



The Annual Plug

WEST ROANE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- **May 9 & 10:
Spring Yard
Sale**
- **June 24 -
July 4: Fire-
works Sale**
- **Sept. 27:
Open House**
- **Nov. 7 & 8:
Fall Yard
Sale**

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EVENTS TO REMEMBER!

This year, as last year, the Fire Department offers two very important opportunities for the community to donate: The Yard Sale and The Fireworks Sale!

The Yard Sale is always a success. Even a day of rain last year didn't stop us! Thank you to those who donate goods to be sold as well as to those who come to buy the great stuff! Keep that "elegant junk" coming in! This year the Spring Yard Sale will be May 9 and 10; a 2nd Yard Sale will be held in the Fall, on November 7 and 8.

Although the 2007 Fireworks sale proved to be successful, we hope to raise even more in 2008. It did help the community meet the Fire Department; Firefighters and the Associate Members really enjoy meeting the community too. This year we also hope to continue educating

the community on Firework Safety. Last year's brochure is on our website. At this time, the Department is set up to start selling fireworks on June 24 - July 4. The sale will be in a new location: across from

Wal-Mart at the used car lot. Look for the tent and hope to see you there. With your help, WRCVFD will be able to continue serving you! One more West Roane event you won't want to miss is the Annual Open House, held this year on September 27th,



This event is not a request for donations, but rather an opportunity for the community to come and see what we are doing. In 2007, the community watched Firefighters in action putting out a fire in a live burn trailer. We hope that 2008's Open House will be equally exciting!



2007 STATISTICS

Fire and First Responder Responses: 257
Mutual Aid Responses: 14
Most calls are for medical emergencies.

**CHECK YOUR SMOKE
ALARM BATTERIES!**

OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever thought about volunteering? West Roane VFD has many opportunities right now for volunteers. Many of these opportunities come with free training. A full list of opportunities can be found at WestRoane.com. Here is a sampling:
 •FireFighters—Urgent

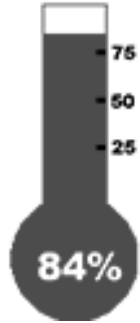
- First Responders - Urgent
 - Hydrant Testing and Maintenance—Urgent
 - Fireworks Sale Helpers
 - Yard Sale Helpers
 - Videographers
 - Reporters and Writers
 - Canteen Squad
 - Web Developers
 - Photographers
 - Attorney
 - Construction
 - Development / Fundraisers
 - Artists
 - Mechanics
- Call 354-1993 for details.

MAKE AND PRACTICE YOUR HOME EMERGENCY ESCAPE PLAN!

ESCAPE FROM FIRE: ONCE YOU'RE OUT, STAY OUT!

PUMPER PLEDGES AND GRANT NEWS

West Roane volunteers have applied for two grants recently: one from USSTC for a Polaris Ranger 6x6 utility vehicle; and a \$200,000+ grant from FEMA for a much-needed new pumper truck. The FEMA grant requires matching funds of 5%, about \$10,000, so WRCVFD has been running a recent Pumper Pledge drive. Our thanks go to the organizations and individuals who have pledged \$8,400 so far. We are almost there! Remember the Pumper Pledge Drive is in addition to our Spring request for operating expenses donations. If we do not get this grant, pumper pledges will be kept for other matching funds uses, et cetera. However, We do have a very good chance of getting the new pumper truck if we can meet the 5% goal. See www.WestRoane.com for details.



A LETTER FROM OUR CHIEF

Every year I hope will be better than the last. My goals for the Department seldom change; we need more volunteers, more training, and a steady stream of funds to equip and train those that volunteer for us. Your donations make that possible and I continually thank you.

This year, The West Roane County Fire Department is adding a new station in the Grand Vista Bay area. In order to maintain an active department we need more volunteers. Our main station, on Pumphouse Rd. has many active volunteers; however, Station 2 (Eagle Furnace area) and the upcoming Station 3 (New Hope, Caney Creek area) need more members who live in the area to respond.

In addition to the ever-growing need for volunteers, we need to adequately train and equip those volunteers. Currently, we provide Firefighter Training as well as First Responder Training to any member who needs or wants this training. Having well-trained members who live close to one of our three stations increases the capabilities of our Department, allowing us to improve our ISO rating to bring down the cost of insurance premiums of community businesses and homeowners. The ISO rating for our community is a 6 or a 9 depending on where you live. Our goal is to get the entire 5th District to be a 6.

We can't do this without your continued support. Last year, your donations were very helpful; on behalf of the entire department, I thank you for your generosity.



Chief Charlie Redwine

DONATIONS EXCEL IN 2007 - THANK YOU!



In 2007 the Fire Department's donations increased substantially over previous years. These funds

help the department grow with the surrounding community as well as keep up with increases in the cost of fuel and other goods.

Sustaining the operation of 8 Emergency Response Vehicles is costly. To keep these vehicles running effectively cost over \$4200. In addition, the 2007 cost of fuel was \$4400. These costs have already risen in 2008.

Another significant cost is the maintenance of 2 Fire Stations with Station 3 under construction. In 2007 WRCVFD spent \$7200 in station maintenance and upgrades to existing

buildings. Station 1 has been in West Roane County (WRC) for over 10 years. Maintaining these important West Roane infrastructures continues to be a community priority.

Insurance and training take another large bite out of the operating budget. Training is key to the success of the Fire Department. Examples of training that the department encouraged are Basic Firefighting, vehicle extrication courses, and First Responder courses. With your continued support we can expand these efforts.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

With so many things going with our department we welcomed in a new kind of volunteer, the Associate Member. You might not see an associate member at a fire or on a First Responder call, but they are working hard for you! Currently, there are 14 associ-

ate members on the department with all sorts of skills. They are the support that our Firefighters and First Responders need. Associates organize and help with fundraisers, such as our Elegant Junk Sale and the Fireworks Fundraiser. They also mow the lawn, help

with grant applications, and help increase awareness of the department to the community. We thank the associates for doing such a great job and hope that we can acquire more of these volunteers in 2008.



Photos provided by Associate Members

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West Roane County Volunteer Fire Department

"Serving since 1993"

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P. O. BOX 417, ROCKWOOD, TN 37854—(865) 354-8201—WWW.WESTROANE.COM

Please fill out this confidential form and mail it to the above address, thanks!

Dear West Roane County Volunteer Fire Department,

YES! I want to give today.

Amount of donation: _____

Check or money order enclosed

Donation is given in the name of: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email if available: _____

Optional Comments: _____

OR Using Credit Card online (Mail in this form and also donate at westroane.com)

Spring Clean-up Time

Help Support the West Roane County VFD Spring Yard Sale!

We need your discarded Antiques, Collectibles, Elegant Junk, and other Saleable Goods.

We'll turn them into much-needed cash at our Spring Yard Sale

Friday and Saturday May 9 -10

Station No. 1

Pumphouse Road

For pick-up - Call:

Charlie 354-1993

Chris – 354-1500

Tom – 354-6782

or leave a message

354-8201

(there is not much demand for old couches)

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