



Burning News

RESERVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2010

Firefighters R Hot!
WE FIGHT WHAT YOU FEAR

STATISTICS OF FIRE CALLS for JULY
FIRE CALLS: 19
EMS CALLS: 5
TOTAL CALLS: 24

Happy Anniversary!
None



Mandatory First Responder Refresher!

1st Responder Refresher @ GVFD
Stn. 71
6:30—9:30 PM
September 7th, 8th, 9th, 15th and 20th
ALL FIRST RESPONDERS MUST ATTEND!

Wed. 9/8 & 9/22
New Recruit Training
7:00 p.m.

"ICE"
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

How are your immediate family listed in your cell phone? Do you know that listing under "I" will help notify family if something should happen?

"ICE—Spouse & Name and number" or
"ICE—Mom/Dad & Number"
Or
"ICE—Grandma & her number" ETC



"REKINDLES"

Inspirational Thoughts
The simple wisdom of the oyster is that of turning grains of sand into a pearl. For us, we need to turn the grains of irritation by changing our attitude of bitterness or despair into "pearls": gems of hope to offer proof that life and hope can conquer depression and fear.

Damn Yankees...

A northern lady was on vacation in the depths of LA. She wanted a pair of genuine alligator shoes in the worst way, but was very reluctant to pay the prices asked by the vendors. After becoming very frustrated with the 'no haggle' attitude of one of the shopkeepers, the lady shouts, "Maybe I'll

go out and catch my own alligator so I can get a pair of shoes at a reasonable price." The shopkeeper replies, "Bah all means, be mah gues', maybe you luck out and catch yo'self a beeg one." Later while driving home the shopkeeper sees the lady standing waist deep in water, shot gun in hand. As he pulls over he sees a 9' gator swimming quickly toward her. She takes aim,

shoots and kills the creature. With a great deal of effort hauls it on the bank and laid it with several more of the dead alligators. The shopkeeper watches in amazement. Just then the lady flips the alligator on its back, and frustrated, shouts out: "Darn! This one isn't wearing any shoes, either!"



Godon Tamplain
Joe Brasington

St. Florian,
Patron of Firefighters,
protect us!

Older Americans at Risk for Dying in a Fire

The facts speak for themselves: Americans over the age of 65 are one of the groups at greatest risk of dying in a fire. On average, more than 1,000 Americans age 65 and over die in fires. People over the age of 85 die in fires at a rate five times higher than the rest of the population. However, there are a number of precautionary steps older Americans can take to dramatically reduce their chances of becoming a fire casualty.

Understanding the Risks

Why Are Older People at Risk?

Older Americans are at risk for fire death and injuries for a number of reasons:

They may be less able to take the quick action necessary in a fire emergency.

They may be on medication that affects their ability to make quick decisions. Many older people live alone and when accidents happen others may not be around to help.

What Fire Hazards Affect Older People?

Cooking accidents are the leading cause of fire related injuries for older Americans. The kitchen is one of the most active and potentially dangerous rooms in the home.

The unsafe use of smoking materials is the leading cause of fire deaths among older Americans.

Heating equipment is responsible for a big share of fires in seniors' homes. Extra caution should be used with alternate heaters such as wood stoves or electric space heaters.

Faulty wiring is another major cause of fires affecting the elderly. Older homes can have

serious wiring problems, ranging from old appliances with bad wiring to overloaded sockets.

Safety Tips for Older Americans

Kitchen Fires.

Most kitchen fires occur because food is left unattended on the stove or in the oven. If you must leave the kitchen while cooking, take a spoon or potholder with you to remind you to return to the kitchen. Never cook with loose, dangling sleeves that can ignite easily. Heat cooking oils gradually and use extra caution when deep-frying. If a fire breaks out in a pan, put a lid on the pan. Never throw water on a grease fire. Never use a range or stove to heat your home.

Space Heaters. Buy only heaters evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Use only the manufacturer's recommended fuel for each heater. Do not use electric space heaters in the bathroom or around other wet areas. Do not dry or store objects on top of your heater. Keep combustibles away from heat sources.

Smoking. Don't leave smoking materials unattended. Use "safety ashtrays" with wide lips. Empty all ashtrays into the toilet or a metal container every night before going to bed. Never smoke in bed. Finally having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire.

Actual Quotes from Insurance Accident Statements:

Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

The other car collided with mine without giving warning of his intentions.

I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.

A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.

A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

The guy was all over the road, I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed for the embankment.

As I approached the intersection, a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no Stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop to avoid the accident.

To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.

My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

I told the police that I was not injured but on

removing my hat, I found that I had a fractured skull.

The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran over him.

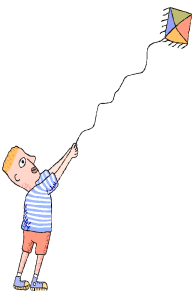
The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle and vanished.

I saw a slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off the hood of my car.

- I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him. Continued on Page 4!

