



2018 NEWSLETTER

AND

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOTIFICATION

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Life and Property Protection for Suburban and Rural Living

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$35 NEW RATE

Effective January 1, 2018

In November of 2017, our Board of Directors and the Volunteer Fire Department as a whole, made the tough decision to increase our annual membership from \$25 annually to \$35 annually. The White Bluff-Rye Hill Volunteer Fire Department has been at \$25 annually since it began in 1976. As each of you know, times have changed dramatically since 1976, and so has our fire department. This increase to \$35 will still keep us as one of this area's lowest annual membership rates for a volunteer fire department.

This increase from \$25 to \$35 will allow us to continue improving our departments emergency apparatus, equipment and personal protective gear. With added area, added trucks, added equipment, come added expenses. We hope that you understand our need for this increase and continue to support our volunteer fire department with your annual membership and additional donations, whenever possible.

We're looking forward to a Fire Safe 2018!

WHITE BLUFF—RYE HILL V.F.D.

EXPANDS COVERAGE AREA INTO JENNY LIND & SHADOW LAKE

In April of 2017, the Sebastian County Quorum Court voted to reassign the two Jenny Lind fire stations and expand the fire coverage areas of the White Bluff-Rye Hill V.F.D., Greenwood Rural V.F.D. and E.M.P. V.F.D. This expanded fire coverage area assigned to our department, included approximately 70% of the Jenny Lind community and all of the Shadow Lake community. We were assigned an additional 669 structures and approximately 8+ more square miles of coverage area. The Quorum Court voted to assign the fire station at 14711 Rye Hill Road South to our department, giving us (3) stations to properly protect and cover our area.

The White Bluff-Rye Hill Volunteer Fire Department is here to provide you with the best fire protection, emergency medical services, search and rescue team, community fire safety programs, and other programs and services to the best of our abilities. Our fire department has been providing fire protection and other emergency services for over 41 years, and look forward to the opportunity to provide these services to each of you, in our newly assigned area.

Our fire department is very active in our communities, whether that be training in different portions of our fire coverage area, pre-planning, fire safety and prevention programs or events where we invite the community to come and see what we do. It is our goal to continue to grow along with our communities and be an active part of that growth and make it as fire safe as it can be.

If you ever have any questions about the volunteer fire department or any of our services, please feel free to contact us via phone or email us at: whitebluffryehillfire.org



Come check us out on the WEB at: whitebluffryehillfire.org

Also, LIKE and FOLLOW us on Facebook at: **White Bluff- Rye Hill VFD**

The White Bluff - Rye Hill Volunteer Fire Department is **YOUR** department. It is made up of volunteers, who are **YOUR** friends and neighbors. The personnel that make up **YOUR** fire department are dedicated individuals who serve the community, in which we all live, and do it on a **100% volunteer basis**. We do not have any paid personnel serving on the department. Our firefighters are well trained and we have managed the department equipment and money to become one of the **PREMIER** volunteer fire departments in this part of Western Arkansas.



CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE AND RETURN ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO: **White Bluff-Rye Hill V.F.D. * 5325 Spring Mountain Rd. * Fort Smith, AR 72916**

*All Contributions are
Tax Deductible*

WHITE BLUFF - RYE HILL FIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

*Membership Year
2018*

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, St, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

If you need a **RECEIPT** please enclose a

S.A.S.E. along with your payment.

Make Check Payable To:

WHITE BLUFF - RYE HILL V.F.D.

and return with your membership application in the enclosed envelope to:

5325 Spring Mountain. Rd * Fort Smith, AR * 72916

Annual Membership **Per Property is \$35.00** - Please Remit Payment Before April 15, 2018

Local Address of each property covered:

1) _____	\$ _____	Annual Membership Contribution
2) _____	\$ _____	Additional Donation to allow us to expand &
3) _____	\$ _____	improve our services, to better serve our area
		Total Year 2018 Contribution

Attach additional listing of properties if needed



Your Volunteer Fire Department is here to be a community leader and protector. Our dedicated volunteers provide fire protection as well as emergency medical care, search and rescue operations and community safety programs!



