



# 2019 NEWSLETTER

AND

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOTIFICATION

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Volume 28

Life and Property Protection for Suburban and Rural Living

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

## \$35.00 per Property

If you are receiving this Newsletter and Membership Notification your home or business is covered by the White Bluff-Rye Hill Volunteer Fire Department. Our department provides Fire Protection, Medical, Search & Rescue, Auto Extrication, along with Fire Safety and Prevention Programs. Our department's fire coverage area includes the White Bluff, Rye Hill, Shadow Lake and a large portion of the Jenny Lind communities.

### What's Inside!

Please read about all the things that have taken place in our department and within our community this past year!

- \* ISO rating for our VFD—improves to Class 4 in 2018 saving homeowners and businesses money on premiums.
- \* Fire Safety Tips
- \* Fire Dept Member of the Year
- \* New VFD members added
- \* Improvements to our VFD and Equipment
- \* Plus Much, Much More!

**We're looking forward to a Fire Safe 2019!**

### BECAUSE OF YOU.....

**We continue to expand and improve the services we provide to our community!**

Additional donations by our community members have meant so much to our department over the years. It is because of these extra donations (during our Special Project Campaigns and your additional donations during our Annual Membership Notifications) that we continue to make drastic improvements to the fire department and the services we are able to offer. The White Bluff—Rye Hill area continues to be a rapidly growing community and it is our goal to keep pace with that growth through the emergency services we provide to our friends and neighbors in our coverage area and beyond.

Our department has transformed over the years from providing only Firefighting Services, to providing Emergency Medical Services, Auto Extrication, Search and Rescue Operations, and Community Fire Safety Programs. We cannot do this without DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS and DEDICATED COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

**Our needs continue in 2019 and beyond.** We continue to budget wisely, making smart decisions and utilizing our equipment in the best means possible to ensure we sustain our current services and improve our capabilities as well. **We have several large projects on the horizon** that are being discussed within our department and will be looked into as more funds can be acquired. Replacing a Pumper and some outdated personal protective gear for our firefighters are very large and expensive projects. **Your donations do make a difference and we are VERY THANKFUL to those who have supported us in the past, and continue to support us now and in the future!!**

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](http://whitebluffryehillfire.org)



Come check us out on the WEB at: [whitebluffryehillfire.org](http://whitebluffryehillfire.org)



Also, LIKE and FOLLOW us on Facebook at: **White Bluff—Rye Hill VFD** and on Instagram at: **wbrh\_fire**

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*  
**2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address will only be used to update you on fire department information and events ONLY

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, 2019**

Local Address of each property covered:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_



\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership Contribution

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Additional Donation to allow us to expand & improve our services, to better serve our area**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Year 2019 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!**

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

### Flag Pole and Memorial Dedication at Station "A" for a very deserving man

After several months of collecting donations, both monetarily and "in kind" donations of labor and materials, our goal of building a flagpole memorial for Charlie Mitchael at Station "A" became a reality with a special dedication that was held on October 1, 2018. The construction and dedication of this flagpole and memorial meant so much to our fire department family and every one that pitched in to help in the construction.



Chief Charlie Mitchael had 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.

A Special Thank You to everyone who donated money, materials, and labor to make this Flagpole Memorial a reality. Your generosity and love for such a great man is greatly appreciated by our Volunteer Fire Department and the family of Charlie Mitchael.



This flagpole and memorial stone will be a constant reminder to all those who knew him of the countless hours he gave of his time to help others on ours and other fire departments, in the community, the Air National Guard, his church, his neighbors, his family, his friends and even those he had never met before, but that needed a helping hand, Charlie was always there to help.



### Our Newest Volunteers! - Are you Next?

We want to extend a huge welcome to our newest Firefighters, Auxiliary Members and Junior Firefighter who were voted onto our department recently.

**Probationary Firefighters:** Colin McCoy \* Darrin Newhart \* John Booth  
**Auxiliary:** Angel Freeman

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.

### FIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION TIPS 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!"**

### TRUE DEDICATION by our fire department members and others

On August 5, 2018, our fire department was dispatched to the largest fire ever in our area, where we called upon several bordering departments for assistance. A recycling plant in the northwest area of our fire coverage area caught fire and burned. We had some of our personnel on scene for 21+ hours straight and then swapped off monitoring hot spots for an additional 4 days. We could not have done this without the automatic and mutual aid agreements with have with our bordering fire departments. Fort Smith Fire Department was a huge help, along with Hackett, Bonanza, EMP and Pocola Fire Departments who supplied trucks and firefighters to assist in this commercial structure fire. Thanks to those community members who brought food and drinks to our firefighters and other department personnel and those other fire departments who sent help after the fire to help us clean up all of our trucks, equipment, hoses, etc.



## Santa Claus makes his 26th annual visit...to our Community!



For 26 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. Santa came down from the North Pole on December 9th, 2018, and let his reindeer rest for the day while he caught a ride on the tailboard 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 **850** 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 VISIT in 2018. Also, thanks to those companies and individuals that support us throughout the year with their services.

#### 2018 SANTA VISIT DONORS

JM Supply \* Kenny Wray's Auto \* Jack's Building Supply \* Siebenmorgen & Associates \* State Farm - Jason Glover \* Western Sizzlin \* Clark Renovations \* Hug Pre-Owned \* Miller Investments \* Snap-On \* Beshears Construction \* In Good Spirits \* Cox \* Tackle Box \* Sam's Club \* American National Insurance \* Brixey Engineering & Land Surveying \* Rice Auto Sales \* J.F.H. Equipment & Services \* High Noon Tattoo \* T&J Specialty Contractors \* Walmart Neighborhood Market \* Sebastian County Fire Association \* GP Bucket Brigade Education Division \* Health Depot \* J.J. & Johnette Seiter \* DCS Communications \* Mark & Gina Condren \* KMAC Enterprises \* McDonald's of Fort Smith \* O'Reilly's \* BML Builders \* Pro-Rooter \* Whitt Truck Repair \* Utility Tri-State \* ABB \* Smart911 \* FTC \* Sonic \* Charmaine Haunert \* Marie's Lock & Safe \* PSG Pharmacy \* Southern Tire Mart \* La Fiesta \* Larry's Pizza \* Patriot Towing \* Egg & I \* BevAnn Creations \* Chik-Fil-A \* KTCS 99.9 \* Olen & Co. Market \* Walmart-Zero Street \* Harvey Preston Electric \* SJS Engineering LLC \* U Dirty Dog \* Didier Properties \* Splash n Dash \* Beef O'Brady's \* Copher's Boat Sales \* Shirley's Tax Service \* Anonymous Donors \* Greer's Coin & Pawn \* Rep. Marcus Richmond \* Re-Pete's \* Breedren Dodge \* Peterbilt of Fort Smith \* Webb Energy \* Glidewell Distributing \* Dale & Pam Seiter \* Altes Sanitation \* E.A.M. \* E.V.S. \* Aire-Care Systems \* Ron's VP Racing Fuels \* Greenwood Cycle \* Faith Baptist Church \* Champion Cycling \* Choctaw Casino \* Dusty's Collision & Towing \* Cavanaugh Pizza

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 26 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**



# ISO (Insurance Services Organization)

Your Homeowners Insurance, Our Fire Department and Your Premiums



## WHITE BLUFF – RYE HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



### Improves to ISO FIRE CLASS RATING OF 4 in 2018!

It is with great pride to announce that our White Bluff-Rye Hill Volunteer Fire Department has received an improved rating to our "PPC" Public Protection Classification from the Insurance Services Organization "ISO."

