



# FLORENCE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

**SUMMER  
2025**

**NEW  
WATER  
TENDER**

**4th OF JULY**

**GIVING  
BACK**



One of the greatest highlights of summer is the magic of the Florence 4th of July Fireworks show.

The Florence Rural Fire District and Florence Firefighters have enjoyed sponsoring this annual show for many years.

The Fire District sponsors several raffles and give aways during the evening and food and refreshments will be available.

**ENJOY THE EVENING!**

***WHEN: JULY 4TH***

***WHERE: FLORENCE COMMUNITY PARK***

***TIME: FESTIVITIES START AT 6:00 PM,***

***FIREWORKS AT 10:20 PM (at dusk)***

***HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!***



# NEW WATER TENDER



Photo: John L Ames, FRFD

**The Florence Rural Fire District put a new tactical water tender into service.**

**This new water tender comes with advanced electronics for vehicle safety, carries 1800 gallons of water, and has a front mounted deck gun for fast fire attack. It is also equipped with front spray bars and is able to spray water while moving. It carries an assortment of hose lines and ladders for fire fighting use. This new water tender will be replacing an older water tender which is over 25 years old, and will serve the Florence community for years to come. It will be stationed at station 2 on Hidden Valley Rd. North.**





# **GIVING BACK!**

By: Peter Metzger, Assistance Fire Chief

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence, making the United States of America a sovereign nation.

From the founding of our nation unto the present day, men and women have relentlessly answered the call to serve their Country.

Service to one's Country presents itself in many different forms.

July 4th reminds us of our great freedom that came at a high cost from Americans, both past and present.

We are also reminded of the men and women who have taken up the mantle to serve their fellow countryman across the great land of volunteering. Again, answering the call.

There are approximately 18,873 volunteer fire department in America, and it's our privilege as members of the Florence Rural Fire District to serve and care for the needs of the community. "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, BUT because they're priceless." We are grateful for all the members of the Florence Fire District who sacrificially give their time and energy!

As a reminder, the heroes who give and have given their lives for the freedom we enjoy, let us never take it for granted. We want to thank all the men and women for their sacrifice to our great nation.

**Remember, Volunteering is a great way to give back!**



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**VOLUNTEERS SERVING WITH PRIDE**



Visit: [nfpa.org/grilling](https://nfpa.org/grilling)

# GRILLING SAFETY

*Follow these simple tips for safe grilling:*



Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors and placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.



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



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



Never leave your grill unattended.



If you choose to use lighter fluid, use only fluid intended for charcoal grills. Never add charcoal starter fluid to coals or kindling that has already been ignited.