



The Sunshine Fire Protection District Newsletter

Letter from the Chief By Michael Schmitt

By the time this newsletter has printed the change to daylight saving has already occurred, and I hope that all of you have replaced the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors. It is one of those instances where we can actively improve the outcome of an emergency, in this case a structure fire, by providing an early warning to inhabitants.

As rural residents with properties that are generally significantly larger than those in the city, you have a number of items that are hopefully on your annual to-do list, the smoke detector batteries being just one of them (and that twice a year). I will list a few of the important ones.

Driveways: If we have to respond to your home for a medical call, a car fire, or structure fire, one of the first things that can stop us from even coming near your home is a

poorly maintained driveway. Our engines are very different than any car or even the largest SUV or pickup truck. They are long, wide, and overall heavy (40,000-50,000 lbs vs. 4,000 lbs of the average passenger vehicle) but also have a very high center of gravity because the water tanks are

mounted on top of the frame of the vehicle. That means that many driveways take special considerations on a good day. But when a driveway surface is not maintained and the trees are reducing the width and height for vehicles to pass, it means that we cannot reach your home. According to the “Boulder County Driveway Access for Emergency Vehicles Standard” the width needs to be 12 feet plus an extra 2 feet of shoulder on each side and a grade not more than 12% - 16% depending on length of driveway. And for us the surface needs to be graded and ideally cleared of snow and ice in the winter for the best possible response time. Trees need to be cut to a vertical clearance of 13 ½ feet on that width of the driveway.

**In 2019, 19 SFPD
Firefighters participated
in 103 calls¹**

- Structural, car, & wildland fire/smoke reports – 5
- Vehicle & Bike Accident – 15
- Medical – 17
- Hazardous Conditions - 4
- Open Space Incidents - 1
- Automatic Smoke Alarm - 1
- Other - 1
- Dispatched & Canceled in Route - 60

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¹ The total call volume for 2015 -56 calls, 2016 - 75 calls, 2017 - 81 calls, and 2018 - 80 calls.

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You can see how this can become difficult with some older driveways that were built before Boulder County's standard was established. We frequently encounter driveways with overhanging trees that either prohibit or seriously delay our response and have not long ago faced a driveway that, not only hadn't been graded in many years and on a good day needed a four-wheel-drive vehicle, it was also covered in a thick sheet of ice in its entirety. Several response vehicles were unable to get to the home (one eventually was able).

Some residents have also put vehicles in pullouts and parked RV's or trailers in the turn leading to the house as turns are made wider in the construction of the driveway for large vehicles like firetrucks to be able to drive to the house. This is not a parking area. While a car can pass that, our engines cannot. Please remember that these pullouts, even on your own driveway, are designed for emergency vehicles and not general parking.

If you are not sure if our engines can clear your driveway please don't hesitate to contact me. One of us will come and take our largest engine to see if it can get to you and your home.

House Number Signs: Our responders are always eager to get to your home in the safest, fastest way possible. We know our district very well, but when house numbers are missing along the main road, or have overgrown grasses or shrubs or rocks placed in front, it does not allow for a quick response to your home. AMR, our ambulance provider, usually comes from Boulder and does not have the same level of familiarization with our district as our responders do,

and neither does the Sheriff's Office. Please ensure that your house number is clearly marked, and if you need a new marker let us know. Among many things, this is just one of the benefits of the CWPP.

Fire Mitigation: Abby Silver and Alan Kirton do an outstanding job (when you see them, say hi and thank you!) managing the CWPP, and continue to add, manage, and complete, projects that make our district safer. They would also appreciate additional residents to help with managing projects as the limiting factor on how much can get done is often about how many people are available to delegate a project. CWPP and the success of wildfire mitigation depend on your involvement as a homeowner. Fire mitigation requires a dedicated homeowner to use the resources at their disposal to reduce the fuel load around the home to improve the outcome during a wildfire. The CWPP and Wildfire Partners are such resources.

Marshal Honeyman in his letter is addressing the issue of normalcy bias. I can't tell you enough how important preparation is, personally and to improve the survivability of your home. Another item that tends to get forgotten is the fact that your mitigation can also save your neighbor's house(s) because if you have a structure fire, your home turns into an ignition source for a wildfire. Proper wildfire mitigation vastly improves the potential outcome for everyone.

