

Newsletter



Welcome our new Fire Chief.

Ron Thompson is a retired fire captain from southern California and brings over 30 years of experience to his new position as Alfalfa's first Fire Chief. He has been busy assessing the current equipment and putting together projected needs and making plans to move the district forward in the coming months. Ron brings energy and expertise to our fledgling district to begin future fire protection and medical assistance to the Alfalfa area. The board of directors welcomes Ron and is excited to have someone with his qualifications to become our first chief!

Fire Chief Ron Thompson checks out one of the fire trucks that will be put in to service to help train volunteers and respond to emergencies.



Come meet our new Fire Chief!

There will be a community town hall meeting with Ron Thompson, the new Fire Chief of the Alfalfa Fire District, Wednesday, April 27th, 6:00 pm at the Alfalfa Community Hall.

Everyone is invited to attend, meet Ron, find out more about him and his plans for AFD.

AFD moves ahead with property purchase.

In other news, the board of directors recently signed an earnest money agreement to purchase approximately 2.7 acres of land along Alfalfa Market Road west of the canal. This will be the location for the new fire station. Budget and operational criteria are being reviewed for the basic facilities necessary to get up and running. The board wishes to thank David and Tamara Pike for their generosity in helping make this happen.



AFD board members Rowan Hollitz and Gary Hughes deliver a check for the earnest money agreement to Teresa Hansen, Title Manager of First American Title, Bend. Thank you First American Title for your generosity and service.

Now is the time to volunteer.

We need volunteers for fire fighting, emergency medical response & support services. Individuals who signed up to become volunteers in the past are being contacted again to find out if they are still interested and available as Chief Thompson plans to begin basic fire training in the next 3 months. In addition, he will be working to see what can be done to begin medical response training as well as find a emergency medical response vehicle. It is anticipated that 70 to 80% of the calls for service in the fire district will be medically related. Go to www.alfalfafiredistrict.org for more information and e-mail Ron at: rthompson@afd.org with your name and phone number to volunteer.

Is there
a **FIRE** in
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Thank you La Pine Rural Fire District

The fire district recently received a donation of 2600 feet of used fire hose from the La Pine Rural Fire District. This will help outfit our trucks and be used until such time the district can purchase new hose. We will test this hose before placing it into service and also use it for training purposes. We will continue to look for quality used equipment that will allow us to become functional without the burden of the high cost of something new.



Take advantage of FIREFREE - it's free!



All fire district residents are encouraged to take advantage of the spring FireFree program offered by the Knott Landfill at 61050 SE 27th Street in Bend on May 7-15. People can remove any hazardous vegetation from their property and dispose of it free of charge at the landfill. By doing this you not only remove unwanted debris but you can avoid the risk of trying to burn it during times when it may be unsafe to do so. Hours of operation at the landfill are from 7 am to 5 pm. There will be people available to help you unload your debris.

Contact us

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