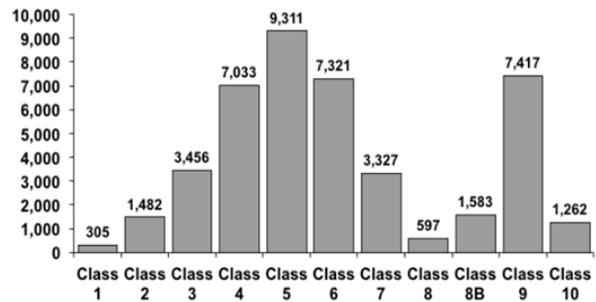
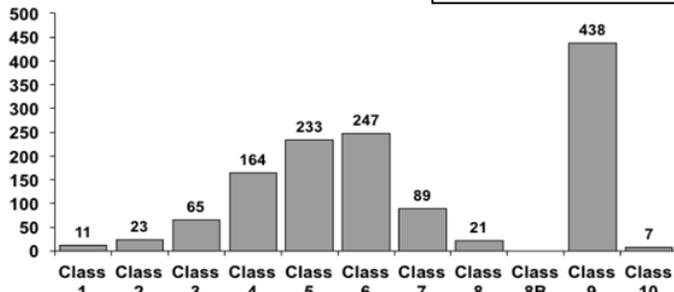
**Our rating has improved from our previous Class 5 to a Class 4 and became effective August 1, 2018.**

White Bluff-Rye Hill, Shadow Lake and a large portion of Jenny Lind residents and business owners may see reduced fire insurance premium costs due to this improved fire class rating. The Insurance Services Office (ISO), a national insurance industry risk rating and assessment service, has reclassified the White Bluff-Rye Hill Volunteer Fire Department Fire Class rating from Class 5 to Class 4. The ISO rating of a community affects the insurance premiums that policyholders pay for fire insurance on commercial and residential buildings. This new rating places our department in the top 21% of all (1,298 career, paid on-call, combo paid/volunteer and volunteer) fire departments in Arkansas and in the top 29% percent of all (43,000+ career, paid on-call, combo paid/volunteer and volunteer) fire departments in the United States.

Arkansas

Information gathered from Insurance Services Organization  
<http://www.isomitigation.com>

Countrywide



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.

ISO came in and reviewed our volunteer fire department in November 2017, after we were assigned an additional fire coverage area by the Sebastian County Judge and Quorum Court. This area included a large portion of the Jenny Lind community and all of the Shadow Lake community that added approximately 669 more structures to our fire coverage area. Our department was assigned a third fire station to manage and respond from, that is located in the Jenny Lind community and ISO wanted to review our departments capabilities and that we would be able to continue as a Class 5 department within our original area, as well as be able to improve the rating in the Jenny Lind and Shadow Lake areas we now cover, from a Class 6 (previous rating before White Bluff-Rye Hill was assigned the areas) to the Class 5 that White Bluff – Rye Hill VFD had been assigned since 2013. 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, Fire Officers, 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 firefighting equipment, and the assistance of Sebastian County Judge and Quorum Court were all critical items in achieving the improved **ISO Class 4 certification**.

**As stated above, the new rating became effective on August 1, 2018.** You may wish to call your insurance agent and discuss this letter and see if your home or business qualifies for an insurance premium reduction. We wish you the best and hope that your insurance company will recognize the major improvements we have made in our volunteer fire department to garner this improved PPC rating and in turn, reduce your premiums.

We want to THANK those members of the White Bluff-Rye Hill community who have and continue to help us out monetarily by paying their annual membership of \$35, plus a special thank you to all those who make additional donations to our department each year. These extra donations are what help us continue to make major improvements in our firefighting capabilities, and emergency medical services that we offer. Our volunteer fire department is made up of 100% volunteers and offer so much more than firefighting. Our department provides fire protection, emergency medical services, search and rescue, a junior firefighter program, fire prevention programs, and a ladies auxiliary that is second to none. We cannot keep improving our services, our stations and our equipment without your help. We hope that each of you will continue to support us through your memberships and your extra donations and think of us, when your insurance premiums are reduced, due to the fire departments hard work in improving our ISO PPC rating.

If you have any questions, please email us at: [whitebluffryehillfire@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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.

