

Newberg Rural
Fire Protection
District

Think Safety...

Promoting Emergency Preparedness Around the House

THINK SAFETY...

Spring 2011

You're
Invited!

Newberg Fire
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, May 1

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Rural Board Looses Two Long Time Members

The Newberg Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors suffered the loss of two long term members and friends in the last couple months.

Dennis Sturdevant joined the board in February 2000 in an appointed position and then was voted in during each subsequent election. With his good business sense, he was instrumental in the purchase of two brush rigs and a water tender. Dennis has a keen sense of humor and we will miss his infectious laugh and wit.

Larry Bohnsack joined the board by way of a write-in ballot due to a

board vacancy and took the Oath of Office in October 2003. He served as Vice Chairman for a number of years. Larry took his roll on the board seriously and added an independent dimension. Always inquisitive and interested, he participated in board discussions and was not hesitant in speaking his mind. He also will be missed.

Our fire department family truly appreciates the dedication and commitment these two men contributed to making Newberg Fire an excellent organization.



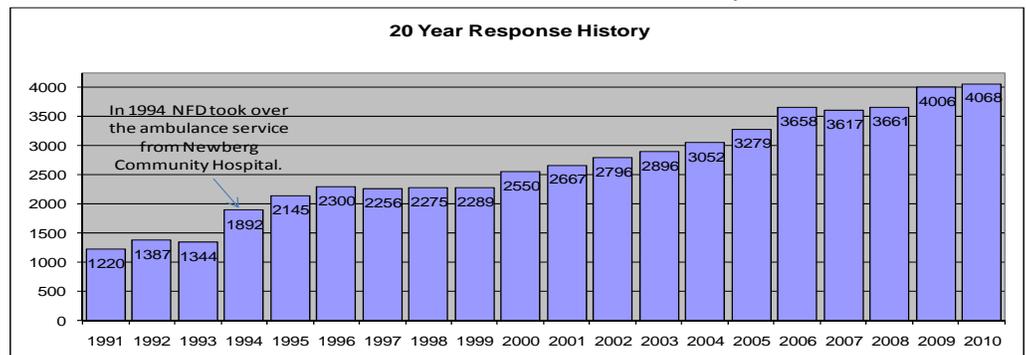
2010 Emergency Activity

Calls for emergency assistance continues to climb. Since 2005, our call volume has increased nearly 20%. That equates to just over 2 additional calls on average per day. That may not sound substantial, but a typical medical call (87% of all calls in 2010) takes approximately 1.5 hours from start of call until reports are complete.

Also in 2010, Newberg Fire responded to 594 calls that overlapped with the previous call. To handle these calls that happen at the same time, we staff 2 ambulances, with 2 additional ambulances available if needed.

Medical Calls		Fire Calls	
City	1720	Structure Fires	22
Rural	221	Vehicle Fires	16
Dundee	131	Wildland Fires	1
		Other Property w/Value	25
		Mutual-aid Fires	36
Vehicle Crashes			
City	195	All Other General Alarms	414
Rural	117	(Includes Investigations, Public Assists, Illegal/Legal Burns, Smoke/Odor Problems, Downed Power Lines, Gas Leaks/Spills, False Alarms, etc)	
Dundee	37		
Out of District			
Medicals	93	Total Fire Calls	514
Vehicle Crashes	12	Average Fire Calls per Day	1.4
Hospital Transfers	571		
Water Rescues	19		
Rope Rescues	1		
Coverage Move-ups	437		
Total Medical Calls	3554		
Average Medical Calls per Day	9.7		

Total Calls Year 2010 4068
Total Ave. Calls per Day 11.1





Rural Address Signs

Our address sign program has been an outstanding success—at least from our standpoint. When seconds count, we look for the green address sign.

Almost 1600 highly visible address signs are now installed—helping us do a better

job of serving you.

Don't take for granted that we will be able to quickly find you in time of need. If your property is not accurately marked, precious time may be lost.

Many driveways and homes in our district are still

poorly marked or not marked at all.

Please help us correct this and take the time to fill out the simple application to receive your address sign. The sign and installation are still **FREE!**

To get your FREE address sign, please visit our web site at www.newbergoregon.gov/fire, or call us at 503-537-1230.

During an Earthquake Drop, Cover, & Hold On

The recent earthquake in Japan has led many people to inquire at the fire station on how to best be prepared when a large earthquake hits the Northwest. Please continue to call and ask questions, and follow this simple advice.

If in a Store or Public Place:

Do not rush for the exits. Move away from shelves with heavy or glass objects and Drop & Cover.

If in a Stadium or Theater:

Stay in your seat and protect your head and neck with your arms.

If in a Moving Vehicle:

Stop as quickly as safely possible and stay in the vehicle. Avoid stopping near buildings, overpasses, and electrical lines. If power lines fall on your car, remain in the car.

If in a High Rise Building:

Drop & Cover under a desk or table, or against an interior wall. Do not use the elevators, and don't be surprised if the sprinkler system activates. Glass windows from high rise buildings can fall and sail for hundreds of feet. Stay inside.

If Outdoors:

Stay there. Move away from buildings, streetlights, and overhead power lines. Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops. The greatest danger exists just outside building exits and alongside exterior walls.

If in a Wheelchair:

Stay in it, move to cover if possible, lock your wheels, and protect your head with your arms.

If Trapped Under Debris:

Do not light a match or lighter. Limit movement to avoid kicking up dust, and keep your mouth covered with cloth if possible. Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can hear you. Avoid expending energy by yelling.

DO This

If Indoors:

DROP to your hands and knees; take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy table, desk, or other piece of furniture. If not available, get down against an interior wall and cover your head and neck with your arms and hands; and **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops.

