



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

National Night Out

Please join us for a Community BBQ and Fire Station Open House on Tuesday August 6th 5:00 PM at the Vernonia Fire Station. This event is hosted by the Vernonia Police Department and the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District and is in place of Vernonia Night Out.

VRFPD Takes Part in SKID Program

VRFPD was one of several agencies to take part in the Stop Kids Intoxicated Driving program (SKID) at the Vernonia High School on Thursday, May 2nd.

The program enacted a scenario where several high school students are involved in a motor vehicle accident where drinking and driving

was involved and includes several fatalities. The program was once again held prior to prom in order to encourage a safe evening for all participants.

In addition to VRFPD rescue personnel, crews from Metro West Ambulance also responded to the realistic accident scene. Life

Flight was activated and landed at the football field where the event took place.

The entire event was very emotional and hopefully left an impact on the students and adults who witnessed this tragic scenario



Vernonia Emergency Personnel Perform Life Saving Support

On Wednesday May 8th at 5:29 AM Vernonia Fire District and Metro West Ambulance were dispatched to a report of a teenaged female in cardiac arrest. Upon Arrival of emergency personnel, they found family members performing CPR. Fire and ambulance personnel took over CPR and performed Advanced Cardiac Life Support measures.

The patient was successfully resuscitated and was transported to a Portland area hospital where family members report she is in stable condition.

According to the American Heart Association it is estimated that about 95 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before reaching the hospital.

Vernonia Fire District responded with two personnel and Metro West Ambulance responded with four personnel.

Vernonia Fire District commends the quick action of the family members as well as the Columbia 9-1-1 dispatchers in helping to save this young lady's life.

**Call our information line daily
for burn updates
503-429-8252**

Recruits Graduate From Academy

The VRFPD is pleased to announce that seven new Vernonia firefighters received badges on May 11, 2013, following their graduation from Firefighter Academy.

Your new local firefighters are Jacob Bringman, Corey Glatt, Kend-

rick Leaverton, Ashley Loomis, Kasoma Moss, Jake Titus and Byron Weller.

Ashley Loomis was awarded the Chief's Award; Corey Glatt was awarded the Leadership Award.

The VRFPD is happy to welcome these new recruits to our ranks.



New VRFPD firefighters following their graduation from Firefighter Academy (from l to r): Ashley Loomis, Kendrick Leaverton, Byron Weller, Jake Titus, Corey Glatt, Jacob Bringman, and Kasoma Moss.



Safety Tips

Test windows and doors—do they open easily enough? Are they wide enough or tall enough?

Choose a safe meeting place outside the house.

Practice alerting other members. It is a good idea to keep a bell and flashlight in each bedroom.

From www.firesafetytips.com

Fun facts about one
of our members
This month:
Kendrick Leaverton

First Car: Honda Civic
Favorite Movie:
Ladder 49

Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Dessert: Chocolate Milkshake
First Pet: Dalmatian

What would you do if you won the lottery:
Take care of family and spoil friends
& myself
Favorite Outdoor Activity: Dirtbiking



Calls responded to April 1st - April 30th, 2013

Emergency medical service/assist	30
Motor vehicle crash	1
Unauthorized burning (56)	4
Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)	1
TOTAL	36