SFPD Burn Permits: Sunshine FPD requires a separate burn permit in addition to Boulder County permits for any open fires. This is for a variety of reasons. Often new residents (and sometimes old!) are just not aware how easily a wildfire can start even

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in the winter and how fast it can spread. The International Fire Code, which SFPD adopted, enables us to require our own burn permits in addition to the Boulder County permitting process. For Marshal Honeyman and I, it is a way to help figure out safer ways to burn and educate our residents on how to do it safely without the risk of causing, and being liable for, a wildfire. We have no intention of prohibiting any fires unless there is a serious risk for the community. We have seen hot coals from a fireplace thrown into the grass, several fire "pits" that have turned into large bonfires over time, and campfires set up under trees among other issues. Sometimes regardless of burn restrictions enacted by the County or SFPD. Our intention is to come and see if it is safe and when that is the case provide you with the permit or tell you ways to have a fire without risk to everyone.

Volunteering with the district is something that I frequently mention in this newsletter. Our society depends on volunteering. 68% of all departments in the United States are volunteer departments just like ours, but only 11% of all volunteer firefighters in the country (745,000 volunteer firefighters) are female (NFPA US Fire Department Profile 2018). The fire service has historically been male-dominated, and I often get the question, "why aren't there more women firefighters?". I can't tell you the exact answer, but what I can say to you is that SFPD is an all-inclusive fire department and I personally would take serious issue with a "boy's club" mentality. I am happy to say that we do not operate that way. Our members are truly passionate about serving our district and working together, and gender identity or orientation is not of interest to us. We need firefighters, auxiliary help and

board members to operate as a fire department together. Every one of us has capabilities and talents that someone else doesn't, and vice versa. And the leadership in our department (Chief's, Marshal, Officers) knows how to delegate tasks based on that and not anything else. If that were different, I would not be able to be the Chief of this department. Please consider contacting me and having a conversation about how you can get involved. I guarantee you that you have abilities that we need.

Last, but very much not least, I would like to thank the outgoing board members Sam Mishkin, Jim Peacock and Gene Fischer for their many years of service to the district. All of you have gone above and beyond what board members are requested to do (show up at board meetings), having taken on a lot of different projects over the years and often being passionate about what is best for the district. Thank you. Your big shoes are soon (May) to be filled by Cathy Shoenfeld, Dan Fischer and Dick Smith. I look forward to working with the new board members and continuing the path that SFPD has taken. Many thanks go out to Don Dick for managing our community email group and directory. If you do not know whether you are on either the urgent information email list from the department (managed by Deputy Chief Ballard and myself) or the more general email list that Don manages, let us know. And additional thanks go out as always to Jen Lansky for her patience and dedication in providing this newsletter to everyone and managing various other aspects of the department.

Chief Michael Schmitt

**CWPP Committee Update -
By Abby Silver**

Our CWPP planning committee got together on February 25 to review our 2019 projects and map out a list of future priorities, summarized here. Complete notes, including budget line items, can be found at <http://www.sunshine-fpd.org/About/SFPD-CWPP.cfm>

RECAP OF 2019 PROJECTS:

Slash Pile Project

This project has been completed as best as possible as of January 1, 2020. Over the past 3 years, we have either burned or ground up around 780 piles of slash. There are about 70 piles left that are impractical to burn based on their location or construction. Thanks to Eric Bader of Boulder Tree Service for his dedication to this project!

Fourmile Canyon Creek Shaded Fuel Break

This project thinned living and removed fallen/burned trees across a section of the Fourmile Canyon Creek drainage between CR83 and Whispering Pines. This 11 acre project was designed to link burn areas from the Fourmile Fire to help protect the upper part of our district from a fire running up the drainage that begins at Wagonwheel Gap Rd. This project was completed in 2019.

Hazard Trees Project

Seven hazard trees were cut down in 2019. These are trees that are dead and could impede egress on district roads if they were to fall in a wind or fire event.

Emergency Water Supply

In 2019, the wet hydrant at Station 1 (CR 83) was improved and enclosed, and the existing 10,000 gallon cistern at 875 CR 83 was activated and filled.

Cheatgrass Mitigation

Around 20 district residents are participating in a pilot program to mitigate cheatgrass using a pre-emergent herbicide called Esplanade. Cheatgrass is an invasive species that presents a significant fire hazard due to it's rampant spread which leaves behind a lot of dry flashy grass instead of more fire resilient native species. We should be able to evaluate the results over the upcoming couple of years. Ideally, this herbicide will prevent cheatgrass seeds from germinating this spring, which should allow native species to repopulate. The County has seen very positive results on Open Space and other areas that they've treated.

