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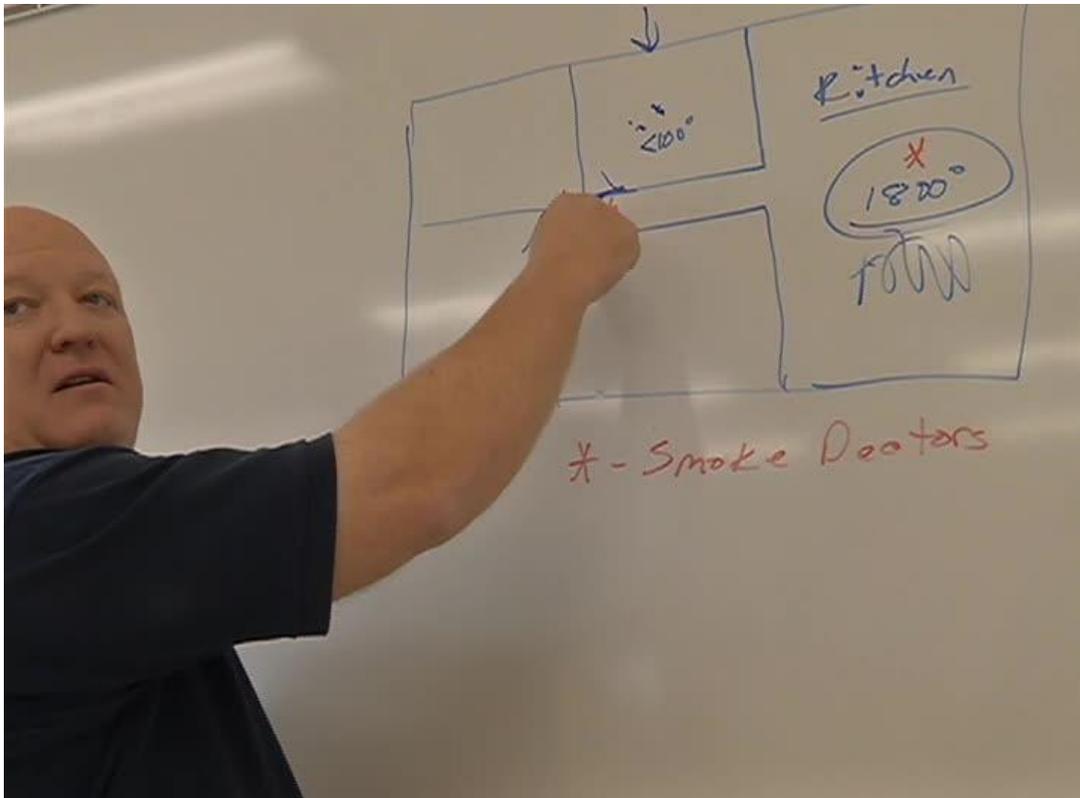
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**"Close The Door" Campaign Aims To Increase Fire Safety**  
<http://www.krtv.com/story/28242353/close-the-door-campaign-aims-to-increase-fire-safety>



EAST HELENA -- Close the Door: It's a public-safety awareness campaign spearheaded by the Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Chief Bob Drake is encouraging Montanans to shut their doors in the event of a structure fire.

Drake demonstrated using a hand-drawn diagram.

Drake said, "So if there's a person, if the fire's out here, if the fire's raging out here, and the person's in here, if this door is closed, it'll get 1800 degrees in this room where the fire is, and it will stay a less than 100 degrees in this room if the door's shut."

Controlling the ember's flow path is the goal as well as compartmentalizing the fire before flames rage throughout.

A researcher who attended a recent Montana Mutual Aid conference gave Drake the idea to look further into the "Close the Door" campaign.

Interest also sparked from the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's initiative to promote Close The Door awareness.

Drake said, "Is there any reason why we shouldn't be doing this and he said, 'I can not figure it out. We need to do this Close The Door campaign and it needs to be coupled with working smoke detectors outside those doors.'"

As Fire Chief Drake put it, the simple act of closing the door can save the lives and contents behind it.

In almost an instant, memories can become ash. Drake can relate.

No baby pictures of his oldest brother or sister exist because the family house burned down shortly after their birth. Wedding photos were also destroyed.

Drake said, "To this day my mom's 89, going to be 89 this year. She still talks about that fire 70, 80 years later."

It's about maintaining the safety of both firefighter and civilian; something Drake hopes is heard from Montanans in the coming months.

He said, "Fire is a terrible thing and if we can minimize it by doing something as simple as closing the door, it just makes sense."

Close The Door remains in its early stages with social media being the main promotional method.

Drake's vision is to develop and one day expand Close The Door across every county in the Treasure State.