ISO (Insurance Services Organization)

Your Homeowners Insurance, Our Fire Department and Your Premiums



WHITE BLUFF – RYE HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ISO FIRE CLASS RATING OF 5

The Insurance Services Office (ISO), a national insurance industry risk rating and assessment service, has the White Bluff-Rye Hill Volunteer Fire Department rated as a Class 5 Department. The ISO rating of a community affects the insurance premiums that policyholders pay for fire insurance on commercial and residential buildings. The Class 5 rating improvement was updated for our department in August 2014, and places our department in the top 25% of all (1,425 Paid and Volunteer combined) fire departments in Arkansas and in the top 35% percent of all (49,000+ Paid and Volunteer) fire departments in the United States.

ISO rates municipalities on a scale of 1 to 10. An ISO Class 10 rating is considered the least effective fire defense while an ISO class 1 rating is the most effective fire defense system from an insurance analysis perspective. Most fire insurance carriers, particularly those covering commercial properties, utilize ISO Class ratings in determining policy rates.

The ISO reviews several primary areas in determining a community's rating – its fire department's resources, personnel and training, the public water system quality and capabilities, and the community's 911 emergency dispatch services. An achievement like this does not happen overnight. Rather, it results from consistent and committed leadership over many years involving a vast array of people on the fire department ranging from Executive Board Members, Firefighters, and Ladies Auxiliary Members. The true dedication and commitment to the Fire Department's accreditation by our members, to improve and expand training, improve our record keeping, improvements to our water haul capabilities, the 911 dispatch system, as well as the capital improvements to the White Bluff-Rye Hill V.F.D.'s fire-fighting equipment, were all critical items in achieving and maintaining this ISO Class 5 certification.

If you ever have any questions regarding our Fire Protection Classification Rating or any other questions, always feel free to give us a call or email us and we will be happy to discuss them with you. You can email us at: whitebluffryehillfire@gmail.com.



Do you have Smoke Detectors in your family's home?

Smoke Alarms – Why, Where, and Which? A smoke alarm is critical for the early detection of a fire in your home and could mean the difference between life and death. Fires can occur in a variety of ways and in any room of your home. But no matter where or how, having a smoke alarm is the first key step towards your family's safety.

Why are Smoke Alarms Important? Every year in the United States, about 3,000 people lose their lives in residential fires. In a fire, smoke and deadly gases tend to spread farther and faster than heat. That's one reason why most fire victims die from inhalation of smoke and toxic gases, not as a result of burns. A majority of fatal fires happen when families are asleep because occupants are unaware of the fire until there is not adequate time to escape. A smoke alarm stands guard around the clock and, when it first senses smoke, it sounds a shrill alarm. This often allows a family the precious but limited time it takes to escape. About two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms are considered to be one of the best and least expensive means of providing an early warning of a potentially deadly fire and could reduce the risk of dying from a fire in your home by almost half.

Where Should Smoke Alarms be Installed? Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, outside sleeping areas, and inside bedrooms. A smoke alarm should be installed and maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions. When installing a smoke alarm, many factors influence where you will place it, including how many are to be installed. Consider placing alarms along your escape path to assist in egress in limited visibility conditions. In general you should place alarms in the center of a ceiling or, if you place them on a wall, they should be 6 to 12 inches below the ceiling.

- * Install a working smoke alarm on every level of the home, outside sleeping areas, and inside bedrooms.
- * Replace smoke alarm batteries at least annually, such as when resetting clocks in the fall or spring.
- * Test all smoke alarms in your house once a month.
- * Do not place a smoke alarm too close to a kitchen appliance or fireplace, as this may result in nuisance alarms.
- * Avoid locating alarms near bathrooms, heating appliances, windows, or ceiling fans.
- * Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old. Smoke alarms don't last forever.
- * Develop and practice a fire escape plan, because working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan will increase your protection in case of a fire.

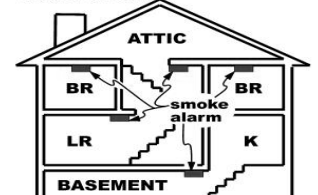
If your home does not have a SMOKE DETECTOR, or you need an additional smoke detector, please stop by the fire station on one of our meeting nights to pick up a **FREE Smoke Detector** for your home, or contact us by phone or email to discuss a time to pick one up. Email: whitebluffryehillfire@gmail.com for more information.

