



2006/2007 BOARD MEMBERS

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Fire Department

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COUNTRY BREAKFAST!

Our Annual Country Breakfast is Saturday, May 19th from 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 \$5.00! Children under 6 eat free!

Visit us on the World Wide Web at

www.roundmtn.org

We have information about burn bans, upcoming events, meeting minutes and more. You can also request a receipt for dues by emailing pbarton@roundmtn.org.

From the Chief:

As always I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the fire department members for their continued support over the past year.

Our emergency calls last year and through April of this year consisted of 2 structure fires, 110 medical assists, 19 motor vehicle accidents, 13 brush fires, 19 service calls, 5 automatic fire alarms, 2 vehicle fires, 6 hazardous condition rescues, 48 mutual aid fires & 2 TRT calls for a total of 226 calls. In the last year, our firefighters have also spent numerous hours training to be prepared for these calls.

Please don't forget our smoke detector program D.I.E. H.A.R.D. EFFORT is still in effect. If you need a smoke detector, battery, or any type of assistance with your detector, don't hesitate to give us a call.

Thanks again for your support and we hope to see you May 19th at the breakfast.

Ronnie Wood, Fire Chief

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR LATELY?

ISO!

Finally, after years of hard work by the firefighters, we have lowered our ISO rating from a class 9. Our new rating is a 4/6 split. What does this mean? If your house is within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant, your rating is a class 4. If not, your rating is a class 6. After talking to several of the insurance companies in the area, we have found that dropping from a class 9 to a class 6 you can expect around a fifty percent decrease in insurance premiums. If you are a class 4 you will receive an even larger decrease. If your premiums have not dropped yet for 2007, let your insurance provider know about the change. The new rating took affect March 1, 2007. One way to get your classification lowered to a 4 is to get with your neighbors and install a fire hydrant. They are around \$3500 installed. If you can get ten of your neighbors that are all within 1000 feet of a six-inch or larger water main to pitch in, your cost would only be \$350 each. We all saved more than that with this years savings. The water department will only install on, and the ISO will only recognize a hydrant on, a six inch or larger water main. Everyone does not have this large of a main in their area. For information on your main size please contact Shane Wood at the fire department. We will help in any way possible and need to help with exact placement of hydrants to make sure they are in a usable place. We will be trying to have a few installed every year in crucial intersections that will help us most. We would like to have a hydrant every 1500 feet on all of our mains but, that is impossible financially. Please contact us if we can help in any way.

We will not test again for at least 2 years. This is due to the changes that we need to make, records that need to be kept for that period and prefire plans and equipment purchases that will take time. I would like to see our non-hydrant areas lowered to a class 4 as well. I think this is very feasible with some work, equipment and more importantly FIREFIGHTERS! We are here for you, to save life, property and now even money!

FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED!

As always we are looking for a few good men and women to be firefighters. As times are changing, it grows harder and harder to find people willing to volunteer. If you do not want to crawl into a burning building, there are still crucial jobs to be done. We need truck drivers, first responders, people to help with pulling hose, pumping trucks and numerous other jobs. There is something for almost anyone who is willing to volunteer. We train every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. We generally run ten (10) to fifteen (15) calls per month. They range from house fires to smoke checks, brush fires or medical emergencies. Of course we all know that everyone will not be able to make every call and every meeting. We all have lives. This is why we need more firefighters. If you are at all interested, just come by one of our training sessions, meet the guys and see if you like it. Just remember there is something for almost anyone to do. You must be at least 18 years old and have a valid drivers license. If you would like to just talk to someone first, call 442-5700, leave a message and we will get back to you.

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS

We are now selling reflective address signs. They are red metal signs with reflective white numbers. There are a great deal of residences in our area that are very difficult to find. Some houses are marked on the house and not readable from the road, and some are marked on the mailbox, but may still not lead us in the right direction. When we are looking for your house, we want to get there as fast as possible. Sometimes a house that is not marked well can delay our response by two or three minutes or more. The signs can be mounted to your house, mailbox or preferably a separate post by your driveway. We make the signs at the station and they can be picked up there, or delivered to you. The cost is only \$10 per sign. It is a worthy and important investment for you. Just contact us and give us your address, whether the sign is to be mounted horizontally or vertically and if it needs to be numbered on both sides. We will help elderly or disabled members with installation as needed. We will also be selling the signs at the Country Breakfast May 19th. **REMEMBER....if we can't find you, we can't help you!**

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN are a breed unto themselves. Whoever heard of a man who is willing to be on twenty-four hour duty without pay for the dubious privilege of protecting his neighbor's property?

Whoever heard of a man who will dash from his desk and ride a "fire wagon" to the scene of the alarm, ruining his suit, neglecting his business, risking his life and exhausting himself physically, not for money, but because he believes in serving his community?

Whoever heard of a man who will give up his favorite TV show, postpone some reading or some "do-it-yourself" house chores he's been planning, plus sacrificing his evenings with his wife and children, just to attend a meeting where he learns how to function as a volunteer servant in behalf of his fellow man?

Whoever has heard, in this day and age, of a man who is crazy enough to be worrying about the other fellow?

Well, if you don't know the answers to those questions, look around our firehouse.

You'll see people who aren't out protesting and demonstrating and complaining, because they're too busy living up to the image of a **GOOD AMERICAN**. You'll see people whose forefathers were made of the same stuff, and that's why we have inherited this wonderful land. You'll see people just like yourself who care what happens to their neighbors and their community and their country.

Credit cannot be given to the author of this peice who was anonymous. But a great deal of credit can be and should be given to all volunteer firefighters, whoever and wherever they are. They deserve our credit and support.

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