



You are invited to the **Round Mountain Fire Department Annual Meeting and June potluck, June 7, 2011.**
 We will be voting on board members – 3 up for re-election (Ronnie Wood, Nathan Wood & Jeff Fitch) and 2 open positions. We would like to thank Tom Davenport & Jim Blackston 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!

COUNTRY BREAKFAST!
Our Annual Country Breakfast is Saturday, May 14thth from 6:00 am to 11:00 am. 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!

2010/2011 BOARD MEMBERS

- President: Ronnie Wood.....442-5925**
- Vice President: Jimmie Gullledge...443-2688**
- Treasurer: Pam Barton.....521-1894**
- Secretary: Matt Sparks.....856-9357**
- Fire Chief: Shane Wood.....236-5766**

- Brian Reagan Jeff Fitch Patrick Sinyard
- Jim Blackston Nathan Wood Will Barton
- Tom Davenport Robert Harty

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From the Chief

2010 was another busy year for the volunteers. We responded to a total of 182 calls for the year. Of those 25 were working structure fires, 17 brush fires, 83 medical assists, 2 vehicle extrications, 10 technical rescues and the remaining were minor emergencies or service calls. There was a definite increase in fires for 2010, mainly due to the cold weather and the number of civilians still burning brush left over from the 2009 ice storm.

We would like to welcome our neighbors from the eastern Black Oak and Harris Community areas to our service area. After some discussion with the Whitehouse Fire Department over the past couple of years, we took over fire service for this community. The newly acquired area is Black Oak Road, from the old Militia Building to the Middle Fork River bridge. This includes three small roads that are accessed from Black Oak, and Harris Road from Black Oak Road to the Middle Fork bridge. In all we added 50 plus residences to our service area. We hope to give them a little quicker response from our Black Oak substation and a lower ISO rating.

For 2011, we have a few things in store. We hope to finish our Firewise program thru the Arkansas Forestry Commission. This program will help us to locate problem areas for brush fires and we hope to make contact with all of our residents to ensure they have working smoke detectors. We are also in the process of applying for a grant thru the State of Arkansas to fund a training facility at station 1. This facility will help us with training all of our firefighters in fire control, search and rescue, ladder skills, ventilation and rope skills. The funding will be announced late in the summer and if we receive the grant we will be underway with the project this fall. We also hope to have all of the renovations to the Black Oak station completed by mid summer. This will include new paint, inside and out, new siding and soffit for the outside and finally bathroom and kitchen facilities.

On a final note, I would like to say thank you to all of the members of the fire department for your continued support of the community and your firefighters. Without your support, we would not be possible.

Shane Wood, Fire Chief



HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR LATELY?



Technical Rescue Team

The Washington County Technical Rescue Team has had another good year. We have made some big changes in our organization including the change from a Technical Rescue Team to an Urban Search and Rescue Team. This move has combined the efforts of the our team with the Washington County Wilderness Search Team. This change will help us to acquire more funding and more state recognition for our efforts and services. In July of this year we will be getting a new USAR truck that will replace the current one we have at station 1. This truck will carry five members and all of the equipment needed for any rescue we respond to.

We responded to 10 calls for service in 2010, four of which made national news.

*On March 23rd 2010, we responded to the Dye Creek bridge for a car in the water with a mother and her three small children trapped inside. Fayetteville Fire responded with a ladder truck to assist with the rescue. Round Mountain Fire Department Captain and Washington County USAR team member Nathan Wood and another Fayetteville Fire Department member successfully rescued the four victims without incident.

*On March 30th 2010, we responded to the Winslow area for a man that had fallen from a bluff. Once we arrived we had to access the victim who was in serious condition, immobilize him and prepare him for a high angle evacuation. We used a rope system to move the victim up the bluff to safety where we

loaded him into a helicopter for transport to the hospital.

*On June 11th 2010, one of the state's worst flooding incident struck the Albert Pike campground, near Langley, Arkansas. The rain hit the packed campground around 2:30 A.M. and completely caught the campers off guard. When daylight came, there were numerous people missing from the campgrounds. On June 12th, a request was made thru the state Department of Emergency Management for the Washington County USAR team to respond. We arrived on the 13th and began search operations in the water and on land for the remaining missing victims. The final victim was found on the 14th and we returned home. In all, the flood claimed 20 victims.

*On December 31st 2010 we responded to the Cincinnati area for the aftermath of a tornado. The tornado claimed the lives of four adults. It also completely destroyed the Cincinnati Volunteer Fire Department. Luckily they have a community like ours and are helping each other get their lives and community put back together.