Community Chipping

45 unique homeowners participated in the spring and fall events, some in both.

2020 PROJECTS

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Update

We last updated this document in 2013, and it seems appropriate to update it again. At that time, we chose not to re-evaluate the hazard ratings of individual homes and of neighborhoods within our district; this time we will be doing that as well as updating our priorities and goals. This is a large undertaking and we will be looking for volunteers to help. Yes, that could be you! Look for more information on this via email sometime this spring.

Community Chipping

This popular program will be back in 2020. Firm dates have yet to be set, but we anticipate Spring chipping in

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the first week of June and Fall chipping in late October. Feel free to create piles (easily accessible by a truck towing a chipper and with cut ends facing the vehicle access) at your convenience. Actual dates, instructions and sign-up information will be emailed out a month or so before the chipping begins. If you're unfamiliar with this and want more info on staging piles, please contact Abby anytime.

Spring Chipping Date:
Anticipated the first week of June

Brochure for Out of Town Visitors

We have created a brochure for residents to share with their out of town visitors and Airbnb/VRBO guests. The brochure touches on the major points that folks from the wetter parts of the world might not be aware of (an example would be a heads' up not to park on dry grass). Two copies will be delivered to mailboxes. There are plenty more available for residents with a high volume of guests, please contact Abby if you'd like more. No one wants to start the next fire, so let's get the word out regarding appropriate practices in our community!

Hazard Trees Project

We will continue to identify hazard trees. These are dead or leaning trees that could potentially fall across a public roadway, impeding egress/ingress. If you feel you have such a tree on your property, please contact Abby (abberoo@msn.com). The removal will be almost entirely subsidized by the district (90% with a 10% homeowner contribution.)

Shaded Fuel Break Along Shared Drive at 3701 Sunshine Canyon

We have received a grant to create an 18 acre fuel

break along this shared paved driveway. The fuel break will be 300 feet wide by 2600 feet long, and ties into existing work in both lower Sunshine and upper Poorman. 50% of the funding will be provided by a CO State Wildfire Risk Mitigation grant. Tree marking has begun, and the work should be completed this year.

Hydrant/Water Capacity Projects

We are always trying to increase our district-wide water capacity, and have a number of projects that are under consideration or in process. Visit the link to the full meeting notes for details on every project. Highlights include:

- **Pressurized (Gravity-Fed) Wet Hydrant on CR83 near Misty Vale:** The hydrant would be gravity fed from the 130,000 cistern under Station 2 and be available to firefighters when needed. This is a complex and multi-faceted project that will need County permits, landowner permission, and contractors to install the infrastructure. The funding is allocated and the goal is to complete the project this year.
- **Repair Wet Hydrant at Station 1:** This project is close to completion. Thanks to Henry Ballard for his hard work!

Thanks!!! to all who volunteer and as always, we really appreciate our partnership with Boulder County and with the Colorado State Forest Service for the expertise and funding that they both provided.

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A Husband's Letter - October 3, 2019 - Abbreviated

On Saturday July 27th Heidi left on a bike ride by herself at about 7:30 a.m. She rode up Sunshine Canyon Drive to the end of the pavement, foregoing the more ambitious gravel road to Gold Hill because there were things to do at home — as always a long mental list, though this list has since been lost to history.

She climbed for about an hour and then began what would have been a 20-minute descent back to the house. The descent is lovely, with mostly gentle curves, especially if you don't take them too fast, which she doesn't. Four or five minutes into the descent (between Bald Mountain and the turnoff to the Star House) she was moving through a series of those gentler curves, a curve to the left along a guardrail, when a deer popped over the rail. Due to the steep slope of the drop-off below the rail, the deer would have been out of sight until it was in the air. It was moving fast, probably fleeing something from below, since it would have needed a lot of speed and momentum to clear the rail.

Heidi seems to have had enough time to begin applying the brakes, judging by a few factors. For one thing, the deer was not visibly hurt, and for another, when Heidi hit the pavement she didn't skid much. She had only one area of very mild road rash, and her injuries suggested the effects of gravity more than forward momentum. Also, her bike was thrown ahead of her as if she had executed a fairly straightforward flip over the deer with her cleats still attached to the pedals. The deer hair caught between the handlebars and the brake cables, as well as in the brake handles, seemed to have been scooped in as the handlebars dragged across the deer's back.

