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BFD Times

National Night Out

Important Dates:

**Officers Meeting is:
Wednesday,
September 16th**

Happy Birthday To:

Mike Elkin 9/6
Erik Bengtson 9/7
Gina Harris 9/15

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On Tuesday, August 4th, the Belmont Fire Department participated in National Night Out. Apparatus were on hand for display with fire-fighters providing tours and answering questions about the apparatus and our department. Personnel conducted an extrication demonstration which was very well attended. Belmont Salvage provided the vehicle for the evolution, which demonstrated the tools and techniques used to dismantle a car to attend to a victim of a motor vehicle crash. The

attendees had a lot of great questions and hopefully learned a little about what we do. Great job guys!





Coffee Break Training - Fire Protection Series

Administration: The Importance of Inspections

Learning Objective: *The student will be able to explain the importance of conducting fire prevention inspections.*

Why do we perform fire prevention inspections?

The model fire codes authorize the fire code official or designee to conduct inspections as often as necessary to assess life safety threats, verify permit conditions, ensure fire protection features are in place and operational, correct hazards, and issue violation notices. Some local jurisdictions mandate the frequency of inspections, while others may not perform inspections at all.

Today's illustration is a simple example of why regular inspections are important. A landscaping project that added the decorative fence inadvertently resulted in blocking the dry hydrant. Due to the fact that the fence is less than 6 feet (183 centimeters) tall, no building permit was required, and therefore a plan review that might have caught this conflict before construction was not performed.

A landscape or fence contractor cannot be expected to know everything about fire protection systems and equipment. The contractor may not have recognized the function of this dry hydrant connection and the importance of unobstructed access to it with a hard suction hose.

Furthermore, the protective cap normally installed over the threads is missing, making the threads vulnerable to damage. If the threads cannot seal against the hard suction coupling, air leaks may occur that could affect the fire pump's ability to draw suction.

Regular visits by a qualified fire inspector, Company Officer or firefighters would help to identify this problem, which is obvious to fire personnel, and help the owner find a workable solution to keep the fire equipment accessible.

For more information, consider enrolling in the National Fire Academy (NFA) course "Fire Inspection Principles" (R/N0220). Information and applications can be obtained at <http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/47>. The course is available at the NFA in Emmitsburg, Maryland, or through your state fire service training agency.



A landscaping project that added this decorative fence inadvertently resulted in blocking this dry hydrant.

Summer Camp Foam Party

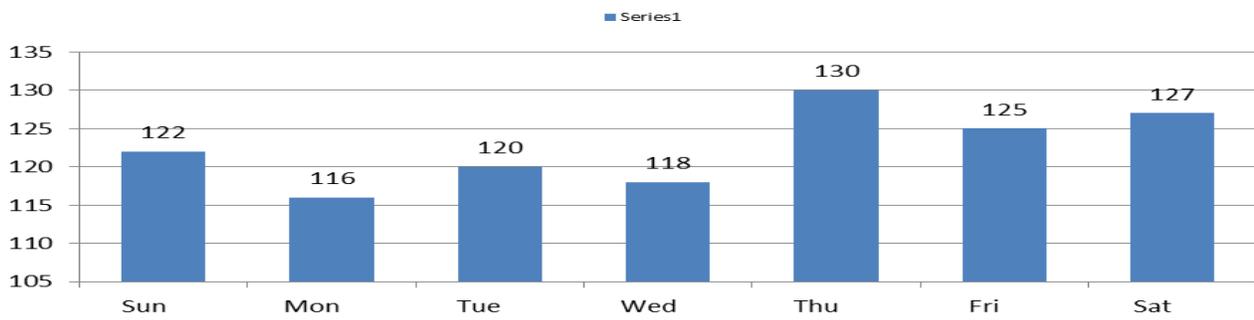


Belmont Fire Department's Group 3 assisted the Parks and Rec Department with a foam party to celebrate the end of summer camp. Using the Pro-Pak and several containers of Dish Soap a good size foam blanket was created for the campers to "play" in. A great time was had by all.



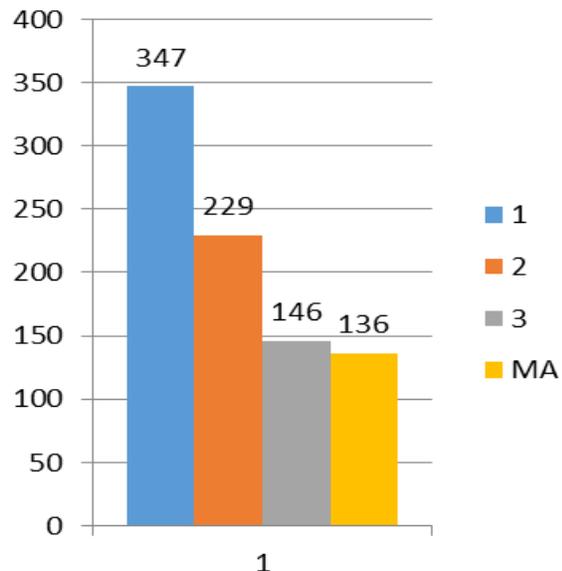
Belmont Fire Department's 2015 YTD Statistics

2015 Incidents by Day of Week YTD



Description	Count
BLS Alpha or Bravo	259
ALS Charlie	90
ALS Delta	87
ALS Echo	25
MVA Alpha or Bravo	37
MVA Delta	11
MVA With Extrication	3
Fire Response	146
Hazardous Materials Response	21
Mutual Aid Response	136
No Medical Incident Found/No Patient Contact	1
Service Call	33
Storm Response	9
Total	858

2015 Incidents by District



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BFD Mission Statement

The mission of the Belmont Fire Department is to provide fire, emergency medical, and fire prevention services in a caring and compassionate manner. To be prepared to respond to any request for assistance and to ensure that every member of the department returns home safely.

BFD Vision Statement

The Belmont Fire Department will continuously work to meet the changing needs of our community by striving to be the premiere fire department in the Lakes Region. We will do this by maintaining a high level of readiness and by focusing on the professional development and training of all our personnel.

OUR CORE VALUES

All members of the Belmont Fire Department adhere to the following values:

Service - We strive for excellence in the service we deliver through on-going evaluation and involvement.

Teamwork - We embrace the concept of teamwork through skillful communication and personal cooperation to achieve our common goal.

Accountability - We are responsible, as professionals and individuals, for our actions.

Integrity - We act ethically, we expect honesty, loyalty and dedication.

Respect - We practice mutual respect by setting a personal example of trust and fairness.