

Inferno Intelligence

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The Newsletter of the Hebgen Basin Fire District



From the Chief...

Spring is here. Maybe. It is snowing hard right now, but I know spring is just around the corner.

April is coming up and it is a busy month for training. The EMT-B class is drawing to a close and there is always a rush to complete practical skills and prepare for testing. In addition to the EMT class, we also have our Basic Wildland Course.

Basic Wildland Course

This is for everyone and will be done on the 7th with Craig Campbell of DNRC teaching and then on the 14th and Sunday the 18th will be water handling and tactics. Please come and attend if you have not had it before and anyone is welcome. We will issue Red Cards this year and do the Pack Test, so get yourselves ready. During the Pack Test you must walk 3 miles in 46 minutes with 45lbs. of weight on your back. It's harder than it sounds, so start training now.

Firefighter 1

The Montana State Fire Services Training School will be here the first two weekends in June to train and test us on Firefighter 1. This is a challenging but rewarding test of our skills. It is a national certification if you get it completed, but more importantly, it will get us all on the same page when we are responding to structure and vehicle fires. It is very labor intensive, but will be a great opportunity to use our new burn building.

WorldMark Wyndham Training

On April 12th we have an opportunity to conduct a drill inside the Wyndham. We are going to try and start at 17:00 so our members that work with Search and Rescue can make their end of the year party. This training will include rescue drills from inside the building and the use of a smoke machine to bring some increased realization to the drill. It will take a lot of people to make this a success, so try and make the date.

House Burn

We have a house burn planned for May 8th. This will provide some live fire training and crew training, so plan to be there.

Basic Wildland Training Schedule

- *Wednesday, April 7th*
 - 18:00 – Introduction and County Co-op
 - 18:30 – Introduction to ICS
 - 19:15 – Wildfire Terms
 - 20:00 – Fire Behavior; Topographic Influences
 - 20:45 – Fire Behavior; Fuels

- *Wednesday, April 14*
 - 18:00 – Fire Behavior; Weather
 - 19:30 – Risk Management; 18,10
 - 21:00 – Risk Management; LCES

- *Sunday, April 18*
 - 8:00 – Risk Management; Shelters
 - 9:00 – Risk Management; Human Factors
 - 10:30 – Suppression; Initial Actions
 - 11:30 – Suppression; Methods and Line Const.
 - 12:30 – Lunch
 - 13:00 – Suppression; Water and Foam Use
 - 14:00 – Suppression; Safe Engine Ops.& Mop-up
 - 15:00 - AAR

Member News

Birthdays:

Ken Davis 4/25

Congratulations:

To all members who earned their Certified Ice Rescue Technician cards!

Greg Hitzler

Ron Keat

Lindsay Crissinger

Ryan Linhart

Richard Gunick

Shane Grube

Brock Kelley

Scott Waldron

James McBirnie

Cassandra Mitchell

And to Patti Austin, who attended and completed EMT-B Lead Instructor Training

If you have any news you would like put in the newsletter (birthdays, weddings, births, anniversaries, graduations, etc.) please let AJ know. (810)241-7123

Training Schedule – April through June 2010 (All training is at Station 1 unless otherwise specified)

April

- 4/6 EMT Class **18:00**
- 4/7 Basic Wildland Training **18:00**
- 4/8 EMT Class **18:00**
- 4/10 EMT Class **8:00**
- 4/12 WorldMark Fire Training **17:00**
- 4/13 EMT Class **18:00**
- 4/14 Basic Wildland **18:00**
- 4/15 EMT Class **18:00**
- 4/17 EMT Mock Skills Training **8:00**
- 4/18 Basic Wildland **8:00**
- 4/22 Station Training – At your station **19:00**
- 4/24 EMT Skills Exercise **8:00**
- 4/25 EMT Skills Exercise **8:00**

May

- 5/1 EMT Practical Test
- 5/2 EMT Practical Test (if needed)
- 5/6 EMS Mock MCI **19:00**
- 5/8 House Burn on Electric St. **8:00**
- 5/13 Basic Wildland Refresher **18:00**
- 5/20 Station Training – at your station **19:00**
- 5/27 Extrication Training **18:00**

June

- 6/3 Pumper Operations **19:00**
- 6/5 – 6/6 Firefighter 1
- 6/10 EMS Training **19:00**
- 6/12 – 6/13 Firefighter 1
- 6/17 Station Training – at your station **19:00**
- 6/24 Wildland Fire Drill **18:00**

Ice Rescue Technicians!



EMS Corner

ER Rotation for EMT-B students

Patti is hard at work trying to figure out logistics for the EMT students to do their rotations in the Emergency Departments at Madison Memorial and BDH. So far...

A woman from Madison Memorial Hospital at Rexburg will be at Station 1 4/13/10 at 4PM for a mandatory orientation. If you are planning on going to MMH for your required hours, plan on being there. If you are unable to make it, see Patti to get information on how to schedule your own visit to Rexburg for an orientation.

We are still waiting to hear from the Emergency Department at BDH. Stay tuned...

EMT-B class is a lot of work and a huge accomplishment to complete. Kudos to all who are sticking with it. Almost done!

Volunteer News

- Volunteer Meeting

We had a volunteer business meeting on March 25. See Station 1 for minutes if you have not already received them via e-mail.

- Important Votes

The volunteers voted to spend the funds necessary to finish and submit our application for 501(c)(3) status. We also voted against giving any money for the start-up costs for the new clinic at this time.

- Relevant Business

Items discussed included the relationship of the Jaws of Life Ride with the Fire Department; the distribution of volunteer funds to local organizations, and the proper way to use the money we raise. For more detailed information regarding the meeting, please see the meeting minutes.

Equipment and Stations

- Station 2 is now sheetrocked and painted! Thanks to all who have worked hard to get it looking nice!
- We have turnout bags for those of you who might need them. They also come in handy during the summer months for your wildland equipment. If you have other clothing or equipment needs, let us know and we will work at getting it for you.