We know all this in part because a Boulder County Sheriff's deputy spent a long time at the scene trying to figure out how the accident played out (and whether a black jeep that figured in the investigation and in an article in our local paper had somehow been involved — it wasn't). The deputy came and spoke to me and Alana on Saturday evening and offered a lot more

detail than we could take in at the time. He also shared photos of the deer, a doe, which had lingered not far from the scene and seemed bored by the commotion.

What happened next, perhaps more than anything that has happened since, almost certainly saved Heidi's life or her ability to function. The chief of the Sunshine Fire District, Michael Schmitt, was driving up the road to attend a Saturday morning drill, and because he disobeyed his wife's instructions not to stop at Moe's Bagels to top off his breakfast, he was running seven minutes late. As he rounded a bend he saw Heidi on the road, and as he pulled up, the barrel-shaped tool container that attaches to her saddle was rolling away, and he could see her "settling" as she lost consciousness.

She had likely fallen seconds before. His arrival couldn't have been more perfectly timed. And on a stretch of road with no cell service, Chief Schmitt had a radio and knew how to get a dispatcher to respond quickly. This alone might have easily saved twenty minutes or much more. He was able to assess her condition and give the dispatcher information that, as he put it, "gets everyone to step on the gas."

The next lucky break was that the nearest ambulance was waiting at the mouth of the canyon, as ambulances often do on summer weekends because people tend to get hurt so often doing fun things in the foothills. The ambulance arrived 12 minutes after Schmitt, but in the meantime, while Schmitt was continuing his initial assessment of Heidi's condition, Kent Coghill of Denver Fire arrived as he headed home after the night shift. Soon thereafter, the rest of the Sunshine Fire District crew arrived on the scene from their drill up the mountain. I was able to see all this because Chief Schmitt had turned his truck cameras on before leaving Boulder for the drill, and he was kind enough to spend a couple of hours with me going over the footage and describing the scene. He's a lovely guy, and it was reassuring to see that Heidi had such great

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care from the moment she fell. And by the way, if you live in an area that is served by volunteer fire and rescue, I would encourage you to support them. If you live in Boulder it's worth remembering that there's a pretty good chance you'll need help up in the hills, and these folks are doing this work on top of other jobs and their family commitments. A lot of their work goes to wildfire mitigation, which helps protect us flat-landers. The organization always has equipment needs, and as with many community-supported organizations, a little bit of help can go a long way.

When Heidi landed on the pavement she hit the back of her head and her upper back with slightly more force on the right side. She broke four ribs and had minor non-displaced fractures of the occipital bones of her skull on both sides just above her neck. Her helmet was slightly crushed in that area (in a good way — it probably did its job) but the force of the blow sent her brain forward in a rebound "contrecoup" motion that bruised the front of her brain and initiated a large bleed, a subdural hematoma, on the left side.

As the neurosurgeon reiterated at Heidi's recent appointment, her condition on arrival was grim. She showed almost no sign of brain activity. After surgery she was in even worse shape. The bleed had shifted her brain's midline far to the right and created pressures

brain stem. The surgery, a craniectomy to remove the side of her skull and relieve the pressure, was uneventful — it's a common surgery these days — but even with the best possible timing, all indications were that her brain stem and other structures had been compressed too long for a good prognosis.

So much for predictions. Let that be a lesson for all of us.

We are so close to returning to normal life that it seems weird to keep writing. Everybody else's challenges are surely catching up, and many are certainly much worse.

I know I sound like a broken record, but Heidi continues to defy expectations. She is able to walk unassisted in the grass at North Boulder Park where there's less risk of an injurious fall. She has walked loops of more than a mile on some days. Today she walked the Sanitas Valley Trail to the overlook, having cast off her trekking poles in the first five minutes. Her left side weakness is far less noticeable, and at this point it mainly just affects her walking and balance. She has almost no detectable lag in her speech, and her cognitive issues seem to be evaporating week by week. It might be two or three months before she returns to work, but that has its own up side.

*** Boulder County's Emergency Alert Notification System ***

This system allows residents of Boulder County and all cities within the county to be notified of emergency situations in a variety of ways including on their cell phone, home and work phones and by text messaging and e-mail. You will receive time-sensitive messages for your chosen locations such as home, work, school and family. YOU pick where, you pick how.

To register for these alerts or to validate your existing account please go to:
www.boco911alert.com

Fire Marshal's Report

By Bruce Honeyman

Why don't we prepare for disasters? We know that bad things can and will happen. Many of us 'knew' that Sunshine had a good likelihood of burning in a wildfire at some point but how many of us prepared? Or, three years later, after all of the warnings that burned areas were particularly susceptible to flooding, how many of us believed that heavy rains would wreak havoc on Boulder County as they did in the 2013 floods?

