

VERNONIA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Training Burn Scheduled

The Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District has entered into an agreement with the owner of a two story vacant house at 200 A Street. Over the course of the next few months we will be utilizing this property and structure for Firefighter and Officer training.

The training will include all facets of firefighting and rescue techniques. This will take place mostly on Monday nights with a few weekends mixed in. When these opportunities become available it is some of the best training available. The ability to have hands-on training that we can control in a real home setting allows us to better prepare our volunteers. By being more prepared, we work more safely, we are more efficient and we provide an overall better quality service to our community.

Training is scheduled in a way to systematically utilize the complete structure. The Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, in conjunction with the Columbia County Fire Investigation Team and Vernonia RFPD, is offering a fire investigation class that will be open to all of our neighboring Fire Districts. That class is scheduled

for May 16-17. After a few initial small controlled burns in the house for the investigation class, we will clean up and prepare for the final burn. This final burn will take place over the course of one full day.

We will show up at 7:45 AM on Saturday, May 31 and set our engines, rescues, rehab and logistics vehicles in place. This placement is somewhat of a priority, as it takes into account issues that may arise during the training as

well as calls for service outside of the training. Steps are taken to ensure that everyone is safe both inside and outside the structure. In order for us to be certain that we can maintain a safe environment for those of us working the fire and for the neighbors in the area, we have extended calls for assistance from or neighboring districts to assist with the process. This also allows our volunteers to meet and grow contacts with other volunteers while working side by side.



Chief Dean Smith will try and make contact with all neighbors regarding our training and will give at least two weeks reminder notice before the final burn. The Monday night drills will be wrapping up between 8:30 and 8:45 PM as to lessen the impact on the neighborhood.

The district will be securing the property after each use and ask that nobody enter the premise without supervision from the district.

If there are any questions, you can reach Dean Smith at the VRFPD office or on his cell.

We again want to thank the community for working with us in this training opportunity. The ability to work in a real home under supervised instruction is paramount. Ongoing training helps us be prepared for actual emergencies as well as provide better service.

Calls responded to March 1-31

Fire	3
Emergency Medical Service	27
Hazardous Condition	2
Good Intent	0
Severe Weather	0
False Alarm	1
Service Call	6
Total	39

2014
Saturday, May 3, 2014

WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY

Organize friends, an entire neighborhood, a faith-based or youth group and participate in a project that reduces your community's wildfire risk. Commit a couple of hours or the entire day and join others throughout the nation making their communities a safer place.

Accomplish something great, become a local Preparedness Day project champion!



www.WildfirePrepDay.org

**PEOPLE
PROJECTS
PURPOSE**



Find project ideas for your home and neighborhood at WildfirePrepDay.org. Use #WildfirePrepDay to influence others to start a project.

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Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters



Pancake Feed!

Saturday, May 3rd
8:00am ~ 1:00pm
Vernonia Fire Station

Adults \$6 Kids (12 & under) \$4
Seniors (62+) \$5 Family (max 6) \$25

Ham ~ Sausage ~ Eggs
All You Can Eat Pancakes! ~ Regular & Gluten Free
Coffee Donated by Vernonia Coffee Roasters

Fire Truck Rides ~ Meet Fire Pup
Blood Pressure Checks