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## Chief's Corner

We have some exciting events and information to report to our residents in this edition of *Fire Insider*. Declining revenues are a concern for us, but we continue to operate under a balanced budget and live within our means.

**Wherever possible, we pay cash for equipment, apparatus and facilities. This saves our taxpayers money in the long run by not having to pay interest on debt to finance these items.**

A good example of this is our new ambulance. We replaced a 22-year old ambulance this year, **purchasing the new one with cash from medical transport charges, a non-tax based revenue that is used specifically for apparatus and equipment replacement.**



Another example is sharing a public educator with a neighboring fire district,

which saves taxpayers approximately \$30,000 per year. The population in Fire District 17 has grown to the point where we need someone conducting fire prevention and safety education presentations in the schools and within our community.

Finally, we're saving taxpayer dollars by doing advance work at the future fire station site located across from the library on Galena Street. By paying cash to prepare the building site now – clearing brush, leveling the site, developing design plans, and permitting – we reduce the amount of the bond we will need for the actual building, which we currently project in three to five years from now.

These success stories are possible because of your support and the hard work of our firefighters and elected Commissioners. We have an amazing team at Fire District 17, and I am proud to be a part of such a great group of men and women.

Sincerely,

JIM HAVERFIELD  
Fire Chief



Chief Jim Haverfield

## 2nd Annual Bike Rodeo

To help promote bike safety, the Granite Falls Fire and Police Departments are holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 21 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Mountain Way Elementary at 702 N. Granite Avenue in Granite Falls. Each child should bring a bike and a helmet to participate. There will be six stations for kids to learn about safety, proper helmet usage, and have their bikes checked. Prizes will be awarded to kids who successfully complete each station and correctly answer questions related to bicycle safety.

In addition to the Bike Rodeo, throughout the summer the fire department will reward young children they see wearing helmets while biking, rollerblading, skateboarding, or other non-motorized wheeled activities with a certificate for a free ice cream cone at participating McDonalds restaurants. Many thanks to McDonalds for helping us to promote helmet safety in our community through the Safe Rider Citation program!



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# Announcements

Please remember to test your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries annually, or as recommended by the manufacturer. A special grant funds free smoke alarms for those in need, which are available at the fire station.



Seniors (55 and over) are invited to join us for a free pancake breakfast and



presentation on preventing falls in the home on May 25 at 9:00 am at The Village at Granite Falls, 302 N. Alder Ave., Granite Falls. At the

presentation we will provide information and steps that can be taken to make your home safer and prevent falls.



Fire District 17 has earthquake preparedness information available on its web site [www.gffd17.org](http://www.gffd17.org) or at the fire station. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people

of Japan as they recover from the earthquake and tsunami.



Fire District 17 has a revised First Aid/CPR schedule for 2011. Adult CPR will be offered at 5:30 pm on June 13, August 8, October 10, and December 12. First Aid/CPR classes begin at 9:00 am on July 2, September 3, and November 5. The fee for the class is \$10 which pays for the pocket mask and certification card you will receive. Please pre-register by calling Lieutenant Chris Burt at (360) 691-5553.



Your Board of Fire Commissioners meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at Station 87 (116 S. Granite Ave.) in downtown Granite Falls. Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are open to the public.

We hope to see you there!

## Fire Commissioners



Bill Gillam, Chairman



Kevin Hayes



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