



Lake Chinook Fire & Rescue
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"Proudly serving Lake Billy Chinook and the Grandview Area"

FIRE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1ST

All Open and Debris burning will be closed

- Call for Burn Barrels
- Call For Campfires
- NO FIREWORKS

Outdoor Burning Permits

Outdoor Burning Permits are now required for all outdoor burning including campfires and burn barrels within the Lake Chinook Fire District. Permits can be obtained Fridays from 3pm-6pm and Saturdays at the fire station or by appointment by calling 541-771-0992. You are only required to notify the fire district if you plan to do outdoor debris or slash burning.

Emergency-Call 911

Burn Information Line
541-410-5077

Dispatch—NON-EMERGENCY
541-475-2201

Other Fire Department Business
541-771-0992

Call daily since fire conditions may change overnight

Is Your Address Clearly Visible?

When you call for help, emergency responders need to locate your residence quickly. Are your house numbers visible from the street? Is your house address posted on a mailbox that is located in cluster of mailboxes? In an emergency, every second counts. Lake Chinook Fire & Rescue has address signs available for \$25.00 which includes installation. Mail your completed order form and fee to the Lake Chinook Fire and Rescue, 5055 SW Lake View Dr. Culver, OR 97734

Three Rivers Fire District
12478

Applications are also available on-line.

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____

Special Instructions _____



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Test your smoke alarm today!

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Join the Team!



Lake Chinook Fire & Rescue is seeking quality people who wish to volunteer as

firefighters, paramedics, EMTs or support personnel. As a volunteer you will be supporting your neighbors and the community. As a new member you would be asked to complete the minimum mandatory training required by the State of Oregon within two years of acceptance.

Our District responds to all calls from the Cove Palisades State Park on the Deshutes arm of Lake, Billy Chinook to Green Ridge and west to Perry South Campground which is an area of approximately 40 Sq Miles.

Junior Members Needed Too!

If you are already a firefighter or EMT, ask about our **Affiliated Volunteer Program**. Volunteer as little as 1 weekend a year!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Fire District Gets a New Name

The Three Rivers Rural Protection Fire District was formed in 2008. The new district took the place of the old fire company owned and operated by the Three Rivers Home Owners Association since 1986. From the time since the new district was formed, there has always been confusion about the name. Is it still owned by Three Rivers? Does it only cover Three Rivers?

For these and other reasons, the governing board of the fire district held a public hearing and voted on May 14, 2012 to change the name of the district to Lake Chinook Fire & Rescue. The official name change will take place June 15, 2012.

It is felt that the new name is necessary to differentiate the newly reorganized fire district from the previous private fire company, Three River Volunteer Fire Department. "The official name of Lake Chinook Fire & Rescue is less confusing to the community. The new name will help facilitate the acceptance of the district by the other subdivisions within the fire district." explained Chief Colfels. "The district serves the entire Grandview area, Rim Park, Forest Park, Air Park and Three Rivers subdivisions and all the outlying area. Not just the Three Rivers subdivision."

New Fire Station Project Moves Forward

District seeks funding

Lake Chinook Fire and Rescue's plan to build a new fire station is moving forward. The district has made progress in the past few months. The fire district currently leases its station from the Three Rivers Land Owners Association. This station was built in 1986 and was not designed to meet the demands of the current fire district. It is too small to hold all apparatus. Water tanks and pumps on the tenders, engines and must be drained once temperatures fall to freezing. There is inadequate equipment and supply storage, and no training space. Its current location leaves many areas beyond 5 miles from the station.

In March of 2010, the homeowners of the Three Rivers LOA voted to donate 2.78 acres of land on Graham Rd adjacent to the front gate to the Fire District. This new location puts nearly all of the district's territory within 5 miles of the station. It will provide better access for volunteers and for public meetings. But most importantly, the new station will be able to house all of our apparatus, which will increase our year-round mobile water supply by over 6000 gallons.

The acquisition of the property took much, much longer than anticipated. The property was finally recorded in the fire district's name in mid-March of this year. So what's next? The district is currently working with a federal GSA construction company and a local GSA contractor on preliminary designs, estimates and a budget.

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Important Information About Airlink and Lifelight

Currently there are two air ambulance providers, Airlink and Lifelight, that serve the Lake Chinook Fire District. In the past, these two agencies honored each other's membership programs in the event a member of either air ambulance companies used the service. This has now changed. So, if you and your family are members of Lifelight, and Airlink is called to transport you or a family member, your expenses will not be covered. The reverse is true for Airlink members.

The only way to ensure coverage for an air ambulance transport is to purchase memberships from both agencies. You can inform your physician, and fire department that you are a Life Flight Network member or an Airlink Member, however there is no guarantee your request will be honored. Your requested transport helicopter may not be the closest or the one that is available. AirLink will continue to be the primary air ambulance for St. Charles Health System, including Mt. View Hospital.

