



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.

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

VERNONIA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EMS Week

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) was instrumental in establishing EMS Week when President Gerald Ford declared November 3 – 10, 1974 as the first “National Emergency Medical Services Week.” This annual observance continued for four more years and was then reinstituted by ACEP in 1982.

This year the local team got together for a BBQ. Family members and the occasional dog also showed up for the festivities. A couple of our firefighters manned the grills and others brought in some side dishes and desserts. Snow cones were also made and enjoyed by those in attendance. It was a great night with plenty of sunshine and time for the crews to kick back and relax



a little with their fellow comrades.

Please join me in sending out a big thank you to all of those who make up the team. These folks make themselves available to work during the day, night, weekends, and holidays. It can be strenuous to keep up that pace, yet our paid and volunteer staffs are committed to being there for us in the community when the call comes in. Happy EMS week everyone!



Happy Retirement!



On Friday, May 31, 2013 Chief Dave Crawford and Assistant Chief Mary Lou Busch retired from the Mist/Birkenfeld Fire Department. A gathering of folks from the community, family members, and other agencies were all in attendance at their retirement party.

Both of them began working at the Mist/Birkenfeld Fire Department in 1980. Together they have put in 66

years of service. Our folks here in Vernonia have had the pleasure and opportunity to work closely with them over the years. We have collaborated while on calls and have been there for each other multiple times over the years.

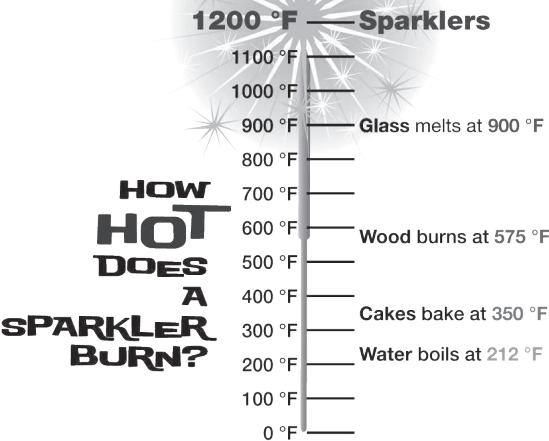
We wish them both a long and happy retirement, and thank them with much gratitude for all their years of service.



Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that two out of five fires reported on that day are started by fireworks, more than for any other cause? The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

- PROCEED WITH CAUTION!**
- » Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks.
 - » The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
 - » After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.

CONSUMER FIREWORKS include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than **1,200 degrees Fahrenheit**, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



- FACTS**
- ! Each July Fourth, thousands of people, often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
 - ! The risk of fireworks injury is highest for children ages 5–19 and adults 25–44.
 - ! Nearly 90% of emergency room fireworks injuries involve fireworks consumers are permitted to use.

 Calls responded to May 1st - May 31st, 2013	
Emergency medical service/assist	31
Motor vehicle crash	3
Unauthorized burning	6
Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)	2
TOTAL	42

**Fun facts about one of our members
This month: Laura M. Onderdonk**

First Car: Mazda GLC
Favorite Movie: Doc Hollywood
Favorite color: Purple
Favorite Dessert: Key Lime Pie
First Pet: Black lab
What would you do if you won the lottery:
Become a full time student and learn as much as I can
Favorite outdoor activity:
Camping and white water rafting