

# THE FIREFLY

Summer 2009



Foothills Fire Protection District  
Acting Fire Chief

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## From The Fire Chief

Hello, my name is Brad Danek, I am the Acting Fire Chief for Foothills Fire and Rescue for the remainder of 2009.

I have been apart of this organization since 2001 and I look forward to the challenges that face me this year.

**My goal for the department is to ensure we continue to provide the district with a high level of service.**

Amongst other things, emphasis will be given to recruiting new volunteers and continued staff and volunteer training enabling the department to provide those high quality FFPD services to you, our district residents.

You will see changes throughout the remainder of the year. We are in the process of updating fire apparatus inline with the new safety standards for our Firefighters and the district. We will continue to establish grant funding and programs to update our equipment which will help the department serve our

**One change that has already occurred is the move of the administration offices to the Rainbow Hills Fire Station.**

This location provides adequate training space for our firefighters without any disruptions to district residents.

The facility has a large training room that can be utilized for many different purposes including community meetings.

**As ever, a major concentration for the department over the summer is Wildland Urban Interface. You will see firefighters out in the community this summer drilling for potential wildland events.**

If you have any questions regarding this or other community items, I will be happy to answer them for you. Please feel free to contact me personally.

Sincerely,  
Brad Danek  
Acting Fire Chief



## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To everyone that helped support the Pancake Breakfast June 7th

FFPD is a volunteer based fire department and we greatly appreciate the community support you show us by attending our events.

## CONGRATULATIONS FFPD FIREFIGHTER

Foothills Fire & Rescue  
Firefighters  
are recognized for their  
outstanding achievements,  
duty to the community  
& the department.

**Congratulations**  
this quarter to  
**John Kilpatrick**



## RESIDENTS ARE INVITED

To attend the Foothills Fire Protection District 2009  
Board Meetings. Held every third Tuesday of the month at MVCC

Upcoming meetings:

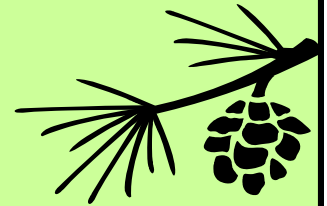
**Tuesday 6.30 pm**

**July 21st; Aug 18th; Sept 15th; Oct 20th**

## SLASH COLLECTION AUGUST 15th & 16th

### WHAT ?

Drop off dead  
brush / underbrush  
/ tree limbs.



Items up to 8" in diameter & no longer  
than 8' in length

### WHERE ?

Open lot. Hwy 40 & S. Lookout Mountain  
Road (next to Highland Rescue)

No grass cuttings, recycling items or tree stumps.

## RECREATIONAL FIRES

by Dave Gerald, Fire Inspector 303. 526. 0707 ext 4#

### DEFINITION:

An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

### LOCATION:

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.



### ATTENDANCE:

Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable extinguisher complying with section 906 of the International Fire Code with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel or garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization.

## BEFORE YOU BURN

- 1) Contact either Foothills Fire Protection District at 303. 526. 0707 or the Jefferson County Sheriffs' Office/ Fire Dispatch at 303. 277. 0211 to find out if there is a fire ban. **You CAN NOT burn if there is a fire ban.**
- 2) Contact us to find out what the fire danger rating is. **If it is extreme, very high or high, you CAN NOT burn.**
- 3) By notifying us, it alerts us to any residents calling the department reporting a fire or smoke investigation
- 4) **We may, at our discretion, inspect your recreational fire**
- 5) If you burn without following the district guidelines, you will be subject to a fine after a first warning
- 6) If you are authorized by Foothill Fire Protection Department to burn, you are liable for any costs or damages incurred if the fire gets out of control.

The above refers to recreational fires only, for slash/ open burning please refer to Jefferson County's slash burn pdf on our website [www.foothillsfire.org](http://www.foothillsfire.org)



# FIREWORK SAFETY

by Paul Berens, FFPD Firefighter 303. 526. 0707

As we move into the summer months it is important to

remember that the Fourth of July is one of the busiest days for fire departments across the nation.

**Thousands of children, teenagers and adults are injured while using consumer bought fireworks.**

Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks such as devastating burns, other injuries, fires and even death.

## Firework Facts

- Fireworks in the year 2005 caused an estimated 1,800 structure fires and vehicle fires.
- Of these 2,500 fires over 60 civilians were injured and the property loss was around \$39 million dollars.
- Hospital emergency rooms in 2006 treated an estimated 9,200 firework related injuries.
- 49% of 2006 emergency visits from firework related injuries were to the extremities and 46% were to the head
- 55% of firework injuries were related to burns, while 30% were contusions and lacerations.
- One-third of the people injured by the fireworks were children under the age of 15
- Sparklers, fountains, and novelties alone accounted for 28% of all emergency room firework injuries.



## DO YOU THINK SPARKLERS ARE HARMLESS?

Wood burns at 575<sup>0</sup> F: Water boils at 212<sup>0</sup> F: Glass melts at 900<sup>0</sup> F  
**SPARKLERS BURN AT 1200<sup>0</sup> F**

Please keep these facts in mind this Independence Day. The best way to prevent these types of injuries is to enjoy the commercial displayed fireworks around your area.

If you have any questions regarding fireworks, you can contact us at Foothills Fire Protection District or the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

**FFPD Administrative Offices Move to Rainbow Hills**  
by Jeanette Kehoe FFPD Firefighter / Business Manager 303. 526. 0707 ext 1#

In case you haven't noticed, things are looking different at the Lookout Fire Station...

The temporary trailer has been removed & the administrative offices relocated to the Rainbow Hills Station. The newly refurbished buildings include offices for the chief and three staff members, a training/meeting room, a volunteer work area, kitchen & two bedrooms for overnight volunteer staff.

If you have not been to the Rainbow Hills location feel free to stop by between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Take I-70 west & exit at Evergreen Parkway. Turn right at the first light (Highway 40) & an immediate right onto Rainbow Hill Road. You'll see us on the left.

This is also where you can go for questions concerning building permits, inspections, or other administrative matters.

Lookout Mountain Station continues to be a fully functioning station. Firefighters who live in the area respond to this station as well as out-of-district volunteers who work day and night shifts.



You can find more fire prevention, fire safety and community news on our website

[www.foothillsfire.org](http://www.foothillsfire.org)

As Acting Fire Chief I would like to thank the community for once again attending the pancake breakfast June 7th.



Brad Danek

**We greatly appreciate the generosity that the community continues to show our firefighters.**

I would also like to thank the Foothills Auxiliary for the hard work and effort they put into making this year another success.

Additionally, I would like to pass on my thanks to the FFPD Firefighters and the FFPD Board members for their excellent cooking skills on the day. **We had many compliments this year on the new recipe!**

**9Health Fair**  
at  
**Mount Vernon Country Club**

Featured several affordable screenings for area residents.

**If you missed it**

The health fair will again visit MVCC in early 2010 please look for dates at that time by visiting

[www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org)



**FFPD & Auxiliary are seeking volunteers**

If you are interested in serving in either capacity we'd love to hear from you.

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