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**Around Montana**

**Havre Fire Rescues Dog Stuck In River**

<http://www.havredailynews.com/story/2015/02/17/local/a-doggy-rescue/502775.html>



After the Havre Fire Department received a 12:45 p.m. Sunday call about a dog stuck in the river, firefighters responded with cold water suits to the area. The German shepherd was seen holding onto a piece of ice in the river, half in, half out. Fire Chief Tim Hedges said the dog looked like it had been in the water for quite some time and, once they retrieved it from the river, it was taken to a veterinarian for treatment. He said they could not figure out who owned the dog. It is being cared for at a local veterinary clinic.

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### **Montana Mutual Aid Agenda For February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Meets Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 10:00am at Eastgate Fire, Lewis and Clark County, Montana  
(note revised date – February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015)

Join Dan Madrzykowski (NIST Fire Dynamics) for a remarkable training opportunity on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> at Eastgate Fire.

Montana Mutual Aid welcomes the leader in the fire dynamics research discussing the latest results of the recent NIST Fire Dynamics research, and the command strategy and tactics to put that research to real world use when fighting fires in structures. This session will be an interactive conversation about how the fire service fights fires in structures.

Please join Dan for an outstanding day and a half program that will shape the fire service for the next 30 years.

Also presenting will be Sonny Stiger - wildland fire behavior, and forecasts for the 2015 wildland fire season and invited speakers from Montana DES, the Montana Fire Services Training School, MT DNRC, Montana Fire Chiefs, Montana Volunteer Fire Fighters, Montana Fire Instructors, and other guests.

This program will be among the most valuable training opportunities in Montana in 2015. Registration is available on line at [www.montanamutualaid.org](http://www.montanamutualaid.org) or by calling 1-406-431-2458.

Cost is \$179 per person, including registration, course materials, including NIST training DVD, 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 1 breakfast and breaks.

Session starts at 10am, Saturday, February 28 and concludes Sunday, March 1 at 12 noon. Session is held at the Eastgate Fire Station in Lewis and Clark County.

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## **IAAI Training Opportunity Coming to Great Falls**

### **Electrical Aspects of Fire Investigation**

**Instructor:** Dave Cusatis IAAI-CFI, IAAI-CI

**Where:** Great Falls Fire Rescue Charles C. Carrico Regional Training Facility, 1900 9th Street South Great Falls MT, 59405

**When:** Thursday March 12th, 2015 8am-5pm Lunch Provided

#### **Description:**

This course addresses the critical skills essential to the effective investigation and evaluation of fires involving potential electrical causes. This course utilizes state of the art techniques, practices, protocols and standards to assist investigators to properly and effectively evaluate electrical systems and associated components to ascertain their role in a fire.

Students will be provided with a basic knowledge of electrical faults and failures of electrical components and circuits, as well as a working knowledge of the National Electrical Code (NEC) and how it applies to the fire investigations.

The use of 'Arc Mapping' will also be discussed and how it can be effectively used to assist in fire origin determination. Participants will also be able to demonstrate a general knowledge of electricity, electrical circuits, systems and arc mapping principles through a series of instructor led 'hands-on' practical exercises.

#### **Register online at [firearson .com](http://firearson.com)**

Click on training and certifications.

Scroll down to classes and events.

Click on Electrical Aspects of Fire Investigation

Or to register by phone call 1-410-451-3473

#### **Cost:**

Montana Chapter Members: \$100.

Montana Non-Members: \$200.

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## **Around the Nation**

### **Mansion Fire Injures Three Mass. Firefighters**

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/11844387/snow-hampers-firefighters-at-three-alarm-fire-in-brookline>



**Photo credit:** Brookline Fire Dept.

Three firefighters were injured yesterday afternoon while battling a three-alarm fire that raced through a sprawling mansion in Brookline, a fire official said.

"The firefighters did a great job under very difficult conditions considering the freezing temperatures, slippery conditions and the thick, heavy smoke they faced upon arrival," Brookline Fire Department Chief of Operations Robert Ward said. "The fire was moving fast through the third floor and attic area, and the firefighters did a great job to knock it down." A resident of the massive 2 1/2 story, 6,300-square-foot colonial manse, built in 1900 and assessed at \$3.8 million, reported the fire at 12:04 p.m., Ward said.

One nearby fire hydrant had already been cleared of ice and snow when firefighters arrived on scene, Ward said, but another had to be dug out by first responders, costing crews precious minutes.

Two Brookline firefighters and one member of the Somerville Fire Department suffered minor injuries while battling the blaze, which forced the occupants out into the cold, Ward said. The size and makeup of the home, Ward said, gave firefighters some trouble.

"What made it difficult was that it was a very well-built home and it had a slate roof, which is not easy to work on -- especially in icy conditions," Ward said. "Then we had the ceilings,

which were lath and plaster, making it very difficult for firefighters to poke through to get to the fire."

Firefighters from Boston, Cambridge, Newton and Somerville assisted at the scene, Ward said.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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### **Police, Passers-by Rescue Four from Maine Fire**

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/11844392/police-rescue-residents-from-brewer-maine-house-fire>

BREWER, Maine -- Four people were rescued from a burning house by a Brewer police officer and a passer-by on Tuesday afternoon.

The rescuers cut through the screen on the outer front door of the home at 74 South Brewer Drive and helped the occupants through it to safety, Brewer Public Safety Director Perry Antone said. The front door and steps were blocked by snow, and a side entrance through the garage was not accessible, Antone said.

Antone said that most of the damage was contained to the garage and an attached room, though the main house only had some smoke and water damage. A car parked just outside the garage also was damaged.

