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From the Chief



Are you ready to spring forward? Time Change Sunday is on the way! On Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2:00am Daylight Savings Time will begin in most of the United States. Setting the clock forward means it's time for a seasonal safety check! I would appreciate our men and women of the Fire department helping spread the word to our citizens that as they circle the house, setting clocks ahead to also change batteries in smoke detectors, changing heating & A/C filters as well as cleaning out cloth dryer hoses.

So far 2016 has been off to a rocky start. We have had several house fires related to unattended cooking and residents trying to keep warm. Unfortunately we have had two fire deaths already this year relating to this.

With that being said that is why we all need to stress the importance of our fire prevention activities thru community outreach, fire safety classes, programs, installing smoke alarms. All these things are vital to our effort to reduce the risk of fire related losses and/or injuries.

As always thank you all for your hard work and dedication. It does not go unnoticed.

Shaawn Howell

Fire Chief

Important Dates

March 13th—Time
Change—Spring Forward

March 27—Easter



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES



Apartment Fire—42nd & Cherry— 2/10/2016

Approximately 9:43am, companies were dispatched for apartment fire at 4201 S Cherry Street. MECA advised occupant advised their kitchen was on fire. Cause of fire determined to be cooking related. No injuries to residents or firefighters were reported. Thank you to those who responded that were off duty to assist to battle the fire. Also to those who provided food and/or drinks to our firefighters during this very long day.



March Anniversaries

- Chris Mackey—March 2nd—5 years
- Edward Pinkins—March 3rd—25 years
- Anthony Delgado—March 9th—1 year
- Charles Ross—March 9th—1 year
- Nate Thompson—March 9th—1 year
- Joey Tomboli—March 11th—11 years
- James Jackson—March 12th—30 years
- Chris Morris—March 18th—26 years
- Mike Davis—March 19th—32 years
- David Johnson—March 19th—32 years
- Brett Pierce—March 19th—32 years
- Nick Clark—March 21st—14 years
- Richard Kress—March 23rd—4 years

March Birthdays

- Nick Clark—March 6th
- Antonio Scott—March 29th
- James Jackson—March 30th
- Ernest Stacy—March 31st



UAPB Student Shadowing

Mr Miles Mooreland, a student at UAPB recently spent the day shadowing Lt Jerry Garganeous and Chief Shauwn Howell as part of his requirement for field experience in Public Relations. Mr Mooreland learned what it is like to be a firefighter on a truck to dealing with day to day operations in Administration and organizing public events requests.



Station #1 Remodel Update

Walls being painted, floors being waxed, appliances being ordered, some furniture has been delivered, some furniture still being ordered, engine bay and turn-out room getting a fresh coat of paint. Slowly but surely things are being cleaned up and finishing up odd and end things. There is light at the end of the tunnel. We are hoping to be starting to gradually move back into Station #1 by the first of April. Just like always time will tell barring no unforeseen problems arising.

Asst Chief Jones Update

Happy to report that Assistant Chief Jones is out of the hospital and is home recuperating. He will be out of the office until further notice to fully recover. We wish him well while he gets some much needed rest!



RIDE OUT





Test Your Knowledge

Test your Fire and Safety Knowledge about Fire and Smoke Alarms

1) True or False: Alarms should be installed in each room occupied for sleeping.

True.

2) True or False: Interconnected smoke alarms are best because if one sounds, all the alarms sound.

True.

3) True or False: Alarms should be tested once every ninety days.

False. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends that alarms be tested at least once a month.

4) True or False: Alarms should be replaced when you hear the warning chirps.

False: The chirps generally mean that the battery needs replacing. The NFPA recommends replacing an alarm every 10 years.

5) True or False: If the alarm sounds, determine the location of the fire, gather your necessary belongings and then exit the home.

False: The NFPA states it best to go outside as quickly as possible and remain outside until assistance arrives.

6) True or False: Half of home fire fatalities occur between the hours of 9:00 PM and 2:00 PM.

False: According to the NFPA, the deadliest time for fire losses occur between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM

7) True or False: In almost half of reported home fires in which the alarms failed to sound, the cause was improper alarm installation.

False: According to the NFPA, the batteries were either missing or needed to be replaced.

8) True or False: You may only have three to five minutes of safety to get out of your home after an alarm sounds.

False: The NFPA states that you may have only one to two minutes to safely leave.

9) True or False: The National Fire Protection Association has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention week since 1986.

False: The NFPA has been sponsoring Fire Prevention Week since 1922.

10) True or False: If your smoke alarm makes a chirping sound, you should replace the alarm.

False: The alarm probably is functioning as it should. Replace the battery.

Spring Clean Up Time & Burning

Just around the corner will be Spring!! And many property owners will begin to clean up and collect winter debris from yards, gardens and walkways. To burn yard waste, you must first obtain a Burn Permit prior to any outside burning within the City of Pine Bluff. Burn permits can be picked up from 8 AM to 5 PM at the Station #3 at 601 W 32nd** (right of 32nd & Olive). Permits for Approved Containers are \$5.00 and are good for 1 year. Controlled Burn permits (burning on ground) are \$25.00 are valid for 60 days. For safety, burning piles are to be kept reasonably small and must be attended at all times. Permitted fires that generate any complaints will be investigated by the fire department, and, if necessary, potentially extinguished. For more information on burning permits call us at 870.730.2048.

**When the remodel is completed at Station #1, 200 E. 8th, permits will have to be purchased there.