

**2002 BOARD MEMBERS****President**

Marty Powers

**Vice President**

Shane Wood 443-2679

**Secretary**

Steve Lewis 521-2948

**Treasurer**

Pam Barton 521-1894

**Fire Chief**

Ron Wood 442-5925

**Fire Department**

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency 442-5700

**Board Member Re-election Information**

Pam Barton - 2003

Jimmie Wood - 2003

Casey Parker - 2003

Ron Woodruff - 2003

Marty Powers - 2004

Adrian Gregg - 2004

Tom Davenport - 2004

James Wood - 2004

Shane Wood - 2005

Steve Lewis - 2005

Donnie Cryder - 2005

Lawrence Roberts - 2005

**COUNTRY BREAKFAST:**

Our Annual Country Breakfast is Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00am to 11:00am. Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, pancakes, juice, milk and coffee will be served. All you can eat for \$4.00!

***From the FIRE CHIEF***

It has been a busy year for your volunteers who have responded to 115 calls. Of those calls, 37 were fires. As fire chief, I would like to thank all the members of Round Mountain Fire Department for their continued support. I would also like to thank every firefighter and first responder for your dedication and sacrifices for all the members of the community. We appreciate all your hard work, nights spent training or working on equipment, and the calls you make in the middle of the night.

One of our Round Mountain Volunteer Fire Fighters is currently serving his country as part of Iraqi Freedom. The Fayetteville Army Reserve unit he is a part of has been donated several boxes of supplies to send overseas, but they do not have the funds to pay for postage. A can will be available at the breakfast to take up donations to send these packages to our Soldiers.

*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time.....they just have the heart.*

**FIRE FIGHTERS & FIRST RESPONDERS**

In July of 2002, we purchased and put into service a new 2000 gallon tanker truck. The new truck will help us lower our ISO rating and was a much needed addition. It replaces a 1968 truck that is now stationed at our Black Oak Station.



*Round Mountain Volunteers @ a Training Burn - 2002*

For this year, we have two plans that we hope will come through for us. First we have applied for a grant that will allow us to get a new rescue truck. This truck will run on all calls except brush fires and its primary purpose will be rescues and medical calls. Number two is that we are in the process of testing for ISO to lower our rating to a seven or possibly a six. This will lower our homeowners insurance considerably.

**LADIES**

Many ladies in the community work very hard in support of our department. We are all grateful for your efforts. The annual pancake breakfast, potluck dinners, and other events would not be successful without your dedicated efforts. Thank you!

**HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR LATELY?****History of the Maltese Cross**

When a courageous band of crusaders known as the Knights of St. John, fought the Saracens for possession of the holy land, they encountered a new weapon unknown to European warriors. It was a simple, but a horrible device of war, it wrought excruciating pain and agonizing death upon the brave fighters of the cross. The Saracens' weapon was fire. As the crusaders advanced on the walls of the city, they were struck by glass bombs containing naphtha. When they became saturated with the highly flammable liquid, the Saracens hurled a flaming torch into their midst. Hundred of the knights were burned alive; others risked their lives to save their brothers-in-arms from dying painful, fiery deaths. Thus, these men became our first firemen and the first of a long list of courageous firefighters. Their heroic efforts were recognized by fellow crusaders who awarded each here a badge of honor - a cross similar to the one firemen wear today. Since the knights of St. John lived for close to four centuries on a little island in the Mediterranean Sea named Malta, the cross came to be known as the Maltese Cross.