

VERNONIA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2015 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day



Join the National Fire Protection Association and communities on Saturday, May 2, 2015 for Wildfire Community Preparedness Day!

Commit a couple of hours, or the entire day, and watch as your actions positively contribute to reducing your community's wildfire risk. Challenge your friends, your family, relatives, faith-based group or youth organization to develop a project and join others throughout the

nation in making big changes. Your efforts will help raise wildfire awareness, promote collaboration and bring neighbors together to work on projects that can help protect homes, neighborhoods and entire communities from future wildfire risk or current post-fire impacts.

To learn more about 2015 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, visit WildfirePrepDay.org.



Power Line Safety

Accidentally contacting a power line can be dangerous and in some cases, even deadly. Your Touchstone Energy cooperative wants to help our members stay safe around power lines.

- Don't touch anything that may be touching a downed wire, such as a car.
- Keep children and pets away.

Keep a Safe Distance

• Whether you are playing outdoors with your children or working on landscaping projects, keep a safe distance from power lines and other equipment your co-op uses to get electricity to your home.

Always remember to:

- Stay away from power lines, meters, transformers and electrical boxes.
- Don't climb trees near power lines.
- Never fly kites, remote control airplanes or balloons near power lines.
- If you get something stuck in a power line, call your Touchstone Energy co-op to get it.
- Keep a safe distance from overhead power lines when working with ladders or installing objects such as antennas.
- Never touch or go near a downed power line.

Power Line Hazards and Cars

- If a power line falls on a car, you should stay inside the vehicle. This is the safest place to stay. Warn people not to touch the car or the line. Call or ask someone to call the local cooperative and emergency services.
- The only circumstance in which you should consider leaving a car that is in contact with a downed power line is if the vehicle catches on fire. Open the door. Do not step out of the car. You may receive a shock. Instead, jump free of the car so that your body clears the vehicle before touching the ground.
- Once you clear the car, shuffle at least 50 feet away, with both feet on the ground.
- As in all power line related emergencies, call for help immediately by dialing 911 or call your electric utility company's Service Center/Dispatch Office.
- Do not try to help someone else from the car while you are standing on the ground.



Michelle McCaulley (pictured with Chief Dean Smith) and Mike Marek enrolled the District and donated a set of pet oxygen masks. The district volunteers will look this equipment over and train on its use. They will be carried on the first-out fire engine.

Calls responded to March 1-31

Fire	2
Emergency Medical Service	26
Hazardous Condition	5
Service Call	6
Good Intent	1
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident	0
No Emergency Found	0
False Alarm	0
Total	40

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**CAN YOU FILL
THESE BOOTS?**

**VOLUNTEERS
WANTED**

**Call Dean Smith
for more information
on free training
(503)429-8252**

Vernonia Volunteer Firefighter's



7th Annual Pancake Feed!

Saturday, April 25th

7:00am~Noon

Vernonia Fire Station

**Pancakes ~ Eggs ~ Sausage ~ Ham
Coffee & Juice**

Payment by Donation Only

Fire Truck Rides
Meet Fire Pup
Blood Pressure Checks

Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance
Association's Garage Sale
Proceeds Benefit
4th of July Fireworks