

FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION



MESSAGE FROM FIRE MARSHAL SEAN BARRETT

Happy fire prevention week! Another great year working with our community has passed and we at Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue are still continuing our mission: "To preserve and improve the quality of life for all who live, work, visit and invest in the community of Florence, Oregon and the rural district that surrounds the city through the efficient delivery of emergency services supported by aggressive fire prevention and public education." This year we are continuing to focus on three main goals,

Number one: "if we can't find you we can't help you." Can we see your address from the road or street? SVFR has been awarded a grant to make and place emergency address signs to anyone who requests one for free. Our goal is to have an address

sign all driveways where the house numbers are not visible from the street or road.

Number two: "if we can't get to you we can't help you" Over fifty percent of our fire district is rural in nature. Many have long driveways. In most cases the occupants or owners

drive very small vehicles and do not realize that emergency vehicles cannot traverse the driveway due to inadequate width and height. Due to the sheer size of the emergency vehicles to include ambulances we need a very minimum of a 9 foot clear wide driveway with an unobstructed height of 13 feet 6 inches. In most cases just clearing the brush will allow us access. If you need an inspection to determine what needs to be done, do not hesitate to contact the Fire Marshal.

Number three: "working smoke alarms save lives" Our highest priority is life safety, period. Houses can be replaced; personal possessions can be replaced; however a life is not replaceable. From the time a fire starts to the time the fire department may arrive can be up to 10 minutes with a documented average of a 6 minute response time in the fire district and when fire can double in size every 30 seconds, there needs to be an early warning device. Smoke alarms save lives. It is a proven fact that your chances of survival with a smoke alarm during a fire are 50% better than without one. It is and has been our goal to have at least one working smoke alarm in every home no matter what that home is. We offer free inspections of smoke alarms as well as free replacements to anyone that needs one. Once the alarm sound what do you do? Have two ways out and get out and stay out!

Should have any questions, comments or concerns about this article, please do not hesitate to contact Fire Marshal, Sean Barrett at:

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