**A WORKING
SMOKE
DETECTOR
SAVES LIVES!**

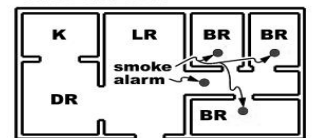


**PLACE ONE SMOKE
ALARM ON EVERY FLOOR
AND SLEEPING ROOM**

MULTI-STORY



SINGLE LEVEL



ABOUT OUR MEETINGS

As always, we remind you that this is YOUR Fire Department. We invite everyone to our monthly meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at Station "B" located at 5325 Spring Mountain Rd. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m.

2nd Monday is: Business Meeting
4th Monday is: Training/Work Night



Other Training on various days also



Greatness lies in helping somebody, not in trying to be somebody!

In Loving Memory of Retired Chief Charles E. Mitchael



Our retired Chief Charles Mitchael, passed away on December 1, 2017 at the age of 74. Chief Mitchael joined the White Bluff-Rye Hill Fire Department shortly after it was started and was very instrumental over his 28+ years of service in building our volunteer fire department into one of the most well respected fire departments in this part of Arkansas.

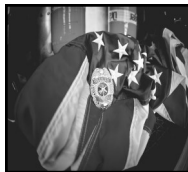


Charlie served as a firefighter, then Assistant Chief and then Chief for many years. Charlie shared his knowledge, dedication, and genuine concern for helping others, with everyone he met. He formed our fire department into the family atmosphere and brotherhood it is today, where our VFD family is as close as ever.

Charlie helped bring a fledgling fire department that started in 1976 by working hard with others to acquire equipment and trucks. They worked on old military vehicles and converted them into fire trucks, then purchased and refurbished an old pumper to get the department going. Over the years, Charlie was front and center on his desire and commitment to constantly improve our departments equipment, trucks, and training. Through hard work, dedication, donations and the communities support, our department has continued to grow and thrive due to the leadership and commitment that Chief Mitchael instilled in all of our firefighters and support personnel.

Many years ago, Charlie along with a few others understood the need for all of the fire departments to come together to train, share knowledge and assist each other on emergencies. Charlie helped form the Sebastian County Fire Association and served as President for a number of years and also served as the County Training Coordinator. Charlie also served in the capacity of Fire Service Coordinator for Sebastian County and served on several boards for emergency services and was in touch with local and state legislators throughout his career pushing to help improve funding for volunteer fire departments.

Charlie will always remain as one of the most well respected firefighters to serve in Sebastian County. Everyone that knew him, knew of his dedication to helping others. We could write volumes of books on how many lives Charlie touched during his time on earth. He will be truly missed but will forever live on in the lives of everyone he has touched and be a part of everyone that has or will serve with the White Bluff—Rye Hill Volunteer Fire Department.



Our Newest Volunteers!

We want to extend a huge welcome to our newest Firefighters and First Responder who were voted onto our department in 2017.

**Firefighters: Bobby Price * Tom Price * Zack Smith * Jerry Unruh
Wes Heydenreich * Jacob Brantley First Responder: Bethany Sexton**

We are looking forward to their help in protecting our community! If you know or see any of these individuals, please tell them THANK YOU, for stepping up to help our department and our communities.

QUICK FIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION FOR YOUR HOME & FAMILY

Prevent fire from entering your home. Fire kills 4,000 people and injures more every year. Here are some fire precautions you can take:

- * Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and near bedrooms. Test them monthly and replace batteries regularly.
- * Keep fire extinguishers in areas like the kitchen, near the fireplace, and in the garage or workshop (ABC multi-purpose fire extinguisher is the best for home use). Make sure the extinguisher is kept charged and practice using it. Don't ever use water on electrical or grease fires- it will shock you or spread the fire.
- * Have a family escape plan - young children and older people are very vulnerable to fire injuries, so teach them in advance:

If you do have a fire get everyone out immediately. Call the fire department by dialing **911**. Children should also be taught to use **911** when appropriate and should be assured that they will not be in trouble for calling **911** during an emergency.