Children's Corner



Q. What advice did Noah give to his sons about fishing off the ark?

A. Go easy on the bait boys, I only have two worms!

Q. Can you tell what goes tick-tick, woof-woof?

Q. If an athlete gets athlete's foot, what does an Astronaut get?

Q. Why do Gorillas have such BIG noses?

A. Because they have such BIG fingers!

A. A Watch Dog!

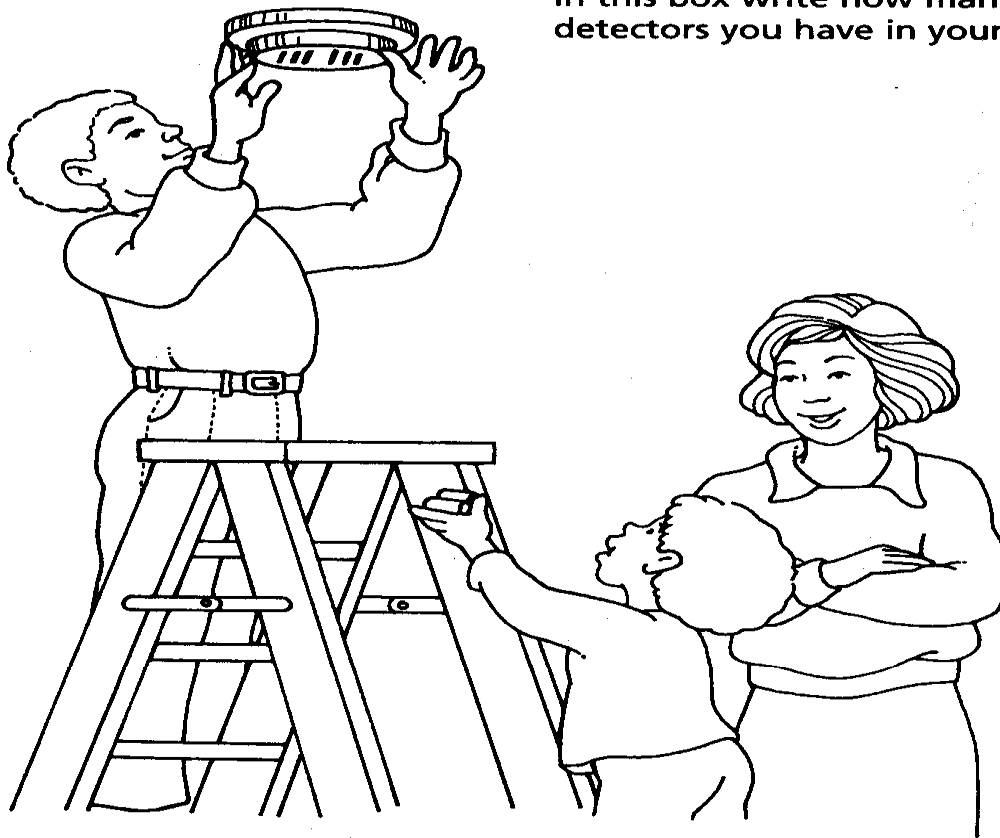
A. Missile-Toe?



COUNT how many smoke detectors are in your home.

ACTIVITY

In this box write how many smoke detectors you have in your home.



DETECTORS can save lives. The smoke detector's loud sound warns you if a fire starts.

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- I thought my window was down, but I found that it was up when I put my hand through it.
- I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cow.
- The telephone pole was approaching. I was attempting to swerve out of its way, when it struck my front end.
- I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble, when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.

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Rope Dry—Sunny

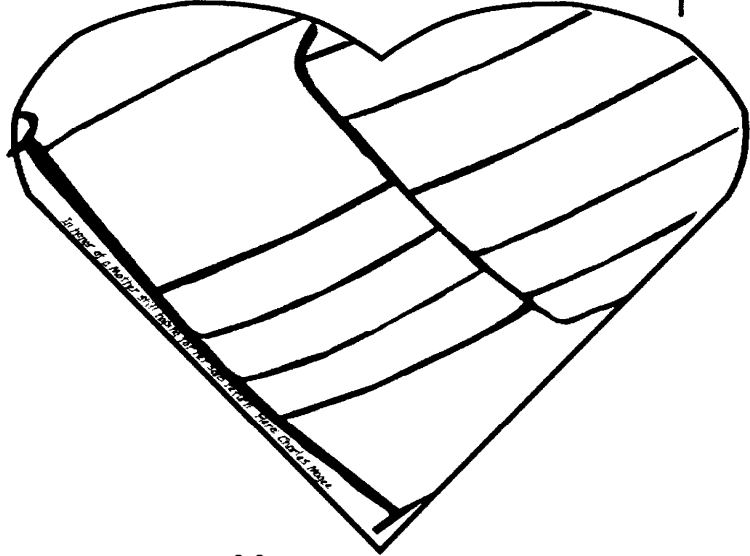
Rope Wet—Rainy

Rope White—Snowing

Rope Stiff—Freezing

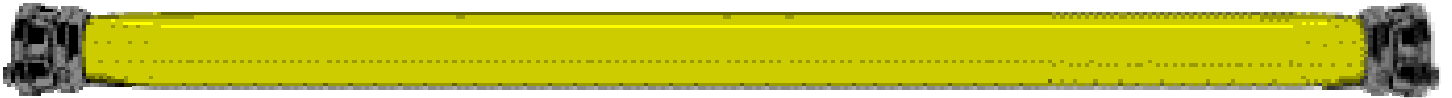
Rope Moving—Windy

Firefighters, police officers and average citizens all became heroes on Sept. 11



We Will Never Forget

Your bravery, kindness, unselfishness, and love for others,
Is what we think of when we think of all of you, our HEROES!



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