games and activities for everyone's enjoyment. **Enjoy the evening and have fun!**

WHEN: JULY 4, 2018 **TIME:** 5:00 pm: Dinner & 10:15 pm: Fireworks

WHERE: Florence Park - 5458 Florence Carlton Loop, Florence, MT

See us online at:
www.florencefire.us

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NEW ARRIVAL

The Florence Rural Fire District, has recently taken delivery of a new fire engine. This new engine was manufactured by Rosenbauer Fire Apparatus in Minnesota and it carries 800 gallons of water and can pump up to 1250 gallons a minute. It also carries foam and has large side compartments with roll up doors to provide ample storage for tools and equipment. It is also equipped with hose reels, quick attack hose lines, breathing apparatus, ladders, scene lighting and other various tools and equipment needed for firefighting operations.

This new engine replaces an older engine which was over 25 years old, and could no longer meet current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Insurance Service Office (ISO) pump certifications.

This new engine will be used as a primary structure fire engine, and can also be used for other types of fires and emergencies as needed.

This engine was purchased with funds from the voter approved mill levy, and will provide many years of service to the Florence Community.

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THE FLORENCE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

The Florence Rural Fire District (FRFD) was founded in 1947 to serve the greater Florence area in Western Montana, 20 miles South of Missoula. The primary fire station is on Holloway Lane. With continued growth in the district, a second station was built on Hidden Valley Drive North on the East-side of Florence and was opened in 2014. This station will provide a much faster response time to calls on the east side, and will also assist the District in being able to lower its' ISO insurance rating to the community.

The Florence Rural Fire District covers an area of approximately 65 square miles and serves a population of over 6,000 people.

In 2017, members of the Florence Rural Fire District responded to 344 calls, handling structure fires, wildland fires, vehicle fires, medical emergencies physical rescues and other emergency and non - emergency calls. Approximately 70% of the calls were for medical related incidents.

The Florence Rural Fire District has over 40 hard working, devoted members, who are all VOLUNTEERS, and are dedicated to providing a high caliber level of service to the Florence community, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and also attend weekly training courses to better improve their skill levels.

The Department operates seven fire engines of various types, two water tenders, one ambulance, one command vehicle and one utility vehicle from two fire stations.

Since 1990, the Florence Rural Fire District has experienced a 98% increase in calls for service, from the continued growth of the Florence community.

The Chief Officers and members of the Florence Rural Fire Board of Trustees are committed to keeping the Florence community safe and strong, and are making sure that the Florence community receives the best service possible, now and in the future.

NEW AMBULANCE

The Fire District has received a grant from the MT Dept. of Transportation in the amount of \$162,000, for the purchase of a new medical ambulance. The District also has received a grant for \$25,000 from the American Heart Association, for a new heart monitor for use in medical emergencies. This new ambulance will be built to National Highway Administration standards, and will contain state of the art medical equipment. The vehicle will also have updated safety equipment for better protection and handling of the unit.

This new ambulance will replace our current ambulance which was donated to the District by Marcus Daly hospital and is over 22 years old. Delivery is expected to be by the end of July 2018. This new vehicle and medical equipment will allow the Florence Rural Fire District to provide a higher standard of prehospital emergency treatment & services to the Florence community.

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SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

- ◆ **When in a vehicle, always wear your seat belts.**
- ◆ **Never leave children or pets unattended in a HOT vehicle.**
- ◆ **Stay hydrated, take frequent water breaks.**
- ◆ **Wear appropriate clothing, including a wide-brimmed hat.**
- ◆ **Keep alert for summer storms, if thunder roars, go indoors.**
- ◆ **Be careful of fire. Fuels are dryer and burn faster.**
- ◆ **When hiking, wear sturdy shoes for ankle and foot support.**
- ◆ **Never leave your child unattended in a pool, lake, river or other water area.**
- ◆ **Don't rely on lifeguards or other adults to watch over you child while swimming.**