Do not think that.....**"It will never happen to my family!"**

Friendly Competitive Fun for our Firefighters



Again in July 2017, Parrot Island Water Park in Fort Smith hosted an Emergency Responders Appreciation Day that included free admission for emergency responders and reduced admission for their families. The water park had fun but competitive games set up for the departments and agencies that attended and your fire department defended the PARROT CUP and won the overall championship once again this year. Back to Back Champions! Our firefighters give it everything they've got, no matter what they are doing!



Call 9-1-1 for EMERGENCIES



Santa Claus makes his 25th annual visit...to our Community!



For 25 years and counting, our fire department has continued to pull strings with the North Pole to get SANTA to make a special visit to the White Bluff—Rye Hill community each year. This year we expanded our fire coverage area to include 70% of the Jenny Lind community and all of the Shadow Lake community. Thus, we expanded our SANTA VISIT event to include all of our new area in 2017!

Santa came down from the North Pole on December 10th, 2017, and let his reindeer rest for the day while he caught a ride on the tail-board of the fire trucks. Santa made his way throughout our area with help from the Firefighters, EMS Personnel and Ladies Auxiliary and handed out over **900** bags filled with fruit, candy, goodies, fire safety items and coloring books, to the people within our area. The fire department wishes to once again thank the following individuals and businesses who donated the bags, money, candy, decorations, etc. for the SANTA RUN in 2017. Also, thanks to those companies and individuals that support us throughout the year with their services.

Kohler & Green Insurance * Kenny Wray Auto * Breeden Dodge * State Farm—Jason Glover * Didier Properties * Maries Lock & Safe * KTCS 99.9 * Miller Investments * Copher's Boat Sales * Jack's Building Supply * American National Insurance * State Farm—Randy Bittle * KMAC Enterprises * McDonald's of Fort Smith * Harvey Preston Electric * Jenny Lind Express * Faith Baptist Church * Sebastian County Fire Association * U Dirty Dog * Splash-n-Dash * Charmaine Haunert * Shirley's Tax Service * Brixey Engineering & Land Surveying * T&J Specialty Contractors * Kolor Key * Barling Boat Sales * Western Sizzlin * Webb Energy * In Good Spirits * Professional Auto Care-Pococa * Rye Hill Veterinary Clinic * Greers Pawn * Chik-Fil-A * DCS Communications * Sonic * J.J. & Johnette Seiter * J.F.H. Equipment & Services * Hug Pre-Owned * JM Supply * Snap-On Tools * Pic-n-Tote * Arvest * Baldor * Walmart Neighborhood Market—Hwy 71S * Choctaw Casino * CV's Foods * Economy Trailer & Feed * Health Depot * Tackle Box Southern Tire Mart * Air Care Systems * Dolan & Jones Realty * Cox Communications * Dusty's Collision & Towing * Re-Pete's * Beef O'Brady's * River Valley Animal Hospital * La Fiesta * Whole Hog Café * The Egg & I * BML Builders * Utility Tri-State * Pro-Rooter * Docuprint * Tri-State Trailer Rentals * Clark Renovations * Whitt Truck Repair * Town & Country Liquor * Rice Auto Sales * Pioneer Pawn * Patriot Towing * Glidewell Distributing * Jon's Service Center * Philpot's Complete Car Care * PSG Pharmacy * Da' Bayou Snowball Shack * Gameday Sports Grill * Crossfit 413 * Quick Lay Pipe * Stonehaven Behavioral Health & Wellness * Beshears Construction * Weather Barr * Anonymous Donors * White Bluff—Rye Hill Junior Firefighters * White Bluff-Rye Hill Firefighters * White Bluff—Rye Hill Executive Board Members

Thanks also to our Firefighters, EMT's, First Responders, Ladies Auxiliary, Board of Directors and Fire Department Friends for their countless hours in putting this great event together each and every year. We have put on this event for over 25 years now and hope for many, many more!



"WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE DO, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE." QUOTE BY WINSTON CHURCHILL

Who Protects Our COMMUNITY?

