

Sterling Fire District Newsletter



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Dry Hydrant Sites Needed

Submitted by Josh Glessner



Dry hydrants help rural fire departments establish a constant water supply source.

Fires can occur at any given time, without any warning, anywhere. It is vital to our operation we have ample water supply for suppression of any fire. Located within the Sterling Fire District, we have four operational dry hydrants.

A dry hydrant is a non-pressurized, low cost pipe

system installed in area ponds. The top of the pipe protrudes from the ground near a pond, while the bottom of the pipe extends down into the water. So that the dry hydrant is functional year-round, the bottom of the pipe must be below the freeze line. Currently, we have dry hydrants installed near Miller Rd. and State Route 604, Blough Rd. and State Route 604, Apple Creek Rd. and Fulton Rd., and also one at The Fountain on East Pleasant Home Rd.

We are in search of additional sites for dry hydrants, within Milton Township, as they are essential to our op-

eration. Members of our department, in conjunction with the Wayne County Dive Team, generally install the dry hydrants. The Sterling Fire District pays for the cost of the installation, provided the land owner signs an easement allowing us, and other departments, to utilize the dry hydrant for fire suppression and training purposes.

If you have a pond that may be suitable for our needs, we'd like to hear from you and see if your site would be feasible for our operation. Please contact us at 330-939-2121 or email us at sterlingfire@rrbiznet.com.

Volunteers Needed

The Sterling Fire District (SFD) is seeking candidates for Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians who reside in the fire district. In order for appointment to the SFD, one must successfully complete the training as required by

the State of Ohio. To be considered, one must have a high school diploma or the equivalent, a valid Ohio operator's license, be able to perform under emergency conditions, and meet minimum training and attendance requirements.

Interested individuals should feel free to stop by the Sterling Fire Station any Tuesday evening around 7:00 p.m. or contact any current fire district member.

All training and other related costs are paid for by the fire district.

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Medical Alarms

Submitted by Pam Hartzler



Recently our department had an incident in which a resident's home medical alarm system activated, notifying our dispatch center of an emergency. Directions from the alarm company advised our dispatch that the resident had fallen, but was unable to make it to the door, so we needed to force entry.

Upon gaining entry and searching for the home-

owner, it was apparent no one was home. For whatever reason, the alarm system notified our dispatch of an emergency. This incident brought to our attention the need for residents to ensure their contact information with respective alarm companies is kept current. It is helpful if the contact person is local, as well.

While the damage was

minimal, it is not something we desire to do, unless absolutely necessary. After making contact with family, we were given a key location. Many companies are able to have special notations for key location within their computer systems.

If you have a medical or burglar alarm, please make sure your contact information is kept up to date.

Emergency Preparedness

Even though October is traditionally Fire Prevention month, one must continue the practices year-round.

In just 30 seconds, a small fire can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes a minute for a house to fill with thick black smoke and become

engulfed in flames. The U.S. Fire Administration offers the following tips:

- Learn about emergency hazards, including home fire, and their appropriate response.
- Make a communication plan.
- Build an emergency kit.

It is very important to review and practice emergency plans regularly.

The U.S. Fire Administration recommends replacing smoke alarms every 8-10 years or as recommended by the manufacturer. For more information please visit www.usfa.fema.gov.



FF/EMT-I Patricia Glessner has proudly served the Sterling Fire District since 1994.

Member Spotlight: Patricia Glessner *Submitted by Jeff Stump*

Patricia Glessner has been serving for over 18 years. She serves as an Advanced EMT and volunteer firefighter.

She was one of our members who took the Advanced level training in 2008. This training enables the Fire District to provide Advanced Life Support when respond-

ing to calls. However, her main focus throughout these past years has been as an instructor. Pat is an EMS Instructor, AHA BLS Instructor and she teaches at our station as well as through the WCSSC Adult Education program. She also has made it a priority to provide BLS / CPR / First Aid training for

the general public as well.

Patty is employed at The University of Akron in the School of Law. She enjoys activities at her church, Akron Zips Football, collecting Longaberger baskets, reading, and bicycling. Pat is also our community's representative to the Board of Rails to Trails of Wayne County.

Inside Story Headline

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Chimney Fire Prevention

Submitted by Erik Hartzler

As the weather turns colder, the wood burners will be put to use to keep many homes warm this winter. Please follow our safety tips to help keep that cozy fire from becoming a destructive chimney fire that could ultimately catch an entire house on fire.

Have your chimney in-

spected and swept annually by a certified chimney sweep. This is money well spent, as one small fire can do a large amount of damage. Always be sure to burn only dry wood and never green wood or trash. Wood that is being burned needs to be lower than 20% moisture.

Anything higher uses too much energy to burn driving out the moisture and deposits more creosote.

If you have a wood stove, please take the time and learn how to operate it as recommended by the manufacturer and ensure it is sized properly for your home.

Looking Ahead to 2013

As we close in on the end of 2012, we can't help but prepare for 2013. The new year will be busy, yet exciting for members of the Sterling Fire District as we will be preparing for another "Community Safety Day" that will occur sometime in the spring.

The Sterling Fire & Rescue

Association is also looking at once again having a picture fundraiser as we did in the past, however this time, using a local company to assist us. The SFRA is very grateful for the generosity of our area residents and friends through the support of the fundraisers.

In our next newsletter, we

will be highlighting several members that will receive years of service awards in December at our annual banquet. Our next newsletter may also contain a small change in format and content as well.

However, most of all, we look forward to being able to serve those who need us.



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Chief's Corner: Dick Glessner, Fire Chief



Sterling Fire District Chief
Dick Glessner.

I will try to conclude with the STERLING DEFENSE COUNCIL Air Raid Instructions dated March, 1943, that was started earlier this year in this column.

“How to handle Incendiary Bombs”

With water: 1) Bring your firefighting equipment to the scene at once. 2) Shoot a jet of water directly at the bomb without delay, to put it out of action quickly. 3) Then use the jet, quickly, to quench

fragments and the remains of the bomb and any fires that might have been started. 4) Be absolutely sure the fire is out before you leave the scene. 5) Use a coarse spray only where scattering of metal must be avoided. 6) Use sand only if a bomb falls where it is not likely to start a fire or if water is not available.

With sand: Spread about three inches of dry sand near the bomb. Place the bomb on

the pile of sand with the long handled flat shovel. Cover the bomb with sand. Scoop up bomb with shovel, place in bucket one-third filled with sand, cover with more sand. Carry the bucket outside with handle of shovel or throw out the window where it can burn without harm.

This information was printed and to be placed in one's home. I hope you enjoyed the look back into the history of our community.