



District 6 DISPATCH

Serving the upper Methow Valley from Gold Creek to Lost River - SPRING 2018

OUR NEW BRUSH ENGINES HAVE ARRIVED!

Both Carlton and Mazama Stations now have new wildland fire Brush Engines. Both are 2017 Ford F-550 Super Cab models with 4-wheel drive with the V10 motor, replacing early 1990s Ford brush trucks. Both rigs carry 500 gallons of water, a



Hale B18 pump with remote start in the cab and the Akron 30 - 120 gallons per minute front bumper monitor that can also be controlled in the cab. These improvements make fire attack faster and safer for firefighters. Funding for the purchases possible through a grant and planned replacement.

WILDFIRE SEASON IS COMING FAST!

3 things you can do to get ready...

Address Signs - make sure we can find you! Use high contrast or reflective numbers.

Ensure Access - cut back low branches and brush to make room for large engines. Keep turn around areas clear.

Clean up - remove dead and down debris at least 30 feet around your home. Move firewood and building materials away from buildings.

GENERATOR UPDATE

In the aftermath of the 2014 Carlton Complex fires, the need for emergency generators at each fire station became obvious. The district applied for and was awarded a grant from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation program for 4 generators. Power is critical to keep fire and emergency operations going, especially in the event of extended outages.

- Station heat - to keep fire engines (and firefighters) from freezing
- Apparatus shoreline power - to insure apparatus is fully charged & ready to respond immediately
- Lighting and communications - like 2-way radios, charging units and landline phones.
- The FEMA grant award is \$268,499 with Washington State covering 12.5%, FEMA providing 75%, leaving the fire district to pay the balance of 12.5%

OCFD6 firefighters Jeremiah Fosness, Zack Gurney, Sam Todd, and Josh Jankowski participated in a Spartan Super Obstacle Race in Snohomish in early April. The event is comprised of 24+ obstacles spread over an 8+ mile course. It was cold, rainy, and the entire course was completely covered in mud, as were the firefighters by the end of it.




NEEDED: Volunteer Firefighters

No experience required. Must be at least 16, in good health and ready to join our team to learn, train and respond.

For more info go to :

www.okanogancountyfd6.com/how.html or call 509-996-2227

Move  **for Sirens & Lights!**

Pull safely over to shoulder to give responding units plenty of room.

Expect more than one emergency vehicle to be responding. You may need to move over more than once.

Keep back at least 200 feet.

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