Many research studies have concluded that about 70% of us underestimate both the likelihood of a disaster and the possible effects. This behavior is called normalcy bias and it is a belief that things will always function the way that they have. It leads us to underestimate the potential effects of a disaster and to keep us from preparing. We can address normalcy bias by doing three things: 1) acknowledging that bad things can happen and realistically addressing the risks; 2) making a plan that is appropriate for step #1; and 3) preparing an emergency 'kit'.

Addressing the risk: A common element of the normalcy bias is the thinking that because something hasn't happened it won't happen.

So your house survived the Four Mile Fire—what are the chances of another fire sweeping through the unburned part of Sunshine or the County? Actually, the chances are relatively high. Every year we have multiple, small fires cropping up in either our District or neighboring ones. For the most part, they are extinguished relatively quickly with minimal loss. However, here is a list of the major, destructive fires in Boulder County over the last several decades: the Black Tiger Fire (1989), the Olde Stage Fires in 1990 and 2009; the Overland Fire of 2003, the Fourmile Canyon Fire (2010) and the 2016 Cold Springs Fire. There was also the Sunshine Canyon Fire of three years ago that caused little economic damage but nearly entered the City of Boulder. The rate is roughly two a decade for fires that have an economic impact. What are the chances of your house burning in a wildfire? Certainly not zero. Insurance companies know it's non-zero as they are making it increasingly difficult to get insurance in the wildland/urban interface. Assess the risk and try to mitigate it!

Make a plan: I've written several times before in the Newsletter of the elements that go into making an individual plan for a wildfire threatening our community. However, each potential disaster will have its particular threat and your plan needs to be tailored to that threat. Planning for COVID-19 is different than planning for a wildfire. The important way to plan is to think of how you can mitigate the effects of the disaster coming to you. It's also important for you to encourage those around you to plan. Studies have shown that 10 – 15% of those who plan for disasters have had their plans negatively affected by those who don't plan. A good wildfire plan will include financial (appropriate home insurance; a savings fund for emergencies), medical (are your meds organized so that you can grab them easily; do you have extra supplies of crucial meds?) and operational elements (an established place for your family members to meet). Many websites can provide you with ideas for how to think about disaster planning.

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Create an emergency kit: As with creating a plan, the emergency kit should be tailored to the disaster. You may have several 'kits'. For a wildfire, you may need a 'grab and go' kit that includes copies of important financial documents, your meds, spare clothes. Create a list of the things that you will need and have them organized in such a way that you can quickly put together the kit if needed. In escaping from a wildfire you will likely be able to go somewhere to regroup, get food and so on. Things outside of the fire zone will likely be relatively normal, i.e., you can go shopping for food or go to the bank. But what if you have to 'shelter in place' during an epidemic? Getting food supplies or access to other services might be highly restricted or impossible. What would your emergency 'kit' look like under these circumstances?

The most important idea here is to not fall into normalcy bias but to consider likely disasters thoughtfully, to acknowledge that disasters can and will occur and that you can mitigate the effects through planning. Don't overreact (the opposite of normalcy bias). Planning reduces stress and provides the opportunity for you to have some control in what might otherwise seem an overwhelming situation.

Wildfire Partners Partnership:

Fire science continues to confirm that most homes that burn in a wildfire are lost due to ember ignition and by structure to structure flame spread. In order to help address this, the Committee has allocated up to \$5,000 for 2020 to support improvements to the wildfire resiliency of homes in our district. This is designed as a partnership with Boulder County's Wildfire Partners program. Homeowners who join Wildfire Partners will receive a report detailing the vulnerabilities of their structure/s and the defensible space around them, and a list of mitigation measures. Any SFPD taxpayer who joins the Wildfire Partners program for the first time will be eligible for up to a \$1000 match toward either forestry work or home retrofits that are required or recommended on their Wildfire Partners report.

For example, if home retrofit work like creating a gravel border around the home, or patching holes in siding costs \$1000, a homeowner could receive \$500 from this fund; if it costs \$2200 the homeowner could receive \$1000. If forestry work costs \$4500 and Wildfire Partners provides their maximum of \$2000 toward this work, homeowners could receive an additional \$1000 from SFPD as they will still have to pay \$1500 themselves.