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### **Prescribed Burns Planned On Tally Lake Ranger District**

<http://www.kaj18.com/story/28238584/prescribed-burns-planned-on-tally-lake-ranger-district>



KALISPELL - Several prescribed burns are starting up in the Flathead National Forest. The burning is expected to start as early as Monday, and will continue thru the close of open burning season on June 30.

Smoke will be visible from various places in the Flathead Valley depending on the location of the burn units and weather conditions.

Forest officials say the prescribed fire projects are located and designed to be controlled to reduce the potential for adverse effects or escape as a wildland fire.

#### **The project areas include:**

Beaver Lake North Fuels Reduction Project – This burn project targets 50 acres of hand piles adjacent to private property 5 miles West of Whitefish.

Valley Face Fuels Reduction Project – This burn project targets 20 acres of hand piles adjacent to private property 8 miles Southwest of Whitefish along the Tally Lake Road.

Reed Canary Grass – These 3 burn projects totaling 9 acres are part of a pilot project intended to aid in the suppression of a nonnative invasive plant species by removing vegetation prior to herbicide application. The project areas include Blast Lake 8 miles Southwest of Whitefish and Martin Ponds 2 miles West of Olney.

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May 2-3, 2015

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Location: Montana State University, Strand Union Building, Bozeman, MT

Cost: \$75 (includes lunch on Saturday)

Times: 0900-1700 Saturday, 0800-noon Sunday.

\*Parking permit will not be required; ample parking available.

To Register, Please visit: <http://www.montana.edu/wwwfire/register.php>

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## **Around the Nation**

### **Veteran Ind. Firefighter Dies Of Cancer**

<http://www.firerescue1.com/cancer/articles/2115544-Veteran-Ind-firefighter-dies-of-cancer/>

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. — The Fort Wayne Fire Department announced Sunday afternoon the death of Firefighter Nate Mills. Mills died Sunday morning after a long battle with cancer. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced later. The family is asking for privacy at this time, according to the release.

Mills, 41, had been diagnosed with melanoma in a mole on his back in 2000. Five years after surgery and chemotherapy he was declared cancer-free, however he was diagnosed with cancer again in 2012, according to a News-Sentinel story in November.

Mills joined the Fort Wayne Fire Department in 2006. He had worked as an EMT at Huntington Hospital and was certified as a paramedic while he was there. From there he went to Wells County as a paramedic. He had also been a volunteer fireman for the Markle Fire Department, starting in 1993.

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### **Pa. Medic Struck, Killed at Crash Scene**

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12050057/pa-medic-struck-killed-at-crash-scene>

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Authorities say a paramedic responding to two crashes on an icy Pennsylvania highway has been killed after a coal truck struck her and pinned her against a tree.

Cambria County Coroner Dennis Kwiatkowski (kwit-KOW'-skee) says 38-year-old Janice Livingston, of Johnstown, was killed Monday morning on Route 271 in Upper Yoder Township. The coroner says Livingston was at the scene after two earlier crashes when the coal truck came around a curve on an icy road and "kind of barreled" through the accident scene. The coroner says she died of "multiple traumatic injuries."

Livingston worked for West End Ambulance Services in Johnstown, about 60 miles east of Pittsburgh.

Calls to the ambulance service and township police weren't answered Monday afternoon.

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### **CO Kills Three Ohio Teens; Blocked Flue Blamed**

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12050211/co-kills-three-ohio-kids-blocked-flue-blamed>

A blocked chimney flue was the cause of the carbon monoxide poisoning of four children in Troy, a fire official said Monday.

Three of the four children died, and the fourth remains hospitalized.

"It was a catastrophic failure of a flue pipe," said Matthew Simmons, assistant Troy fire chief. The chimney flue, which was connected to the furnace, failed to vent carbon monoxide gases that killed three children and left one in critical condition.

Troy Fire Department arrived at 114 S. Elm St. on Friday and found law enforcement and other first responders already on the scene performing CPR.

It was reported that the children hadn't been feeling well the last few days, but Simmons said firefighters knew there was something more to it than just ill children and moved them onto the porch outside.

"Carbon monoxide is odorless and you can't see it, but there were indications in the house itself that our guys recognized was a carbon monoxide incident," Simmons said.

A buildup of soot that "didn't just happen in a few days" covered the walls and ceiling, Simmons said.

The four children were found unresponsive, and all of them ended up in cardiac arrest, he said.

Sisters Dionanna Bishop, 14, and Dejah Bishop, 13, died Friday in Troy from carbon monoxide poisoning. Levels of the gas were very high, said Miami County Coroner William Ginn.

Their cousin, Jakia Jones, 13, died Sunday. Her brother, Jahari Ward, 8, remained in critical condition at Children's Hospital but according to his uncle, Leon Bishop, he opened his eyes, wiggled his toes and smiled Monday.

