

THE SIREN

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WELLINGTON FIRE/EMS

Fire District 6 & 7

Wellington Fire/EMS responds to two different fire districts in Sumner County. Each are their own government entity and governed by a board. Fire District 6 encompasses areas within five miles of the fire station. The district contracts with the City of Wellington to provide services in their area. The district pays the city based on a contract that is renegotiated every three years and also pays the city \$200.00 for each non-medical call in that district. Fire District 6 is

governed by a three member board approved by the county commissioners. Fire District 7 encompasses all or parts of five townships-Avon, Greene, Jackson, Wellington and Seventy-Six. District 7 is governed by a five member board that represents each township. The district owns two Brush trucks and one Tender which Wellington uses at their discretion for calls in the city, Fire District 6 and mutual aid. The district pays for all insurance, repairs, fuel and equip-

ment on the apparatus. Department staff do minor repairs and ensure all apparatus are ready for response. The district also reimburses the city for all staff used either at the scene or called in off duty to the station at overtime rates. City owned equipment is used in both Fire Districts as needed. The arrangements with both fire districts has been beneficial to all parties for several decades.

By Tim Hay

After the Fire

After a fire the fire department will let you know if it is safe to re-enter the structure for valuable items. If you do not have insurance and need assistance a disaster relief organization will be contacted to assist. If you are insured contact your insurance company for detailed instructions. Conduct an

inventory of damaged property and items. Take pictures as soon as possible to verify loss. Do not throw away any damaged goods until after an inventory is made. Try to locate valuable documents and records. Refer to information on contacts and the replacement process. Begin saving receipts

for any money you spend related to the fire loss. Ensure the structure is secure to prevent theft. Notify your mortgage company of the fire. Give the post office an address to deliver your mail temporarily. Remove food from refrigerator and freezer within 24 hours.

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Fireplace Safety by Harold Parkey



Even though the temperatures are still in the 90's it's time to think about your fireplace. Before long it will be cool and you will want to have a fire in the fireplace to warm your house. Before you have that first fire there are a few things you should do to make sure you will have a safe winter. Probably the best thing is to call a professional chimney sweep to come out and check/clean your chimney. They will clean and check the chimney

and firebox. You can do this yourself but it would be recommended to have a professional complete the task. Now that you know the inside of the fireplace is in good shape it's time to look at the outside. Make sure there are no combustibles like paper or blankets close to the fireplace. You should keep combustibles at least 3 feet away. Even if you have an enclosed stove you should still abide by the

3 foot rule. The second biggest concern is the discarding of ashes. Use a metal bucket and place outside away from combustibles. It is best to soak ashes with water to cool them. Do not dump next to the fence or garage! The fire department has responded to several fires caused by discarded ashes. We hope you think about these recommendations as you prepare for cooler temperatures.

CPR and Sports



Fewer sports related sudden cardiac arrest victims die, a trend linked with increased bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Sudden cardiac arrest is lethal within minutes if left untreated and rapid initiation of CPR improves survival. Pre-participation screening of athletes aims to identify those at high risk and potentially exclude them from sports, with the ultimate goal of reducing the incidence of

sudden cardiac arrest, but this does not always happen. This is why it is important to know and understand when to act, why to act and how to act when these fatal situations occur. The overall survival rate of athletes that went into cardiac arrest increased by two-thirds. A survey obtained over the past 5 years states the survival rate increased from 20% to 60%. A direct correlation of an

increase of bystander CPR was significantly more common in recent years compared to past decades. Obtaining your CPR certification is as easy as attending a 4 hour class to gain knowledge that could last you a life time. If you are interested in helping save a life please contact Wellington Fire/EMS for more information

By Nate Keller

Department Training



Wildland class-cutting a fire line

Class presentations in house for August/September were vehicle extrication, rapid sequence intubation, IV's, eye injuries, deck gun/master stream operations, hazardous materials decontamination, behavioral emergencies, splinting extremities, airway management and saw maintenance. Sixteen personnel in the department attended a one day wildland class and physical testing conducted by Kansas Forestry. Sam Pacino, Nate Keller and Matt Harsh attended swift water rescue in Colorado. Three of our staff attended the KEMSA emergency medical conference at the Kansas Star. Bradley Robinson obtained his Firefighter I Certification.