Please visit www.wildfirepartners.org for more info on the Wildfire Partners program. Please contact Abby Silver (abberoo@msn.com) with any questions to or apply for SFPD reimbursement. Receipts will be required, and homeowners' time does not count.

Sunshine Fire Protection District Board News

Alan Kirton – Chair, Sam Mishkin – Treasurer, Jean Gatza – Secretary, Gene Fischer, Jim Peacock

We had a total of five candidates come forward to fill the three board positions that were open in the upcoming 2020 election. Two of the candidates decided to withdraw their self-nomination forms rather than go through the election process. The three remaining candidates are Cathy Shoenfeld, Dan Fischer and Dick Smith. The new board members will replace Sam Mishkin, Gene Fischer and Jim Peacock. Many thanks to Sam Mishkin who has served on the board since June, 2011 and has been SFPD Treasurer since July, 2011. Also, many thanks to Gene Fischer and Jim Peacock who have each served on the board since May, 2012. The election scheduled for May 5, 2020 has been canceled since the number of candidates equals the number of open board positions.

We have a couple of high priority items that we want to get completed in 2020. During the last 18 months there has been an Apparatus Committee made up of the Chief and several officers, which has worked to define a replacement for 4502, our 40+ year old engine. They have worked with fire apparatus manufacturers to develop a specification and to receive quotes in order to allow us to do the financial planning for the purchase. The specifications have been written into a RFP which we will send to selected manufactures to get formal quotes. Assuming all goes as planned, we will be placing the order for the new apparatus by the summer. The lead time for this class of fire engine is approximately one year from time of order to delivery.

The other high priority item is to enhance our emergency water supplies. A project we have had on the books for several years is a gravity fed line that goes from the 130,000 gallon at Station 2 to CR 83. The plan is to install a 6" line with a hydrant located on CR 83. Based on the amount of drop we expect a flow rate of approximately 2000 gallons/min. There are also ongoing projects to install 15,000 gallon cisterns on Whispering Pines and the upper portion of CR 83.

As always, we are grateful to the people who volunteer their time to the district. Thanks to the Officers, Firefighters and EMTs who respond to emergencies in Sunshine and surrounding districts; to the Board Members; to Abby Silver for being the Chair of the CWPP Committee and running many of the district's mitigation projects; to Jen Lansky for publishing the newsletter and pulling together the district's emergency call statistics; to Eric Bader for managing the sunshine-fpd.org web site; to Don Dick for managing the Sunshine communications; to Beth Byerlein and others who pull together the Community FEST and other district events during the year.

As a reminder, board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, at 7:30 in Station 1 at 311 County Rd 83. Community participation in these meetings is welcomed and encouraged. The Sunshine web site provides access to the board meeting minutes and Treasurer's reports. Feel free to contact board members if you have any questions or concerns about what's happening in the district.

Burn Permit: Remember that every year in Sunshine Fire Protection District you need a new burn permit for **fire pits** and **bonfires**. If you have a question about a burn permit, please contact the Fire Marshal, Bruce Honeyman, or the Chief.

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Fire Department Notices

If you are NOT receiving email from either or both the Sunshine community email group as well as the Sunshine Fire Department email group (which is only used by the Chief and Officers for emergency or important notifications) please email **BOTH** sfpd.don.dick@gmail.com. & chief@sunshine-fpd.org. Also, please contact **BOTH** emails whenever there is a change to your email address so that we have updated information.

**Please Welcome
our Newest SFPD
Firefighters:**

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Are you ready to Volunteer for SFPD?

We are always looking for dedicated individuals to become FireFighters, station cleaners and organizers, event managers/support, and equipment managers. Please contact Michael Schmitt at chief@sunshine-fpd.org if interested.

Calendar

April:

- 2 Medical Training - 6-9 Four Mile
- 11 Wildland Refresher - SFPD 8-5 PM
- 14 SFPD Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ station #1
- 23 Classroom Training -Fire Attack 7 to 10 PM

May:

- 2 Medical Training 6 -9 @ station #1
- 9 Escalating Wildland Incident 8:30 AM - 12 PM @ GH
- 12 SFPD Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Station 1
- 28 Classroom Training -Fire Attack 7 to 10 PM

June:

- 4 Medical Training 6 -9 @ Four Mile
- 9 SFPD Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Station 1
- 13 Structure Fire Response 8:30 - 12 @ Four Mile
- 25 Classroom Training Ropes & Tools 7 -10 @ Four Mile

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