Listed below is our current list of dedicated volunteers who provide fire protection, emergency medical services, search and rescue, along with those who work hard behind the scenes on our Ladies Auxiliary, Executive Board and Junior Firefighters. Their dedication to protecting our community is evident! If you see one of them, tell them.....**THANK YOU!**

Seiter, Dale –President / Fire Marshal / Instr 1	29 yrs
Allen, Chuck Captain / SAR	25 yrs
Mickle, Ron – Safety Officer	25 yrs
Moser, Mike –Treasurer	25 yrs
Almond, Jim – Chief / EMT / Instr 1 / SAR	24 yrs
Hisaw, Ronnie –Vice Pres. / Asst. Chief / SAR	16 yrs
Haddock, Daniel-Lieutenant	8 yrs
Condren, Jack-Firefighter / 1st Resp. / SAR	7 yrs
Condren, Mark-Captain / 1st Resp / Instr 1 / SAR	7 yrs
Haddock, Jeff-Firefighter	6 yrs
Townsend, Levi-Firefighter / Paramedic	6 yrs
Haddock, Debra-Secretary / Ladies Aux	6 yrs
Clark, Jayson-Firefighter / SAR	5 yrs
Condren, Gina-Safety Officer / SAR	5 yrs
Taylor, Craig-Firefighter	3 yrs
Taylor, Stephen-Firefighter / EMT	3 yrs
Bunn, Chris-Firefighter / SAR	2 yrs
Barr, Scott-Firefighter	2 yrs
Drackett, John-Firefighter	2 yrs
Sosebee, Nathan-Firefighter	2 yrs
Goddard, Matt-Firefighter	1 yr
Bunn, Corrine-Firefighter / SAR	1 yr
Brantley, Jacob-Firefighter	1 yr
Price, Bobby-Firefighter	1 yr
Price, Tom-Firefighter	1 yr
Smith, Zach-Firefighter	1 yr
Heydenreich, Wes-Firefighter	1 yr
Unruh, Jerry-Firefighter	1 yr
Sexton, Bethany– EMT	1 yr

LADIES AUXILIARY

Goddard, Carrie * Haddock, Debra

Clark, Brittney * Haddock, Jessica * Sexton, Bethany

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS

Hocott, Ryan * Langston, Haeven * Taylor, Talon

These individuals provide you, your family and your property... fire protection, emergency medical services, and other services in the White Bluff-Rye Hill community with.....



100% Volunteer Firefighters
100% Vol. First Responders
100% Volunteer Paramedic/ EMT
NO Paid Personnel..AT ALL



We are people JUST LIKE YOU!

Our Volunteer Firefighters, First Responders, EMT's, Search & Rescue Personnel, Board of Directors, and Ladies Auxiliary are people just like you! They have full-time jobs, volunteer in numerous other activities and enjoy other hobbies, as well. Our fire and emergency personnel are comprised of a wide array of business professions; from business owners, to managers, factory workers, full time firefighters on paid departments, marketing professionals, sales, military, retirees, accountants, housewives, mechanics, engineers, office personnel, locksmiths, etc. They all have very busy schedules yet they always find ways to make sure protecting their neighbors and their community remains one of their priorities in life.

WHITE BLUFF - RYE HILL FIRE E.M.S.



RESCUE
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
 EST. 1976



Maybe It's Time To Add A New Suit To Your Wardrobe!

We are **LOOKING** for several more people
 (Male or Female * 18 yrs or older and lives in our fire district)
 to join our Volunteer Fire Department as Firefighters!

What Does a VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER Do?

- * RESPONDS TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WHERE OUR COMMUNITY'S FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS NEED IMMEDIATE HELP (FIRES, VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, RESCUES, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, ETC.)
- * INTERACT WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS TO TEACH AND EDUCATE THEM ON FIRE SAFETY AND FIRE PREVENTION
- * ATTEND TRAINING CLASSES TO LEARN THE SKILLS NEEDED TO PERFORM AS A FIREFIGHTER (Most training can be conducted in-house, in Sebastian County or surrounding areas).



CONTACT US....
To See How
YOU Can Become



OUR NEXT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER!

Call: Chief Jim Almond at 479-226-6122 * Assistant Chief Ronnie Hisaw at 479-648-1518
 Captain Mark Condren at 479-831-9440 or Email questions to whitebluffryehillfire@gmail.com

What If Volunteer Firefighters....
 Didn't Volunteer?