For a complete list of FAQ's designed to provide details to help you better understand changes underway and how they may impact you and your family.

Click http://www.threeriversfire.org/pub_docs/CO_Membership_Reciprocal_FAQ_2_5_2.pdf

Membership questions should be directed to **Airlink** or **Lifelight**.

Airlink (800) 353-0497 or (541) 706-6305 www.stcharleshealthcare.org/airlink/index.html

Lifelight(800) 232-0911 (503) 678.4364 www.lifelight.org

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The next step is to secure funding to construct the station. There are currently several options the district is exploring. These options include, government grants (very few available), community fundraising, private foundation grants, and the Federal Rural Development Agency's low interest long term financing program. The preliminary costs estimates for the new station are between \$600,000 and \$750,000.

So what is a realistic timeline? This project is top priority for LCFR. We hope to have a site plan completed in late May. Once completed, we will be able to receive a more accurate cost estimate. As a public safety building, we must meet stringent building code standards and must meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The building also needs to be adequately sized to house fire apparatus in heated space, provide classroom/meeting space, dormitory and kitchen for firefighter/interns and adequate storage and utility space.

Securing funding could take two to three years. Design and construction could take up to a year. A special fund has been set up to receive donations and private tax deductible contributions.

For more information please contact the Lake Chinook Fire and Rescue district office at 541-771-0992 or email: info@LakeChinookFire.org.

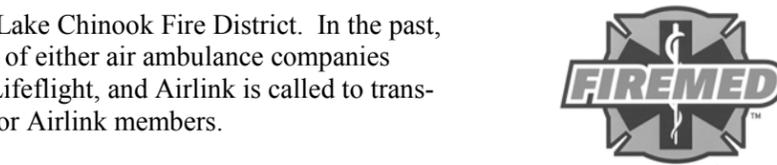
PROPANE CAMPFIRES



As you may or may not be aware, propane camp fires ARE legal during the "fire season" when open camp-fires are not allowed.

The following must be met:

All propane type camp fires must be registered with the fire district. A green address sign must be installed at the end of your driveway in a visible location. The costs for these signs are \$25. Keep your flame at or below 18" in height and away from low lying branches as well as any flammables.



Open Enrollment
May & June
Jefferson County
Fire Med

AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

\$50 per year

A service of the Jefferson County
Emergency Medical Services

FireMed is a membership program that covers you and all members in your household*, even those family members living in a local residential care facility. A transport by ambulance is expensive, and occasionally not all ambulance costs are covered by some insurance companies or they may require that you pay a deductible or co-pay. The patient then becomes responsible for the remainder of the ambulance bill. FireMed members are protected against the unreimbursed ambulance fees, and considers the amount paid by the insurance company as payment in full.

**Please see application for definition of "family."*

Please contact The Fire Department 541-771-0992 or Jefferson County EMS 541 475-7476 for application and details

Lake Chinook Fire & Rescue Services

- Free "FireFree" Property Inspections
- Address Sign Installation
- FireMed Subscriptions
- Free Blood Pressure Checks
- Free Blood Glucose Checks
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- Fire Prevention and Education
- First Aid/CPR Classes
- Emergency Services Expo

Are You Prepared for the Fire Season?

DEFENSIBLE SPACES REDUCE THE
RISK OF AN URBAN INTERFACE
FIRE



Be prepared. It could save lives and property. We can help! Contact Chief Don Colfels (541-550-7673) if you have any questions or if you would like us to come out and survey your property.

► **CREATE A DEFENSIBLE SPACE** -A defensible space is a buffer zone, a minimum 30 foot non-combustible area around your house that reduces the intensity and risk of a wildfire from starting or spreading to your house.

► **REPLACE FLAMMABLE LANDSCAPING** - Choose plants that have a high moisture content and shrubs that have non-resinous branches.

► **PRUNE OR REMOVE TREES** - Prune low-hanging branches to help keep a ground fire from climbing into the tree. Remove or thin trees that are overcrowded or weakened.

► **CUT GRASS AND WEEDS** - Fire moves rapidly in dry grass and weeds. Mow grasses and other low vegetation and keep it well watered.

► **RELOCATE WOOD PILES** - Move wood piles and building materials away from your house. Keep it at least 30 feet away from your house or other buildings.

► **CLEAN YOUR ROOF AND YARD** - Clear your roof and gutters of pine needles, leaves and debris. Remove dead limbs and branches within 10 feet of your chimney and deck.

► **ADDRESSES AND ACCESS** - During a fire or other emergency, an easy-to-read road sign and visible address numbers help emergency personnel find your house. Driveways should be clear of vegetation to allow emergency vehicles, both large and small, to reach your house.

www.LakeChinookFire.org

Check out the lake Chinook Fire District's website for valuable safety information. You will also find links to many informative websites that will provide you and your family with life-saving tips. The kids will enjoy the many safety activities when they link to the "kid's page". Check out www.lakeChinookFire.org today!