



You are invited to the Round Mountain Fire Department Annual Meeting, June 1, 2010 along with the June potluck. We will be voting on board members – 2 up for re-election (Matt Sparks & Jimmy Gullidge) and 2 open positions. We would like to thank Jimmie Wood & Shane Mhoon who have served on our board for 6 years and are now required to sit out 1 year.

If you would be interested in being a board member, please join us at this meeting. If you have ideas or suggestions for our department, being on the board is a great way to get involved!

2009/2010 BOARD OFFICERS

- President: Ronnie Wood.....442-5925
- Vice President: Jimmie Wood.....521-2203
- Treasurer: Pam Barton.....521-1894
- Secretary: Matt Sparks.....856-9357
- Fire Chief: Shane Wood.....443-2679

Fire Department

Emergency 911

Non Emergency 442-5700

Website: www.roundmtn.org

COUNTRY BREAKFAST!

Our Annual Country Breakfast is Saturday, May 15thth from 6:00am to 11:00am. Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, pancakes, juice, milk and coffee will be served.

All you can eat for \$5.00!

Children under 6 eat free!



The Firewise assessment will give us an opportunity to revisit our "DIEHARD EFFORT" smoke detector program. We will be checking on all households in our response area to ensure everyone has at least one working smoke detector. If you do not have a working smoke detector, please don't wait for the program. Let us know and we will get one to you. We look forward to seeing you sometime this year for this joint effort!

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR LATELY?



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From the Chief:

The past year has been big for our department. From April 1st of 2009 to April 1st of this year we have responded to 192 calls. We thought last year was so big because of the ice storm. Evidently that is not the case. In 2009 we responded to 194 calls. This year is right on track with that, possibly bigger.

Over the past year, we have responded to 25 structure fires, 12 brush fires, 2 vehicle fires, 7 other type of fires, 12 motor vehicle accidents (2 extrications of people), 83 medical emergencies, 7 technical rescues and 35 calls that we were cancelled while enroute. The men and women of our department have stepped up and done an excellent job of protecting the citizens of our community. Our average response time from dispatch to on-scene was 8.24 minutes for 2009. That is excellent! This accounts for some very long responses we had last year into other areas and counties.

I like to keep everyone up to date on our technical rescue team. We have a very active role with the Washington County Technical Rescue Team. Our department has the most participation of all 17 departments throughout the county. We have put countless hours into training and calls. Over the past year, our efforts have paid off immensely. We have been involved in several rescues, a few of which made national headlines. In just the past year we have performed the rescues of 15 people, either by rope rescue or water rescue. Since the birth of the team in 2005 we have been involved in rescuing 36 people. It is a very rewarding service, which we love to do.

Mutual aid has been a major boost in runs. We have a very good automatic aid program with the Elkins, Fayetteville and Goshen fire departments. They provide us with extra manpower and apparatus for fires, and in turn we return the favor. Our automatic aid program has been a boost in moral for the firefighters', due to more fire activity. It also gets them a lot more experience. We have an excellent working relationship with all of our partners.

Since our last newsletter we have added one new piece of apparatus. In the fall of 2009, we completed a new brush truck. The chassis was donated to us by Arkansas Western Gas. We purchased a new flatbed and skid unit. The truck carries 300 gallons of water and 10 gallons of foam. This is our first brush truck to have foam. This foam can be applied to structures during large brush fires, to prevent them from burning. The biggest use of the foam will be to extinguish stubborn fires. I would like to stress to everyone, be careful burning outdoor debris. There are still a lot of downed trees and limbs from the 2009 ice storm. This is an added hazard to us, and you the homeowner.

If you would like to learn more about the fire department, such as how to become a firefighter, pay your dues or see the firefighters in action, please visit our website at www.roundmtn.org. As always be fire safe and if there is anything we can do to be of assistance, please give us a call at 442-5700 or email me at swood@roundmtnfire.kscoxmail.com.



*Shane Wood, Chief
Round Mountain Fire Dept.*