

NEWSLETTER

CASTLE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

DON'T BURN ILLEGALLY

THE BURN WINDOW IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

PLEASE DON'T PUT YOU OR YOUR NEIGHBORS PROPERTY AT RISK BY ILLEGALLY BURNING.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE BURNING ILLEGALLY SAY SOMETHING. CALL THE SHERIFFS OFFICE 259-8115

ANY TIME THE SMOKEY SIGN SAYS THE FIRE HAZARD IS "HIGH", "VERY HIGH" OR "EXTREME", THE TOWN OF CASTLE VALLEY PROHIBITS OPEN FIRES, THE USE OF FIREWORKS, AND OTHER FIRE HAZARDS.

VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR AND ANY INDIVIDUAL(S) CAUSING A FIRE IN THE TOWN OF CASTLE VALLEY SHALL PAY FOR ANY COSTS INCURRED IN EXTINGUISHING AND PAY FULL RESTITUTION FOR ANY PROPERTY

Greetings to all the Castle Valley fire district people

Thank you for practicing fire safety. We have had only one significant fire so far.

As you probably know, we were one of the first designated Firewise Communities in the state 16 years ago and we proudly maintain our standing.

The threat of fire in our WUI (wildland urban interface) community is highlighted by all the terrifying news reports we are seeing from our neighbors East and West. We need to be as ready as possible to protect our community. Our department is staffed by volunteers, your neighbors and friends who do their best to protect all the valley but we need everyone's help. The point of this letter is to make sure everyone is aware of the threat and to ask for everyone's help. We also need to be prepared for the worse case and be ready to evacuate. We have seen the heart breaking interviews with people who just had to grab what they could and go.

You know a lot about the Castle Valley Fire Department. Many people in the valley have and are serving. Current members are all active and some spend a remarkable amount of time and energy. We also protect the lodges in the valley and on the river as well as surrounding neighbors and ranches. With two fire stations and eight fire trucks, lots of work goes into maintenance as well as training. We have 15 to 20 members. We train here in the valley but we also get a lot of advanced training from the State outside the valley. We have backup support from Moab Valley Fire Department as well as support from State and Federal firefighters through the Moab Interagency Fire Center.

Contact Information

You can contact us with any questions or feedback

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Or visit our website:

<http://castlevalleyfire.org>

Now let's talk about what you can do to help.

First: Don't start fires. It's surprising how many fires result from human activities. As you know, there are restrictions on open burning in the town and the County. Current conditions are posted at the mailbox. If you have any questions just ask.

Second: We have provided Wildfire Hazard Lot Assessments in the past. These will be resumed soon. We will walk your property with you and offer specific suggestions on mitigating your hazards. Contact Leta Vaughn (435-259-2364) to schedule.

Protect your property. There's lots of information on our website about what is most important. Some precautions are easy and some are not but please take any necessary precautions that you can. See the Links tab on our website.

"Chipper Days" are scheduled to resume on November 10-11. Our State Division of Forestry, Fire, and Natural Resources brings a chipper out to convert cuttings into mulch. This is much safer than burning and is not restricted. You pile your material at end of your driveway and the operators chip it. Call or write Leta Vaughn (435-259-2364) to be added to the list.

Finally: Consider the possibility that you may need to evacuate on very short notice. Consult our website links for a list of suggestions to consider.

Please take the time to consider the possibilities and take the action you need to protect yourself and your neighbors.

If you have questions or need help contact any of the people on our webpage contact list.

We always need volunteers who want to train and serve our community. If you are interested, talk to a firefighter or Chief Drake

STAY SAFE

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