Every year, an average of 430 people die of carbon monoxide poisoning accidents nationwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

In Ohio, the number of accidental carbon monoxide deaths has bounced around between 16 and 28 a year since 2007, according to the Ohio Department of Health.

The sad part, officials said, is these deaths are preventable.

Carbon monoxide gas is a byproduct of incomplete combustion, said Chief Frank Conway of the Division of State Fire Marshal, so it can come from any household appliance that burns fuel.

"Household gas fuel furnaces, gas water heaters, gas fireplaces, gas stoves, are all sources of carbon monoxide," said Conway, who is the Ohio fire prevention bureau chief.

Another source of danger, especially during weather events, he said, are generators.

"We're talking today about the potential of some ice coming in and with that kind of weather, power outages," Conway said. "And we want to caution people, we don't want them bringing generators into the garage area as a power source, because now that's a source of carbon monoxide."

Carbon monoxide detectors can prevent death and injury from the gas, he said.

"Preferably put one on each floor, especially outside the sleeping area in the hallway," Conway said.

If a home does not have a detector for the gas, other telltale signs are possible.

"Symptoms are very similar to those of the flu: headache, dizziness and weakness," he said.

"A key sign is while they're at home they have these symptoms, but when they leave the house, the symptoms seem to go away."

If that happens, Conway said, be suspicious that something may be going on in your house.

"If you have that suspicion, fire departments can come out and do a carbon monoxide check," he said.

The lifespan on the carbon monoxide detector is eight years, Conway said. And like smoke detectors, the carbon monoxide detectors have to be kept in good working order.

"Make sure ... that batteries are changed at least yearly. Or when you change your clocks, change your batteries," Conway said.

The Troy Fire Department and the City of Troy have joined forces with community service organizations, the Lincoln Center and Partners in Hope, to ensure residents are protected.

The citywide effort will begin distributing carbon monoxide detectors Wednesday at locations including Partners in Hope at 116 West Franklin Street, Troy.

"We already started calling our partner families and seniors we work with," Jessica Echols, Partners in Hope director, said.

The community is reaching out as well. Numerous people have called asking what they can do to help, Echols said.

True Value Hardware in Troy has offered to donate a carbon monoxide detector for every one that is purchased at the store.

"We really just want to learn from this and really try to educate the community," Simmons said.

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### **Calif. Hikers Treat Man Injured in Cliff Fall**

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/11864426/calif-hikers-treat-man-injured-in-cliff-fall>

Their families have dubbed them "Captain America" and "Thor."

Without pausing to consider the danger to their own lives, a pair of Modesto friends sprang to the aid of a stranger who fell off a 70-foot cliff into the ocean at Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County over the weekend.

Joel Deering, 27, and Cody LaMonte, 26, hiked to the beach below the cliff and swam 30 meters to a rock outcropping where the injured man lay. They used a first-aid kit to splint the man's broken bones and bandage his lacerations. They used blankets to keep him comfortable and held his head stable for 2 1/2 hours until a rescue team arrived in a helicopter.

With each passing moment, the tide drew closer; the crashing waves drenched them and threatened to pull all of them in.

Deering and LaMonte were hiking with their wives and a group of friends Saturday when, about a mile from the cliffs, a frantic woman ran up to them asking if they had cellphone reception or a radio. She said her friend had fallen from the cliff above Arch Rock.

There was no cellphone reception so the woman kept running toward the parking area. She had to run four miles before she could call 911.

Deering and LaMonte started running in the opposite direction.

"At that point, Joel and I, we didn't know if he was still alive or not, but we ran the rest of the leg of the trip, and when we got there we saw that he was up on the rocks and his girlfriend was holding his head in her arms," LaMonte said.

The woman cradled the the man's head in a manner, Deering said, "like when someone has passed away."

They were surprised to find that the man was not only alive but conscious and alert.

Deering and LaMonte learned he was a 24-year-old man named Alex. The woman who was holding him was his girlfriend, Katie, and their friend Ricky was also there. All three, whose last names weren't available, were from a church group in Gilroy.

Alex had fallen headfirst but broke his fall with his arms, shattering both wrists. He also suffered a collapsed lung and broke all but two of his ribs.

Deering, a surgical service assistant at Doctor's Medical Center in Modesto, assessed Alex and started pulling supplies from his first-aid kit. LaMonte, who has been through first-responder training, stabilized Alex's neck.

"I got the gauze out and started triaging his body and seeing where he was bleeding from and also at the same time looking at his chest, making sure it was rising and falling." Deering said. "On the knees we could see a lot of meat and on the left knee we could see his bone and his right wrist was completely fractured."

Deering pulled the poles out of his backpack and broke them in half to use as a splint. He ripped a sleeve off a jacket to wrap around the poles, then taped it all together.

"By this point the tide was coming in and the water was getting deeper and more treacherous," LaMonte said.