Be a part of the TRADITION * Be a part of the EXCITEMENT * Be a part of the COMMUNITY



"How can I be useful, of what service can I be? There is something inside me, what can it be?" *Author Unknown*

Serving and Protecting Our Friends and Neighbors since 1976!

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Would you know what to do if a fire started in your home? Would your kids? Take the time now to review fire safety facts and tips so your family will be prepared in the event of a fire emergency in your home.

Fire Prevention

Of course, the best way to practice fire safety is to make sure a fire doesn't break out in the first place. That means you should always be aware of potential hazards in your home. Start by keeping these tips in mind:

Electrical Appliances, Cords, and Outlets

Are your electrical appliances in good condition, without loose or frayed cords or plugs?
Are your outlets overloaded with plugs from the TV, computer, printer, video game system, and stereo?
Are you overusing an extension cord?

Do the light fixtures in your home use bulbs that are the correct wattage?

Does your home contain GFCIs (ground fault circuit interrupters) and/or AFCIs (arc fault circuit interrupters), which prevent electrical shock and fire by shutting off faulty circuits?

Look around your house for potential problems and unless you're a trained electrician, be careful about do-it-yourself electrical projects. Studies have shown that many home fires are caused by improper installation of electrical devices.

Replace or professionally repair any appliances that spark, smell unusual, or overheat.

Don't run electrical wires under rugs.

Make sure lamps and night-lights are not touching bedspreads, drapes, or other fabrics.

Use caution when using electric blankets.

Careful in the Kitchen

Did you know that cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States? The kitchen is full of ways for a fire to start: food left unsupervised on a stove or in an oven or microwave; grease spills; a dish towel too close to the burner; a toaster or toaster oven flare-up; a coffee pot accidentally left on.

Always supervise kids while cooking and practice safe cooking habits — like turning all pot handles in so they can't be accidentally knocked over and not wearing loose-fitting clothing that could catch fire around the stove.

Using Candles Safely

As decorative candles become more popular, candle fires are on the rise. If you light candles, keep them out of reach of kids and pets, away from curtains and furniture, and extinguish them before you go to bed. Make sure candles are in sturdy holders made of non-flammable material that won't tip over. Don't let older kids and teens use candles unsupervised in their rooms.

Fire Safety



Safety matters

2017 Fire Department Member of the Year



CONGRATULATIONS go out to **JAYSON CLARK** for being voted the WHITE BLUFF-RYE HILL Fire Department member of the year for 2017. Jayson was voted on by the department members at our General Business Meeting and Election of the Board on 11-13-17.

Jayson has been on the department for 5 years, and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2017. Jayson is also a member of the Search and Rescue Team and helps on many of the special projects at the fire department. Jayson owns Clark Renovation and is a great family man and still finds time to volunteer and help others through his various roles on our department. Jayson's commitment and dedication to everything he does, is a testament to this fine young man. Congratulations to a well deserving and wonderful member of our fire department family!



QUESTIONS? CALL US!

Feel free to contact one of the numbers listed below if you have any questions regarding home fire safety, membership contributions, department projects, etc. We are here to provide our community with a service, and we appreciate your input.

Jim Almond.....CHIEF / EMT / SAR / INSTR 1
PHONE: 479-226-6122

Dale Seiter.....PRESIDENT / FIRE MARSHAL / INSTR 1
PHONE: 479-430-0252

Ronnie Hisaw.....VICE PRES / ASST CHIEF / SAR
PHONE: 479-648-1518

Debbi Haddock.....SECRETARY / LADIES AUX
PHONE: 479-650-1047
(Call about MEMBERSHIP related questions)

EMAIL: WHITEBLUFFRYEHILLFIRE@GMAIL.COM

The White Bluff – Rye Hill Volunteer Fire Department Newsletter & Membership Notification is published annually and is intended to serve as a notice for memberships that are due for the current year and as an informative newsletter about our fire department.

CONTROLLED BURNS What you should know!

We have people call us each year with questions about burning brush and yard debris so we thought we would provide some brief points as to the do's & don'ts.

