

Be Advised

Breaking News from the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department

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Be Advised is an article to increase awareness in the community as to the intentions towards the future of the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department (BFVFD). Each month I will write about a different topic.

As some of you may know, the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department is in the middle of a feasibility study to determine if we should form a rural fire district. Our goal for the outcome of this study is to decide how to provide the best fire protection services for the Town and rural areas while insuring the safety and health of our firefighters.

The best fire protection services means:

- Decreased response time
- Established water sources
- Full-time personnel
- Providing medical assistance to the public
- Upgrading the fleet

Insuring firefighter safety and health means:

- Addressing NFPA standards
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Providing adequate on-the-job insurance
- Training for personnel

The BFVFD wants to place sub-stations that house engines and tenders strategically to facilitate our response time in areas like lower Butte Falls Hwy, Cobleigh Road, Crowfoot Road, and Obenchain Road. These sub-stations would be heated buildings only big enough to house what vehicles are needed. No frills. These vehicles would roll out on every call and put over 4000 gallons of water in route to a fire.

Hiring one or two firefighters to be available (with backup volunteers) 24/7 also would facilitate response time, as well as ensure that vehicles and personal protective equipment would be in good working order and ready to go. We have increased the fleet over the last few years and it takes time to work on it and keep it running.

Quality of life is important to everyone. Homeowners want to feel safe and protected at home, and want to be able to obtain reasonable insurance. The BFVFD is looking towards the future to increase quality of life for everyone we serve.

Thank You for your support and patience.

Totem Pole Update.....

You've probably heard by now that the Totem Pole is being purchased by us, Don & Cory Hamann. Carol has a lot of air miles to use and we thought that she needed to take advantage of that before they expire or she expired, whichever came first (he, he). So, even though we know NOTHING about running a restaurant, we decided to take this challenge on and hopefully it will be a good thing for us all. We would like to thank you, Carol for all your hard work over the years and hopefully we don't make you regret this transaction...

The Hamann Family

Santa Claus is coming to the

Totem Pole Drive Up!

Wednesday night
the 21st from
5:00-7:30 PM

Bring the kids and have
a cup of cider & some
goodies....

865-3311