Stay away from glass, windows, exterior doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or shelves.

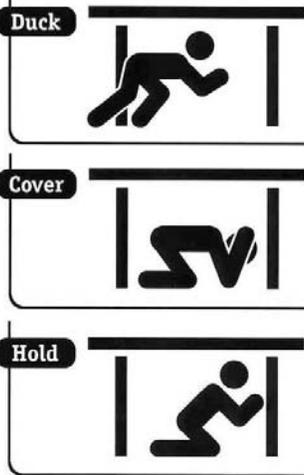
If in bed, stay there (unless you are under a heavy light fixture that could fall). Hold on and protect your head with a pillow.

Most injuries occur when people inside a building move around or try to get outside. Stay inside until the shaking stops.

DO NOT Do This

Do not run outside or to other rooms during the shaking. Windows, facades, canopies, and business signs are typically the first to collapse. Exterior walls are the most dangerous place to be inside or outside the building.

Do not stand in a doorway. Contrary to what we were taught years ago, doorways in modern construction are no stronger than any other part of the house. Doorways provide less protection from falling and flying debris, and you can not brace yourself as well during strong shaking.



Preparing for the "Big One"

The sideways, rolling, and up and down forces of an earthquake can jar loose most non structural items in a building. These falling and flying objects (TV's, lamps, glass, bookshelves) present the most dangerous potential for injury.

Strict building codes in the U.S. strive to limit the potential for structural collapse or failure. However, there is still the possibility of at least a partial building collapse, especially in some of our area's older buildings.

Here are some simple tips to make your home safer during an earthquake.

- ✓ Fasten top heavy shelves to the wall.
- ✓ Avoid hanging heavy pictures

and mirrors near beds and couches.

- ✓ Place large or heavy items on lower shelves.
- ✓ Securely strap water heaters to the wall and secure the base to the floor.
- ✓ Brace overhead light fixtures.
- ✓ Store breakable items such as bottled foods, glass, and dishes in closed cabinets with latches.
- ✓ Secure gas supplied appliances. They may move or topple rupturing the gas line.
- ✓ Move tall bookshelves away from beds and couches.
- ✓ Know where and how to shut

off gas, propane, electric, and water.

- ✓ Store weed killers, pesticides and flammable liquids securely in closed, latched cabinets and on bottom shelves.
- ✓ Pre-identify areas in every room of your home that are safe areas during a quake, such as sturdy furniture, or interior walls without windows or heavy wall hangings. Kitchens and garages tend to be the most dangerous rooms during a quake.
- ✓ Prepare a disaster kit that includes supplies to cook outside using propane or charcoal.



PREPARE YOUR FAMILY TO BE WITHOUT FIRE DEPARTMENT HELP FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS.

After the Earthquake

Newberg Fire Department is prepared to assist you during the aftermath of an earthquake. However, because of the possibility of wide spread damage throughout the city, it is possible we will not be able to reach you for several hours to several days. It is recommended that you prepare your family to be without help for at least 72 hours.

- * **Expect aftershocks.** Plan for them and know where you will take cover when they occur.
- * Help the trapped/injured and

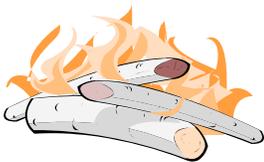
provide first aid. Only use phones for emergency calls.

- * If you smell, hear, or suspect a natural gas or propane leak do not operate any light switches or electrical devices. Leave the house and turn off the gas.
- * Check for fire.
- * Look for and turn off damaged electrical, or water lines.
- * Wear stable shoes.
- * Listen to battery powered radio for emergency updates

and information.

- * Open cabinets cautiously. There will most likely be dishes that have toppled over.
- * Stay away from damaged areas.
- * Clean up spilled medicine, bleach, or other flammable liquid if safe to do so.
- * Inspect chimneys.
- * Avoid broken glass, especially large pieces that are still partially attached to the frame that could fall in an aftershock.

Backyard Burning



The burning season is open again. Please remember to follow these safety rules to help prevent injury or wildfire.

Keep fires at least 50 feet away from structures, and clear of all combustibles.

- Keep a charged water supply and a shovel available.
- Never leave a burning pile unattended.
- Never use gasoline to start your burn pile.
- Use caution when burning with high winds.

It is illegal to burn household trash, rubber, plastic, tires, petroleum treated products, industrial waste, or materials that create noxious odors.

Written permits are required for burns that will not be out by dark. For any burn questions, please call us at 503-537-1230.

21st Annual NFD Pancake Breakfast



All you can eat...
Pancakes, Eggs, Smoked
Sausage, Coffee, Milk,
and Orange Juice.

Sunday May 1
6:30am - 1:00pm

Seniors	\$4
Adults	\$6
Kids (6-13)	\$3
5 and under	FREE

Newberg Fire
Station #20
Corner of 2nd
and Howard

Newberg FireMed



Open Enrollment is

September 1st thru October 31st, 2011

\$45 covers your entire family for one full year
Or

\$90 for joint FireMed and Lifeflight membership

Q: What is FireMed?

A: Newberg FireMed guarantees no out-of-pocket expense for ambulance transport that is doctor ordered or medically necessary.

Q: Can I sign-up for FireMed outside of Open Enrollment?

A: Yes, however your membership will be subject to a 30 day waiting period and the \$45 fee is NOT prorated. All memberships expire on October 31st each year.

For an application and more information contact
Newberg Fire Department (503) 537-1230 or visit our website at
www.newbergoregon.gov/fire

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Make Your Home a Defensible Space