

Mid-County Fire Protection District

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Tragedy Averted in Bus Accident

Mid-County Firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident on Oct. 8, 2010. Upon arrival, they discovered a five-vehicle accident that started when a semi tractor-trailer slammed into the rear of a Camdenton RIII School Bus near the intersection of South State Highway 5 and State Highway 7.

The injuries to the students and drivers were not life-threatening, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MHP), but one 13-year-old female was taken to St. John's Hospital in Springfield by Staff for Life helicopter with moderate injuries. According to the MHP, the accident occurred when a 1998 Pontiac minivan, a 2004 Mazda and a 1998 Mitsubishi Eclipse were stopped in traffic on South Highway 5, waiting for another vehicle to make a left-hand turn onto Highway 7. The school bus was slowing behind the minivan when it was rearended by a 1998 Peterbilt tractor-trailer. The bus then struck the minivan, causing a chain reaction.

Change your clocks, change your batteries

Daylight-saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 7. MCFPD urges citizens to use the extra hour this weekend to remind friends, family and neighbors to change their smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries.

"This one easy step can help save lives and the lives of people around you," said MCFPD Chief Scott Frandsen. "I encourage everyone to use the extra hour you "gain" from daylight-saving time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, to test the alarms and remind friends, family, neighbors, co-workers to do the same."

Each year communities nationwide witness tragic home fire deaths, but by working together, we can help to reduce the number of fatalities, said Frandsen. Approximately every three hours a home fire

death occurs somewhere in the United States, and 66 percent of those occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

"Non-working smoke alarms do not protect residents. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms is worn out or missing batteries," Frandsen said. "Eighty percent of child fire fatalities occur in homes without working smoke alarms. This statistic can be reduced by adopting the simple habit of change your clock, change your battery."


Changing smoke alarm batteries at least once a year, testing those alarms and reminding others to do the same are some of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce these tragic deaths and injuries. Additionally, Frandsen recommended replacing smoke alarms every 10 years








Talkin' Turkey


In 2005, cooking fires were involved in roughly 1300 reported home structure fires on Thanksgiving – that's almost 3 times the daily average. Follow these safety tips to make your holiday a safe one.


 Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility.


 Always use turkey fryers outside, away from the home and anything flammable.


 Only set the fryer up on a hard, flat surface (not a wood deck).


 Make sure the turkey is not frozen and completely thawed out and not wet.

 Do not overfill fryer with oil.

 Keep a fire extinguisher close by.

 Only a responsible adult should operate the fryer.

 Fryers are very hot. Always handle with cooking mitts and wear safety goggles.

 Keep children and pets away from the fryer.

ICE – In case of emergency

Emergency management officials across the U.S. are urging people to store the word ICE (in case of emergency) in their mobile phone address books, then enter the number of the person to contact in case of emergency.

If you should ever become incapacitated in an emergency, emergency workers need a quick way to find out whom they should contact. Often, valuable time is wasted trying to figure out which name in a cell phone to call when disaster strikes. They need to speak with someone immediately so you can get the medical attention needed.

The campaign was launched in May 2005 in Britain. Most people don't carry emergency contact cards, but many carry cell phones. The ICE acronym allows emergency officials to quickly access the right names from a cell phone's address book. It can save valuable time, since many people identify family members only by

name in their phones, which makes them indistinguishable from other callers.

ICE has caught on so quickly, it already sports its own counter-campaign. There is an email hoax going around saying ICE will let hackers into your phone. That is not true, and no such danger exists.



Congratulations to the following Mid-County Firefighters!

Gary Woodson on his new job as fire chief in Pendleton, Oregon – We will miss him, and we wish him luck!

Breakfast with Santa

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. for breakfast with Santa.

Kids and their families will be able to visit with Santa and tell him what they'd like for Christmas. Santa and his entourage of elves will also be on hand for photos.

Cost of the breakfast will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids. Breakfast includes biscuit and gravy, sausage and drinks.



Join us!

Are you interested in fighting fires or assisting on accident scenes? Contact Division Chief

Support your Firefighters!!

How? Join the Mid-County Firefighters Auxiliary

Where? Mid-County Station 1

What? If running into a burning building or using the jaws-of-life on a car accident doesn't give you an adrenaline rush, but you still enjoy helping people, the Firefighters Auxiliary may be for you. The auxiliary provides support and assistance to our firefighters and the fire department.

Join us and help make a difference.

Contact Kara Johnson at (573)480-6618 for more information.



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