Antone said that no one was injured, although at least one of the individuals suffered minor smoke inhalation.

The owner, Sallie Morancie, her daughter, another adult woman and an adult grandson, whose names were not immediately available, were in the house when the fire began shortly before 12:45 p.m.

Morancie's late husband, Bernard "Terry" Morancie, served the city of Brewer as a public safety dispatcher for several years, Brewer City Manager Stephen Bost said Tuesday.

Andy Field, owner of SoundShapers Inc., a car audio system sales and installation business located in Brewer, was on his way back to work after picking up lunch when he spotted smoke in the sky.

Field said he arrived at the fire about the same time as Brewer police Officer Mike Wilson, and the two worked together to help the occupants out of the house through the top section of a screen door and then over the snow to the sidewalk.

Field said that the people inside already had called 911 for help when he and Wilson showed up.

"Part of the issue was that at least one occupant appeared disabled and had to be carried out on a blanket," Field said. "The snow wasn't too deep, but disability and one person with no shoes made it a challenge. Scary for a few minutes!"

Field downplayed his role in the rescue operation on Tuesday afternoon.

He said Wilson climbed up the steps and helped the person be carried out on the blanket.

"Basically, I held an old lady's hand and helped her get through the snow," Field said.

"It stinks because I drove by there five minutes earlier while I was going to Tozier's [Market on Wilson Street] for lunch and on the way back I saw it. If I'd been two minutes earlier, I could have pushed their car back and saved it," he said.

Members of the Brewer Fire Department went to the home, along with crews from Bangor, Orrington and Holden. Eddington firefighters provided station coverage in Brewer during the fire, while Dedham firefighters remained on standby.

The state fire marshal's office was called to help determine the fire's origin and cause, and the Red Cross was called in to assist the homeowner.

South Brewer Drive was blocked to traffic for a few hours after the fire. It was later reopened, a Penobscot Regional Communications emergency dispatcher said.

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### **Children Among Four Dead After Fire Near Detroit**

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/11843601/children-among-four-dead-after-hamtramck-fatal-fire>



Firefighters comb through the rear of a burned house, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015 in Hamtramck, Mich. Children are among four people who died early Tuesday in a house fire near Detroit that was so intense that rescuers who rushed inside the home couldn't reach them in time, officials said. Crews responded about 1:50 a.m. and the bodies were found upstairs in the two-story home in the Detroit enclave of Hamtramck, fire Chief Paul Wilk said. The fire was burning the rear of the home as firefighters arrived, he said, and crews worked in around zero-degree temperatures to extinguish the blaze. (AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)

**Photo credit:** The Associated Press



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"This is very tragic for everyone," Wilk said. "And something where we have to worry about not only the family but the guys, the firefighters, and how it affects them in the future." The cause of the fire is under investigation. Wilk didn't immediately confirm the number of children who died or names of those killed.

The Detroit Fire Department assisted putting out the fire and worked with the Hamtramck department on the investigation, the Detroit Free Press reported. Firefighters got about halfway through the downstairs of the home before they had to get out, Wilk said.

The four victims were trapped upstairs as flames engulfed the staircase, The Detroit News reported.

"We had a lot of help," Wilk told WWJ-AM. "It's just that sometimes more people doesn't always make a difference."

Smoke still rose from the rear of the house several hours after the fire was put out, the home's windows blackened and its roof caved in. The ground was covered in snow or packed ice, which hindered firefighting.

"Everything freezes instantly," Wilk said. "So it becomes slippery. But once we get inside, we try to do our job and work through it. That's what we do."

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### **Ore. Man Set Fires to Evict Tenants**

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/11844386/gresham-man-sets-fires-over-rent-dispute>

A 31-year-old man accused of setting fires at his Gresham home to try to kick out some tenants after a rent dispute was arraigned in Multnomah County Circuit Court on Tuesday afternoon.

David Gillette was arrested Friday morning, accused of first-degree arson.

He's accused of setting a fire at home and shop in the 16900 block of Southeast Foster Road, where he was living, according to Gresham and Portland fire officials and court reports.

Gillette is accused of setting numerous fires to the side of his home "attempting to evict tenants," according to a Multnomah County deputy's report filed in court.

When Deputy David Jackson arrived, he found Gillette in a garage area with a blow torch, Multnomah County deputy district attorney Nathan Vasquez wrote in a probable cause affidavit filed in court.

The deputy learned that Gillette had been seen lighting the side of the home on fire, and found the second floor filled with smoke, the affidavit said.

No one was injured.

Gillette is being held in Multnomah County Detention Center on \$250,000 bail.

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**Professional and Administrative Positions (\*\*Denotes New Posting)**

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**Fire Chief West Fargo Fire Department - West Fargo, ND**

The West Fargo Fire Department, West Fargo North Dakota, is accepting applications for the position of Fire Chief due to retirement. The City of West Fargo is one of the fastest growing cities in the state with a population estimated at over 30,000 residents. The West Fargo Fire Department is a combination department consisting of the Fire Chief and three paid Fire Inspection/Prevention Officers and 40 volunteers operating out of two stations. Our coverage area includes 15 square miles within the City of West Fargo and three townships surrounding the City.

Salary range is \$65,000-\$90,000, DOE, with an attractive benefits package. Applications will be accepted until Friday February 27, 2015 at 4:00 PM. Job description and application can be found at [www.westfargofire.org](http://www.westfargofire.org).

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**Apparatus & Equipment Exchange**

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**Stevensville Fire Has Gear To Donate**

Please contact Bill Perrin at [bperrin@geojen.com](mailto:bperrin@geojen.com) or 406-207-0681

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