

Dallas Volunteer Fire Department

EMERGENCY & FIRE SERVICE

DIAL ~ 911

Upcoming Events:

Dallas VFD & Dallas

Churches Benefit

Fish Fries

Every Friday thru

April 10

Dallas Lions Club

Annual Oyster Dinner

Saturday, March 28

4pm – 7pm

At the Dallas UMC

Dallas VFD Fund Drive

Saturday, April 4

Dallas VFD Auction

Saturday, May 2

1st Annual Walk With

Me For A Cure

Saturday, May 2

Registration begins at 3pm

At the Dallas UMC

Dumpster Day

Saturday, May 9

Memorial Day

Parade and Services

Sunday, May 24

FIRE PREVENTION BEGINS AT HOME

Taking a few precautions around your home can greatly reduce the risk of fires. Here are some quick tips to help keep your home a safe place:

Store and use matches, lighters, and candles carefully. Be sure to keep matches and lighters away from young children. Store them in a cool, dry place away from heat sources (such as stoves or heaters) that could accidentally ignite them. Don't light matches or burn candles around flammable objects such as newspapers, cardboard boxes, or curtains. Avoid burning candles near an open window or breeze that could spread a fire and never leave candles burning unattended.

Store and use flammable liquids carefully. If possible, store flammable liquids, such as paints, paint thinners, and gasoline, at least 30 feet away from your home (for example, in outdoor sheds or detached garages.) If you don't have access to outside storage, store in well-sealed containers in a cool, dry place away from electricity and heat sources. Never use flammable materials (including things like aerosol cans and nail polish remover) around fire or lit cigarettes.

Use caution around fireplaces and wood stoves. Don't stand too close to a fireplace or wood stove. You could get burned or your clothes could catch fire. If you have an open fireplace or stove, make sure it has a screen to protect you (and the surrounding furniture) from sparks. Don't stack flammable things like newspapers, bags, or even firewood too close to a fireplace or stove. Never leave a fire unattended. If you are using your fireplace on a regular basis, make sure you have your chimney professionally cleaned every year.

Never put anything over a lamp, like clothes or a blanket. Lamps, especially halogen lamps, can give off enough heat to ignite flammable objects. Be sure your lamps have fire-resistant lampshades and are a safe distance from flammable objects. Also be sure that the light bulbs you use are the correct wattage for your lamp or lampshade; if the wattage is too high it can start a fire.

Have multiple, safe and easy-to-use exits to your home. Be sure that exits such as doors and windows aren't blocked and can be opened easily. If you have safety features such as deadbolts and security bars, be sure that these are in good condition and can be opened easily by people inside.

Check appliances and electrical cords regularly. Regularly check appliance wires when the item is in use. Cords and plugs for appliances should not feel hot when in use.

Keep at least three feet between heaters and anything that can burn. Keep objects like furniture, bedding and clothing away from radiators and space heaters. Do not leave space heaters on when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep. Not only are they fire hazards, they can also cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

Maintain your heating system. Whether you have central heating, gas, or electric, make sure your heating system is maintained, cleaned and checked yearly.

DALLAS VFD FUND DRIVE

The Dallas VFD will be performing their annual door-to-door fund drive on **Saturday, April 4**. Donations can also be mailed to Dallas VFD, General Delivery, Dallas, WV 26036.

Your donations combine to be one of the largest sources of income for the department. These funds allow the Dallas VFD to provide training, purchase gear and upgrade equipment for the volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel in your community. **THANK YOU!**

You Dial 911...

Who's responding?

Because of the county lines of Marshall, Ohio, and Washington Counties, multiple agencies need to work together to provide proper emergency service. This sounds simple, but is often complicated by many factors.

First, there are three different 911 Call Centers that could get your call. Depending upon your calling location, the call may go to Wheeling, Washington, or Moundsville. Each location's procedures may be different resulting in a different response to your emergency.

Second, during the last few months of 2008, the Ohio County fire and EMS agencies converted to a new radio frequency. This frequency cannot be monitored by home scanners or the radios used by Marshall County fire and EMS agencies. This means that Dallas VFD members are unable to monitor calls potentially in the Dallas coverage area.

What does this mean to you? When you call 911, be sure to request the nearest department to you.



2008 DVFD RESPONSES

A total of 95 emergency calls occurred between January and December 2008. These calls included:

House/Chimney Fires – 12
Vegetation/Other Fire – 2
Automobile – 10
ATV - 5
False Alarm/Cancelled – 11
Search & Rescue - 2
Medical/EMS – 53
TOTAL - 95

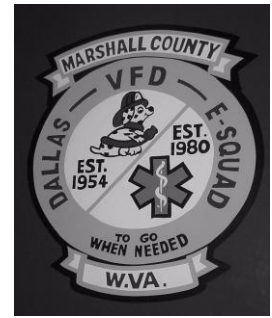
DEDICATED TRAINING HOURS

Training is a never ending task in fire and emergency medicine service. Dallas VFD members have continued to give up their precious hours and days to learn new skills.

