



FLORENCE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019

**SPECIALS
POINTS
OF
INTEREST**

**JULY 4TH
FIREWORKS**

**NEW
AMBULANCE**

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Happy 4th of July

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

We thank you for your continued support and contributions!

Starting with a **FREE** community potluck dinner at **5:00 pm**. Hotdogs and hamburgers are cooked by members of the Fire District and 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 around **10:15 pm**, there will be a free aerial fireworks show.

Sit back and watch the great display!

During the evening, there will be raffles, music, games and activities for everyone's enjoyment.

Enjoy the evening and have fun!

WHEN: THURSDAY JULY 4, 2019

TIME: DINNER @ 5:00 pm & Fireworks @ 10:15 pm

WHERE: Florence Park - 5458 Florence Carlton Loop



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NEW ARRIVAL

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 was built to new highway safety standards and will include updated safety equipment for better protection and handling of the unit. It also contains state of the art medical equipment for greater patient care and treatment.

This new ambulance replaces an older ambulance which was donated to the District by Marcus Daly Hospital and was over 22 years old.

The new ambulance, with it's updated medical equipment, will allow the Florence Rural Fire District to provide a higher standard of prehospital emergency treatment & services to the Florence community for many years to come.

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WILDLAND FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The Ready, Set, Go! Program seeks to share information with residents on what they can do to successfully prepare for a wildland fire. Speak with your local fire department about your area's threat for wildland fire and learn more about the wildland urban interface. Fire season is an increasing threat and a year-round reality in many areas. Do your part to be prepared. The Ready Set Go! Program gives you simple, easy to follow tips. Browse tips and tools. Prepare your home and family in case of wildland fire.

Ready – Be fire-adapted and ready

Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your home is ready in case of a fire.

- Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home.
- Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures.
- Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place.
- Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing in the home know the plan of action.

Set – Situational awareness

- Pack your emergency items.
- Know how to receive and stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media, your local fire department and public safety.

Go! - Act early

Follow your personal wildland fire action plan. Also be sure to adhere to your local jurisdiction's evacuation processes. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire. After you have protected your home, it's time to prepare your family. Use the Ready, Set, Go! Personal Wildland Fire Action Guide and prepare with all members of your household well in advance of a fire. To obtain a copy of the guide, please contact your local fire department. Use the checklists to help you gain a situational awareness of the threat and to prepare your family disaster plan.

You can also go to: wildlandfirersg.org for more information and obtain a copy of your Personal Wildland Fire Action Guide.

Ready – Preparing for the Fire Threat

Set – Situation Awareness When a Fire Starts

Go! – Act Early

Create your family disaster plan. Practice it with your family and keep it accessible so all family members can see it.

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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.