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# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Emergency Fire Call # - 719-275-3058

President, Board of Directors, TRFPA  
By Fred Arnold (Phone 719-371-1521)

Hello everyone,

The holidays are here and that means lots of good things to eat. It also means a lot of time preparing food. Kitchen fires have been the cause of many structure fires resulting in millions of dollars of damage and loss of personal belongings. The following is a list of things that may help keep you and your homes safe, especially during the holidays.

1. Do not leave your home while you have food cooking.
2. If you are cooking with oil or grease, do not leave the immediate area.
  - a. If a grease fire occurs, turn off the burner and put a lid on the pan or pot.
  - b. If the flames are high, use a portable fire extinguisher to put out the fire.
  - c. NEVER PUT ICE OR WATER ON A GREASE FIRE. This will spread the fire and you could be severely burned.
3. If you are planning on deep frying your turkey, please do it outside and not in the garage. A boil over could occur and result in a large grease fire.

Enjoy the holidays and the family and friends that make these holidays such a blessed event.

Until next time,

May God Bless

## TRFPA MEETINGS

The next meeting is a regular board meeting, but anyone in our service area is welcome to attend. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, **December 12, 2009** at the Party Shack at the Skyline Razor Ridge Park (at the entrance to Skyline Drive, two miles west of Cañon City on Highway 50).

The January meeting is a combined board and member meeting. It will be held on Saturday, **January 9, 2010**.

## HOME SWEET HOME

TRFPA is 10 years old and it still does not have a permanent meeting place. Is it time for this to change?

At it's past several meetings, the TRFPA Board has been considering whether TRFPA needs a permanent building where it can hold its monthly meetings. The Board has recently been considering possible locations for a permanent building and associated funding issues.

If you have ideas you think the Board needs to consider (such as land you would be willing to donate or thoughts on fund raising), please let President Fred Arnold know by calling him at 719-371-1521.

## ARE YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS REALLY WORKING?

The most common reasons smoke detectors fail are:

- Dead or missing batteries
- Vents clogged with dirt, dust, or grease
- Debris in the sensing chamber

The only way to be sure your smoke detectors are working is to test them regularly. The National Fire Protection Association recommends that battery-powered smoke detectors be tested weekly, and that those powered by household current be tested monthly. Smoke detectors can be tested with an aerosol "smoke" product to insure that the vents and sensing chamber are working properly.

If you have battery-powered smoke detectors, replace the batteries in them twice a year. If you have not done this recently, do it now, while you are thinking about it!

**For a controlled burn or  
to report a fire, dial**

**719-275-3058.**

**For all other emergencies dial 911.**

## Tallahassee Rural Fire Protection Association Profit & Loss Statement October 2009

### Income

<b>Contributions Income</b>		
Donation2009	440.00	
Donations2010	450.00	
<b>Total Contributions Income</b>		<b>890.00</b>
<b>Interest Income-Canon Natl.</b>		<b>55.95</b>
<b>Paid Fire Income</b>		
Newlin Creek/2009	3,324.53	
<b>Total Paid Fire Income</b>		<b>3,324.53</b>

**Total Income** **4,270.48**

### Expense

<b>Miscellaneous</b>		<b>45.74</b>
<b>Paid Fire Contract Labor</b>		
Newlin Creek/2009	1,614.53	
<b>Total Paid Fire Contract Labor</b>		<b>1,614.53</b>
<b>Postage Expense</b>		<b>900.00</b>
<b>Printing and Reproduction</b>		<b>400.50</b>
<b>Reconciliation Discrepancies</b>		<b>0.11</b>
<b>Rent</b>		<b>50.00</b>
<b>Telephone</b>		
Answering Service	169.05	
Pager Expense	117.83	
Telephone - Other	28.46	
<b>Total Telephone</b>		<b>315.24</b>
<b>Truck Maintenance</b>		
E26	100.00	
E46	52.10	
Gasoline/Oil	256.83	
Rat Poison	18.59	
<b>Total Truck Maintenance</b>		<b>427.52</b>

**Total Expense** **3,753.64**

**Net Income** **516.84**