Nearly 160 hours were spent for entry-level fire fighter courses. Several members have completed the required Emergency Vehicle Operator Course. EMT's and Paramedics attend monthly refresher courses for continuing education. The latest classes to be attended by all members are multiple levels of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

NEW MEDICAL DEVICES

During 2008, Dallas EMS purchased new life saving devices to better serve its community. The "LIFEPAK 12" is a multipurpose heart monitoring system that has the capability to view the heart performance from twelve different angles. It also performs automatic blood pressure, blood oxygen level, and carbon dioxide monitoring that free up EMT's to perform other tasks and keep accurate records. A new heart defibrillator (AED) was also purchased to update an older model.



2009 OFFICERS ELECTED

New officers were elected for the 2009-year. They are as follows:

President – Kenny Porter

Vice President – Darrell Sprowls

Treasurer – Jerry Murrin

Secretary – Cindy Murphy

Chief 1 – Darrell Sprowls

Chief 2 – Jerry Murrin

Chief 3 – Alan Ullom

Squad Captain – Scott Ullom

Captain – J.J. Murrin

Lieutenant – Tim Murphy

HIPAA Officer – J.J. Murrin

Directors – Alan Ullom

Kelly Ullom

Nancy Murrin

Debra Dague

Ron Klages

Scott Minch

SPRING FOREST FIRE SEASON

Starting March 1 through May 31, all outdoor burning is prohibited during the day and is legal only from 4pm to 7am.

West Virginia Division of Forestry officials say cooler temperatures, increased humidity and calmer winds make evening hours the safest time to burn debris outdoors.

BURNING LAWS IN BRIEF

1. YOU CAN BURN FROM 4PM UNTIL 7AM.
2. NEVER BURN IN WINDY CONDITIONS.
3. FIRE MUST BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES AND THEN TOTALLY EXTINGUISHED.
4. AREA MUST BE CLEARED DOWN TO MINERAL SOIL FOR A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF 10 FEET AROUND WHAT IS BEING BURNED.
5. IF YOUR FIRE ESCAPES, YOU ARE LIABLE FOR THE COSTS OF FIGHTING THE FIRE AND ANY DAMAGE THE FIRE MAY CAUSE TO OTHERS.



BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Due to the dedication of our community and strong local support of our fish fries, fund drive, auction, and other fund raisers, our volunteer staff of firefighters and medical personnel has been able to make the following improvements during 2008: painting the exterior of the firehouse, kitchen upgrades and new audio/visual equipment for training. We appreciate our community for their support and enabling us to stand proud of our firehouse, vehicles, equipment and above all keeping our volunteers safe. Thank you!

UPCOMING DALLAS VFD FUNDRAISERS

Currently, members are selling Calendar Raffle tickets. Daily prizes up to \$100 will be awarded during the month of June. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at a Fish Fry or by seeing a member.

The Dallas VFD continues to find ways to fund the ever-rising cost of fire fighting.

DALLAS VFD AUCTION

This year's annual auction will take place **Saturday, May 2 at 9am.** Any donations of useable, workable items for the auction will be appreciated. *Clothing will not be accepted.* We will be accepting donations the week prior to the auction. Pick-up service of large items will also be available. Please contact a member of the fire department or leave a message at the firehouse (304) 547-4999. Lunch will be available.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

The annual Memorial Day parade and sunset services will be held on **Sunday, May 24.** **The parade will start at 7pm.** The Dallas VFD, West Alexander Post #656 and the Dallas Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor this event. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade should contact a member of the fire department. The event will conclude with services at the Mt. View Cemetery.

DUMPSTER DAY

Dumpster Day will be held **Saturday, May 9 from 8am – 2pm** for county residents. The dumpsters will be located at the Dallas firehouse. No tires, batteries, large appliances, motor oils, unemptied paint cans or any other potentially hazardous materials will be accepted. Do not drop off items if no dumpsters are present. Do not scavenge. Please be prepared to show proof of residency.

Dallas VFD

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!!

Congratulations to the newest members of Dallas VFD who recently completed the basic fire fighting training: Joe Davis, Keith Ullom, Kendall Ullom and Sarah Kaczor; Jim Harsh is currently taking the EMT-Basic course. The department is always accepting new members to serve our community. If you are interested in being a firefighter, emergency medical provider or assist with administrative needs, the Dallas VFD looks forward to having you as a member.

Anyone 16 to 17 years of age can participate as Junior Firefighters. *This is a great way to add community service/volunteer hours to job and college applications while gaining valuable new skills!*

Simply stop by our firehouse any Monday evening, speak to a current member or send us an e-mail at firechief@dallasvfd.com.

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