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Emergency Fire Call # - 719-275-3058

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

Hello everyone,

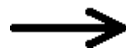
The fire ban in our area has been lifted. We have received much needed moisture and in some cases, too much in a short amount of time. On August 2, the High Park area was hit by a heavy rain and hail storm which left many roads washed out and County Road 11 closed for several days. Even though the grass has turned green again, the fire danger is still HIGH. Please continue to be extremely careful with all fires. The Parkdale Fire is still a reminder of how quickly green can turn to black.

Fire tip of the month: With autumn near at hand, now is the time for you to inspect or have inspected your wood burning stove and chimney for creosote buildup and any damage that might have occurred during the winter. If you do it yourself, please be extremely careful when using a ladder. Thousands of injuries occur each year as a result of using ladders.

Until next time,

May God Bless

TVFP MEETINGS



Note New Location!



The next meeting is a combined board and member meeting. Everyone in the TVFP service area is invited to attend. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, **September 11, 2010** at the clubhouse at Prospectors RV Resort, 43595 US Highway 50 (at State Highway 9). The clubhouse is on your right past the parking lot after you turn in at the Prospectors entrance.

The October meeting is a regular board meeting, but everyone in the TVFP service area is invited to attend. It will be held on Saturday, **October 8, 2010**.

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

The next firefighter training will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at Station 5 (King Meadows) from 0930 until 1500 hours. Topics will include operation of various fire equipment, including Engine 51. Bring a sack lunch and come prepared to learn!

All firefighters should plan to attend.

ON THE FIRELINE

My topic for this month is insurance for your homes, businesses, and property. I'm currently working on an ISO (Insurance Service Organization) evaluation for our area. This is the class rating that each insurance company uses to determine your insurance rates. Without it no insurance would be issued to homeowners. TVFP is currently a class 10 on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the highest risk level (and the one that costs the most for home and property owners).

There are many factors that go into determining the ISO rating for the area served by a fire department. It involves items as equipment, training, water supplies, communications, personnel, and the area covered. Due to the fact that we are a donation-based volunteer program, we barely fit into the class system. To make a class assessment, ISO looks strongly at structural fire suppression capabilities. Since we are primarily a wildland response agency, we currently have limited structural equipment. In time, and with successful grants or other funding, we may be able to provide this service. I should know how we are classed later this year.

In the mean time, I would suggest that you review your policies and really ask questions about them. For example, if you have a major claim and decide to not rebuild in the same location will your insurance pay you the full insured amount? Do you have the appropriate deductions for detection and home sprinkler systems? Do you have appraised values for interior items? Are you covered if you are doing a controlled burn that escapes and burns a neighbor's property? Civil lawsuits are very expensive!

There are many companies selling insurance, but they may not all offer the same level of protection. The recent Parkdale Fire cost over \$1.4 million to suppress. This should be a great reminder that we need to protect our surroundings and not just our homes and property. TVFP firefighters very much appreciate your gracious support so we can respond safely and effectively for you!

Respectfully,
Erik Johnson, Fire Chief

For address updates,

- * send an e-mail to mailinglist@tallahasseevfd.com,
- * call Robin Nelson at 719-269-8942, or
- * send a note to TVFP, Attn: Secretary, 662 Wapiti Trail, Cañon City, CO 81212.

Tallahassee Volunteer Fire Protection, Inc. Profit & Loss Statement July 2010

Income

Contributions Income		
Donations 2010	1,935.00	
Total Contributions Income		1,240.00
Interest Income-Canon Natl.		1.01
Total Income		1,241.01

Expense

Contract Bookkeeping		100.00
Filing Fees		10.00
Grant Writing Expense		1,500.00
Miscellaneous		227.13
Office Supplies		
Ink / Paper / Labels	130.76	
Total Office Supplies		130.76
Printing and Reproduction		190.90
Professional Fees		
Accounting	550.00	
Total Professional Fees		550.00
Rent		50.00
Telephone		
Answering Service Expense	254.72	
Pager Expense	81.53	
Web Site	48.00	
Telephone - Other	32.03	
Total Telephone		416.28
Truck Maintenance		
E46	583.92	
Gasoline/Oil	861.18	
Service Truck	1,574.76	
Total Truck Maintenance		3,009.86
Total Expense		6,184.93

Net Income **-4,943.92**

**For a controlled burn or
to report a fire, dial
719-275-3058.**

**For all other emergencies,
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Sid and Kim are back!

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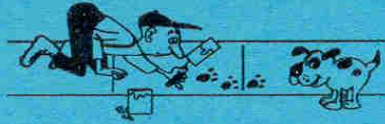
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