

Curley Creek Volunteer Fire District, Inc. A Non-profit Corporation

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Happy New Year to our neighbors in the Curley Creek Fire District. We hope your year is starting out well.

We are excited about a couple of grants that the fire district was awarded recently. The Northern Idaho Healthcare Coalition funded the purchase of new AEDs and CPR training equipment. Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are critical, life-saving equipment when someone is suffering from a heart attack.

Since our volunteers often arrive on scene before the ambulance crew, their ability to start providing CPR and defibrillation is essential to giving the victim the best chance of survival. Our previous AEDs were old, one was unusable, and the pads were outdated. Thanks to this grant, we now have an AED for each fire station and one for the Command Rig. The new pads last longer and are not as expensive to replace. In addition, we were able to purchase some training “dummies” and feedback devices to help our volunteers improve their CPR skills. February is American Heart Month. According to the American Heart Association, “Immediate CPR and use of an AED can double, or even triple, survival rates.” We encourage everyone to learn basic CPR skills so you can intervene in an emergency until first responders arrive. For more information on CPR, you can check out the website <https://cpr.heart.org/>



Our new AEDs!



CPR practice in 2024, using borrowed equipment.

We were also awarded the Rural Fire Capacity grant through the Idaho Department of Lands. With funds from this grants, we purchased a new pump head for one of our brush trucks, a new portable wildland pump, some wildland helmets, assorted fittings, and more. In addition, we were able to purchase hand-held weather meters, which allow firefighters to monitor and assess weather during a wildfire---important information both for fighting the fire and for maintaining firefighter safety. This is a 10% matching grant, which means that if our grant proposal is approved, we purchase the items and IDL then reimburses us 90% of the cost. In total, we received a little over \$6000 in funding from IDL.

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Here is a
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our
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2025	EMS Assist	MVA or Traf C.	Road Clearing	Power Lines	Wild Fire	Structure/ Vehicle Fire	Smoke/ Fire/Hazard Check	Agency Assist	Haz mat	Total	Training Events
Jan	3						1			4	5
Feb	4									4	15
Mar	6									6	14
Apr	3	3		1						7	17
May	9	1								10	12
Jun	6							1		7	12
Jul	7	1					1	1		10	5
Aug	3	1					2			6	6
Sep	5	1			1		1			8	4
Oct	8	1	1				2			12	8
Nov	2	3						1		6	6
Dec	1	5	1	1			1			9	1
Totals	57	Road All	18	Fires All		3	8	3	0	89	105

As our community has grown over the last few years, so has the need for volunteer firefighters. With a total of 89 calls, 2025 was the second-highest year in our records. This amounts to just under two calls a week, not including trainings. Have you considered being a volunteer firefighter? Maybe the idea of gearing up and going into a burning building is not your cup of tea. That is totally understandable! Did you know, most of our calls are not even for fires at all? Almost 65% of our calls last year were to assist the ambulance crew with medical calls. Sometimes this involves administering CPR, but usually it is less dramatic. Since they live in our district, our firefighters usually arrive before the ambulance crew. They can start assessing the patient, make sure they are safe, and gather information that will help the EMTs and paramedic. They can also help the ambulance crew to load the patient onto the gurney and, every now and then, even drive the ambulance to the hospital while the medical crew attends to the patient. Other activities include cutting trees off the roads after a storm, helping with traffic control after a vehicle accident and, of course, fighting fires. We also have a junior firefighter program for young people ages 16-18. If any of this sounds interesting to you, please call us! No prior experience needed. CCVFD is able to provide a lot of the basic training needed, and we network with other departments as well as federal, state, and local agencies to participate in trainings we can't do on our own.

If volunteering with the fire department isn't a good fit, the Curley Creek Community Hall is working with the fire department to develop a community program for helping out neighbors who may need a little extra help with things like rides to appointments or the grocery store, a meal now and then, or visits and phone calls to make sure they are ok. The goal is to help prevent critical emergency situations before they occur. Boundary County has a long history of neighbors helping each other out. While we have seen many changes in our community, especially over the last few years, one of the things that hasn't changed is the wonderful way that a community will pull together to help someone in need. If you are interested in more information on this community program, you can contact Tim or Marji Hartman.

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