- * First of all, anytime you are going to have a controlled burn, please notify the Sheriff's Department at 479-783-1051 and inform them you are burning and give them your name and address. This prevents us from getting called out from a passer-by calling your burn into 911.
- * If your fire gets out of control, please call 911 immediately so they can dispatch us to extinguish the fire.
- * Please do not burn when there is a BURN BAN issued or when conditions are unfavorable, such as high winds, etc. We have several signs in our area that will advise when burn bans are in effect.
- * Backyard Burning is the burning of household trash by residents, on their own property. Burning household trash containing plastics, latex, and styrofoam releases toxins into the air.



Things to know About our Fire Department

Our fire department covers twenty four plus (24+) square miles of homes and businesses with approximately 3,950 people living in our fire district. Our department supplies mutual aid to any department in Sebastian County that requests our assistance, including the City of Fort Smith and also assist the Pocola, OK fire department when requested. Our department provides our community with not only Firefighting Services, but Emergency Medical Services, Auto Extrication, Search and Rescue, along with Fire Safety and Prevention Services. It is our goal to serve our community and make it an all-around safer place to live.



ISO Class 5

** JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM **

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS WILL LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A FIREFIGHTER IN A SAFE AND FUN ENVIRONMENT.
JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

* Training * Fire Prevention & Safety Activities * Parades * Special Events *
and learning what it takes to be a part of a VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



If you think your SON or DAUGHTER may be interested in joining a program such as this...PLEASE CONTACT
Captain Mark Condren at: Cell: 479-831-9440 or email us at: whitebluffryehillfire@gmail.com



"Helping other people really does make a difference."



A **PROUD** Look at what is protecting our **COMMUNITY**

**PUMPER 3**

1995 International Emergency One Pumper
1,250 GPM Pump * 1,000 Gallon Water

**PUMPER 1**

1995 Ford Emergency One Pumper
1,250 GPM Pump * 1,000 Gallon Water

**PUMPER 2**

1995 GMC * Emergency One Pumper
1,000 GPM Pump * 1,000 Gallon Water

**TANKER 1**

2013 KENWORTH DEEP SOUTH
500 GPM Pump * 3,000 Gallon Water

**TANKER 2**

1989 GMC 4 GUYS FIRE TANKER
500 GPM Pump * 2,500 Gallon Water

**TANKER 3**

(2018 Refurb Project)
1988 INTERNATIONAL
2,000 Gallon Water

**ATTACK 1**

2004 Ford F550 4x4
250 GPM Pump * 340 Gallon / 20 Gal Foam

**BRUSH 2**

1999 Ford F350 4x4
250 GPM Pump * 300 Gallon / 10 Gal Foam

**BRUSH 1**

2006 Toyota 4x4
125 GPM Pump * 80 Gallon / 5 Gal Foam

**BRUSH 3**

1997 GMC 3500 4x4
125 GPM Pump * 300 Gallon

**ATV 1**

2009 Honda TRX680 4x4
Brush Fires (25 gal tank) & Search/Rescue Ops

Quick Facts about YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Did you know that your Volunteer Fire Department is equipped with:

- * 3 Fire Stations covering 24+ square miles
- * 3 Pumps / 3 Tankers / 3 Brush Units
- * A fully rigged Rescue/Quick Attack Unit
- * Command / Special Operations Unit
- * ATV for Search & Rescue Operations and Grass/Wildland Fire Suppression
- * A Complete Jaws of Life unit
- * Air Bags for Heavy Lifting in vehicle rollovers and accidents
- * Certified Auto Extrication Technicians
- * AED's (Auto External Defibrillators)
- * Certified Paramedic, EMT & First Responders
- * Certified & Trained Firefighters/Entry Personnel
- * Certified Search and Rescue Personnel trained in search and rescue operations for Lost or Missing Persons
- * Arkansas Fire Academy Certified Instructor I Training Officers
- * Personnel trained in Arson Detection
- * A Ladies Auxiliary that assists the Fire Dept.
- * A Junior Firefighter Program for 14-17 yr olds

**COMMAND 1 OPS UNIT**

2010 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN XL 4x4

STATION LOCATIONS

STATION "A"

12407 White Bluff Road

STATION "B"

5325 Spring Mountain Road
(also our Mailing Address)

STATION "C"

14711 Rye Hill Road South

"Perhaps when we face our maker, we will not be asked, 'How many positions did you hold,' but rather, 'How many people did you help?'"
quote by: Thomas S. Monson