



VERNONIA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Upcoming Events

Fourth of July

The VRFPD is busy collecting donations to ensure a spectacular 4th of July Firework extravaganza. Collection cans have been set up in local businesses across town. Our goal is to try to collect \$5000 by the 15th of June. There will be the traditional parade earlier in the day as well. We cordially invite you and your family and friends to join us for the festivities. You may also make a donation by stopping by the Fire Department.

SKID Program

On May 2nd, 2013 the Vernonia School will be holding its annual Stopping Kid Intoxicated Driving (S.K.I.D) program. This is traditionally held prior to the senior prom to help ensure that our students come home safely. Tragically every year numerous young people are injured or killed in drunk driving accidents. It is our hope, in conjunction with the Vernonia School District, as well as the Mist/Birkenfeld Fire Department, to help our students understand the very real dangers that exist when engaging in these risky behaviors.

We invite you to join us in this activity and help support the efforts of the S.K.I.D. team. S.K.I.D. plans to use the remnants of a vehicle that was destroyed due to driving while intoxicated. It is important that the students understand that while dying is a horrific outcome, the survivors of these accidents sometimes pay with their life in a different way. Some of these survivors may be crippled for life. This could be anywhere from having their legs pinned and never being able to walk, dance, or drive a car again to sustaining a head injury requiring them to have personal assistance in everything they do (eat, dress, bathe, talk, write, etc.) for the rest of their lives.

We all have been taught not to drive while under the influence, but sometimes that message is not clearly understood. Too many people assume that driving while intoxicated means that a person is so drunk that they don't even know their own name and can't stand up. The reality is that the signs may be more subtle that you've had too much to drink.

Here are some signs that we would like you to watch out for:

- Acting silly when they typically do not
- Inability to follow a conversation clearly
- Angrier than typical
- More emotional than typical

- Violent behavior
- Stumbling
- Slurred speech
- Defensiveness
- Argumentative
- Overly friendly



The real hope is that our students are aware that it is against the law for them to consume any amount of alcohol. It is also against the law for anyone to provide them with alcohol. A ticket or an arrest is probably the minimal consequence that you will suffer.

Please listen when the S.K.I.D team shares with you the stories of the survivors who have to live with the fact that they were responsible for taking the lives of their friends, or of innocent strangers. Remember that some of

those friends will survive with devastating and permanent injuries on the shoulders of the drivers' bad judgment. These consequences never go away.

We hope our students have a safe and spectacular senior prom! Please feel free to ask anyone involved in this presentation for more information on how to have a safe night. We advise you along with your family to strategize a workable plan in the event that you find yourself in a difficult situation before the night of this event.

For more information, please contact:
Stopping Kid Intoxicated Driving Program
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Fun facts about one of our members

This month: Chief Dean Smith

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| Favorite Ice Cream flavor: | Vanilla Bean |
| First Car: | Dodge Colt |
| Favorite Movie: | The Matrix |
| Favorite Color: | Green |
| Favorite Dessert: | Cheesecake |
| First Pet: | German shepherd/collie mix |
| What would you do if you won the Lottery: | Find ways to creatively spend the money |
| Favorite outdoor activity: | Self sustainability |

The display will be held at the former Logger field starting at dusk.

Pancake Feed

The VRFPD would like to inform the community that we will be postponing our annual pancake breakfast due to training and scheduling conflicts. The district would like to be able to provide this event later in the year if possible. We look forward to the opportunity to get together with the members of our humble town and be able to spend some quality time together.



Safety Tips

Have two ways out

Practice staying low to the ground when escaping.

Feel all doors before opening them. If a door is hot, get out another way.

Learn to stop, drop to the ground, roll if clothes catch fire.
From www.firesafetytips.com

Generous Donation

As some of you may be aware, the VRFPD has a number of new recruits going through fire academy. They are expected to wrap up their training the first week of June, after which, these fine young men and women will be able to apply their newly acquired skills here in our community. One of the challenges of training a new recruit is assuring that they have access to materials needed to provide them with realistic sce-



narios. Our very own Mike Pihl was generous enough to donate a truck full of logs to the fire training center in St. Helens. The recruits were delighted to get their hands on the equipment they would be using and start practicing their cutting skills. We would like to thank Mike for his thoughtfulness in contributing to us.



Calls responded to March 1st –April 1st, 2013

Accident, potential accident (46)	1
Dispatched and cancelled en route (61)	2
Emergency medical service (EMS) incident (32)	14
Medical assist (31)	17
Natural vegetation fire (14)	1
Public service assist (55)	5
Unauthorized burning (56)	1
Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire) (74)	2
TOTAL	43