**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](mailto:whitebluffryehillfire@gmail.com) for more information.**



## 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	30 yrs
Allen, Chuck–Captain / SAR	26 yrs
Mickle, Ron – Safety Officer	26 yrs
Moser, Mike –Treasurer	26 yrs
Almond, Jim – Chief / EMT / Instr 1 / SAR	25 yrs
Hisaw, Ronnie –Vice Pres. / Asst. Chief / SAR	17 yrs
Haddock, Daniel-Captain	9 yrs
Condren, Mark-Captain / 1st Resp / Instr 1 / SAR	8 yrs
Haddock, Jeff-Firefighter	7 yrs
Haddock, Debra-Secretary / Ladies Aux	7 yrs
Clark, Jayson-Firefighter / SAR	6 yrs
Condren, Gina-Safety Officer / Instr 1 / SAR	6 yrs
Taylor, Craig-Lieutenant	4 yrs
Taylor, Stephen-Firefighter / Paramedic	4 yrs
Bunn, Chris-Firefighter / SAR	3 yrs
Barr, Scott-Firefighter	3 yrs
Sosebee, Nathan-Firefighter	3 yrs
Goddard, Matt-Firefighter / 1st Resp	2 yrs
Bunn, Corrine-Firefighter / 1st Resp / SAR	2 yrs
Price, Bobby-Firefighter	2 yrs
Price, Tom-Firefighter	2 yrs
Unruh, Jerry-Firefighter	2 yrs
Koenigseder, Tim– Firefighter	1 yr
Slate, Shandon – Firefighter / Paramedic	1 yr
McCoy, Colin – Probationary Firefighter	New
Newhart, Darrin – Probationary Firefighter	New
Booth, John – Probationary Firefighter	New

### LADIES AUXILIARY

Goddard, Carrie \* Haddock, Debra  
Clark, Brittney \* Haddock, Jessica \* Freeman, Angel

### JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS

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 Auxiliary members are people just like you! They have jobs, volunteer in numerous other activities and enjoy other hobbies, as well.



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  
(18 yrs or older and lives in our fire district - or within a 2.5 mile radius of one of our fire stations)  
to join our Volunteer Fire Department

### 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 Captain Mark Condren at 479-831-9440 or Fire Marshal Dale Seiter at 479-430-0252

or Email questions to [whitebluffryehillfire@gmail.com](mailto: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**



**2017 Fire Department Member of the Year—Gina Condren**



CONGRATULATIONS go out to **GINA CONDREN** for being voted the WHITE BLUFF-RYE HILL Fire Department member of the year for 2018. Gina was voted on by the department members at our General Business Meeting and Election of the Board on November 12, 2018.

Gina is our Safety Officer, a Training Instructor and a member of the Search and Rescue Team. Gina also manages all of our fire and medical reports and their entry into the NFIRS national system along with assisting in all of our grant writing. Gina is always involved in every aspect of the fire department, no matter what that entails. She has a heart of gold and is fully devoted to the overall improvement of our department and it's capabilities. Gina's commitment and dedication to everything she does, is a testament to this great lady. Congratulations to a well deserving and wonderful member of our fire department family!



**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.

**Georgia Pacific Bucket Brigade Program  
Awards our Department a \$5,000 grant**

Our fire department was chosen in November 2018 to be one of the 43 departments nationwide to receive a \$5,000 grant to help fund equipment needs, especially personal protective gear for our volunteers. A huge thanks to GP for this grant!



**Things to know  
About our Fire Department**

Our fire department covers twenty eight plus (28+) 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 4**

**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.

**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)**

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

**\*\* 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**

(2019 Refurb Project)  
1988 INTERNATIONAL  
2,000 Gallon Water



**ATTACK 1**

2004 Ford F550 4X4  
250 GPM Pump \* 340 Gallon / 20 Gal Foam Cell



**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



**ATTACK 3**

2007 CHEVROLET 3500HD 4x4  
125 GPM Pump \* 250 Gallon / 20 Gal Foam Cell

## Quick Facts about YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

- \* 3 Fire Stations covering 28+ square miles
- \* 3 Pumpers / 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



**ATV 1**

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

## 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