



# FLORENCE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

**JUNE 2022**



The Florence Rural Fire District and the Florence Firefighters Association are proud to sponsor the annual July 4th fireworks show. This event is also made possible by your generous donations.

**We thank you for your continued support and contributions!**

At 6:00 pm, there will be several food trucks on site available for you to purchase dinner from their awesome menus. A DJ will be providing music and there will be several raffles during the evening too! At around 10:20 pm, there will be a **FREE** aerial fireworks show.

**Enjoy the evening and have fun!**

**WHEN: MONDAY – JULY 4, 2022**

**TIME: Food Trucks open at 6:00 pm  
Fireworks around 10:20 pm**

**WHERE: Florence Park - 5458 Florence Carlton Loop in Florence**

# **RECORD YEAR**

## **435 calls**

The **Florence Volunteer Fire Department** responded to a record number of calls for service in 2021 - **435** calls. This was an **11%** increase from 2020, which was also a record year for calls at **393** calls.

Of the **435** calls in 2021, approximately 80% of the calls were medical related incidents, with the remainder being for structure fires, wildland fires, and other incidents in the community.

Over the last 5 years, the **Florence Volunteer Fire Department** has seen a 30% increase in calls for service in the Florence community. Since 2000, there has been a 91% increase in calls for service.

All members of the **Florence Fire Department** are **VOLUNTEER MEMBERS**, there are no paid members. We currently have 45 dedicated members from Cadets, EMTs, Paramedics, Firefighters, Officers and Chief Officers. Members participate in regular training and testing to keep updated on current techniques and operations, and to continue to serve with pride and commitment to the Florence community!

**For more information go to our website: [www.florencefire.us](http://www.florencefire.us)**



**VOLUNTEERS SERVING WITH PRIDE!**



# BBQ Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor BBQ grilling during the summer.

A grill placed too close to anything flammable can be a fire hazard.

They are also very hot, causing burn injuries too.

Follow these simple tips on BBQ safety, and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## Safety Tips:



Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.

The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railing and out from under the eaves and overhanging branches.

Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the hot grill area.

Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in the tray below the grills.

Never leave the BBQ grill unattended.

Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as fuel.

If you use starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Once the fire is burning, Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.

Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

Use of an electric charcoal starter are also a good way to start a fire.

When you are finished grilling, make sure the coals are cool before disposing in a metal container.

## PROPANE GRILLS

Before using, check the gas tank hose for leaks. If you smell or hear gas leaking, turn off all systems, and have the grill unit checked by a professional. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the Fire Department. Do Not Move the Grill!**

# FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

- \* Children should use fireworks only under close adult supervision.
- \* Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear.
- \* Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- \* Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands.
- \* Never light fireworks indoors.
- \* Use fireworks away from buildings and other flammable areas.
- \* Never point or throw lighted fireworks at another person.
- \* Light one firework at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
- \* **DO NOT** try to re-ignite or handle a malfunctioning firework.
- \* Soak both used and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
- \* Have a hose, bucket of water or fire extinguisher nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire.
- \* **In an Emergency, Call 911**



# HAPPY 75th ANNIVERSARY!

The Florence Rural Fire District is celebrating **75** years of service to the Florence community. The District was founded in 1947 and members of the department have been proudly serving the Florence community since. As the Florence community continues to grow, the Florence Rural Fire District continues to provide the needs of the growing community. All members are [VOLUNTEERS](#) and serve with pride and integrity to the community.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER 75 YEARS!**  
**CONGRATULATIONS FLORENCE FIRE!**



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**ARE YOU READY???**

**JULY 4TH IS NEAR!!!**

**BE FIRE SAFE!**