Semi Extrication of Patient

On July 30th at approximately 2:35 PM Wellington Fire/EMS responded to the 300 block of North West Road for the report of a vehicle accident. While en-route calling parties advised 911 that a semi truck and a trash truck collided and one of the vehicles were on fire. Upon arriving on scene crews from Engine 3, Medic 1 & 2 found a two vehicle accident with extensive damage to both vehicles. The driver of the trash truck was outside of the truck

getting a trash container, when he saw the semi coming towards his truck, he ran into the ditch to avoid injuries. The driver of the semi was trapped in the semi cab which had detached from the chassis and skidded several feet down the road. Engine 3 crew utilized hydraulic extrication tools and a K-12 saw to free the patient from the entrapment. A 1 3/4 hose line was pulled for precaution during extrication in the event of a fire. The incident commander requested both

Life Team and Eagle Med helicopters however both had over a 1 hour response time so the patient was transported to Wesley Medical Center in serious condition by our Medic 2. Mutual aid was requested from Fire District #9 for more staffing due to the difficult extrication. Crews also addressed a diesel leak on scene.

By Justin Patrick

Technical Rescue Training

On September 16th the department conducted a technical rescue training day. Most of the department and some staff from a neighboring department started training at 7:00 AM. The first phase of the training day was confined space. This was conducted at the cities material yard. The scenario was a child stuck in a cement pipe. Staff then moved to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Yards for training

on how to rescue a person from on top of a rail car. Several evolutions were done so all staff could participate. The next session was rescue of a person stuck under the wheels of a rail car. As a department we have experienced that rescue and it was a good refresher. All staff returned to the fire station for training on trench rescue and high angle rescue. We have a trench rescue prop on the north side of the station

and we use our hose tower for high angle rescue. Crews split time between trench and high angle. All together nineteen firefighters participated in training. BNSF provided a lunch for all personnel. We would like to thank BNSF for taking their time training staff. This is our third year having a technical rescue day for the entire department instead of trying to train each shift individually.

Photographs



Training-trench rescue



Training-rescue of a victim off the top of a railroad car.



Training-confined space rescue

THANKS TO DILLONS FOR THE FLOWERS AND RSVP ORGANIZATION FOR THE SNACKS ON THE 9/11 ANNIVERSARY.

Thank you to Walmart for the \$1000 grant to purchase medical equipment.

We now offer child seat inspections! Call the fire station at 620 326-7443 to make an appointment.

If any organization/business would like a "Stop the Bleed" class (30 minutes in length) contact the fire station at 620 326-7443.

The department offers hands on fire extinguisher training to businesses and industry.

Upcoming Classes & Events

Fire Prevention WEEK October 6-12

October 16th CPR class for public-call 620 326-7443 for more information

Kansas Fire Chiefs Conference October 17-19 Hutchinson

Colorado Fire Chiefs Conference October 23-25

Read past newsletters at cityofwellington.net



Around the Station

The department received a grant from Kansas Forestry to purchase binoculars and neck/face protection for our wildland helmets.

Staff collected \$2,626 at their annual MDA boot block fundraiser.

B shift provided water and EMS standby at the Great Race.

C shift sprayed down kids on their last day of Catholic church camp.

There were 112 participants in the first Wellington Fire/EMS golf tournament. Proceeds will go to a college

scholarship and firefighter supplies.

The soffit repair at the public safety facility was completed in August.

C shift gave training presentations to city hall staff on CPR, AED use and stop the bleed.

B shift gave training presentations to water production and lake staff on CPR, AED use and confined space rescue.

Contract to provide services for Fire District #6 was renewed.

C shift gave a presentation at the Recreation Center on how to help a choking victim.



C shift removing peeling paint from station storage room.