They told Katie and Ricky to go back to the beach before the tide got any higher.

"If they didn't go back then, then they weren't going to get back," Deering said. "We didn't know how or when help was coming."

The friends waited with Alex for 2 1/2 hours until a California Highway Patrol helicopter from its Golden Gate Division Air Operations unit arrived around 4:30 p.m.

A captain from the Marin County Fire Department rappelled from the helicopter down to the rocks, where he placed Alex into a rescue bag so he could be flown to the Bear Valley Visitors Center in the park and taken to a waiting ambulance.

The helicopter returned for Deering and LaMonte, who were trapped by the high tide. From it descended a circular piece of foam with Velcro. The crew motioned from above for them to put the sling under their arms so they could be pulled to safety one at a time, first LaMonte and then Deering.

"Something that should be said about Alex is that he fell 70 feet, hit the rocks, rolled in the water and with two broken wrists, and ribs and knees tore up, he's the one who pulled himself up out of the water and for 10 to 15 feet he crawled (up the rocks) by himself," LaMonte said.

He and Deering have both since talked to Alex, who thanked them for their heroic actions.

"We talked for a good 15 minutes and he ... thanked me and Cody and our families. I think he had more concern for our lives than we did for our own." Deering said. "I just gave him a little bit of praise for how brave he was and how composed he was during the whole ordeal. We just doctored him up; he saved his own life."

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## **Grants**

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### **Town Pump Charitable Foundation**

**Mission Statement:** The Town Pump Charitable Foundation was established in 1999 with the mission of providing financial support to Montana charitable or governmental organizations with a priority of supporting/meeting basic needs and education for Montana citizens.

**Qualifications/Requirements:** In general, an organization seeking financial support from the Foundation must be a 501(c)(3) or governmental entity. The grant must be used for charitable purposes and primarily for the benefit of Montana citizens. The organization must be able to provide a copy of the IRS determination letter showing non-profit status or provide evidence of governmental status.

**Contact Information:** If your organization is interested in seeking financial support from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation please send a brief letter outlining your mission, the project you want to support, the amount of funds you are requesting and a copy of your IRS determination letter. Also include the name and phone number of the contact person. Please do not send videotapes, CD's or an extensive presentation binder, if we need further information we will contact you with our questions. Please allow two to three weeks for processing. Send your letter of request to:

Town Pump Charitable Foundation

Attn: Grant Committee  
P.O. Box 6000  
Butte, MT 59702

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### **Walmart's Local Giving Program**

Walmart's Local Giving Program helps local organizations and government (including FD's) with grants from \$250-\$2500. I know some departments have been successful in obtaining this grant. One idea for utilizing this grant is for new or updated AED's for your fire department or local ambulance service?

For more information click the link below.

<http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving>

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### **Upcoming Training Opportunities**

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Visit our training calendar and webpage here:

<http://www.montana.edu/wwwfire/Training.html>

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### **NFA - Leadership I for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Company Success**

Curriculum: Management Science

This 2-day course presents the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course includes techniques and approaches to problem-solving, ways to identify and assess the needs of the company officer's subordinates, methods for running meetings effectively in the fire service environment, and decision making skills for the company officer.

Course Instructor: Brian Crandall, Former Fire Chief, Training Officer and FSTS trainer

Course Location: Flathead County OES, 625 Timberwolf Pkwy, Kalispell

Course Date: March 14 & 15, 2015

Course Time: 0830-1600 Saturday & Sunday

\*Register online at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwfire/register.php> or email [jonathan.marshall@montana.edu](mailto:jonathan.marshall@montana.edu)

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### **DES Coordinator's Workshop**

Location: Fort Harrison, Helena  
When: March 17-18  
Register/Contact: Marschal Rothe 406-324-4776 [mrothe@mt.gov](mailto:mrothe@mt.gov)

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### **Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management**

Location: Choteau  
When: March 30-31  
Register/Contact: Carol Staben-Burroughs [carent@montana.net](mailto:carent@montana.net)

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*Leadership II for Fire & EMS: Strategies for Personal Success* provides the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course addresses ethics, use and abuse of power at the company officer level, creativity in the fire service environment, and management of the multiple roles of the company officer.

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**NFA Wildland/Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer**

*Wildland/Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer* identifies operational activities and safety concerns for structural company officers assigned to a Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface incident. Topics covered include Introduction to Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface firefighting, interface environment, wildland fire behavior, command and control issues of wildland/urban interface firefighting, and tactics.

**Course Time:** 1900 - 2200 Friday, 0830-1630 on Saturday

**Note:** Saturday will involve actual WUI visits and simulations

**Equipment Required:** Wildfire PPE, Portable radio

**Personal Requirements:** Currently serve as or aspire to serve as a company level fire officer with interest in how to safely and effectively perform in the WUI fire environment.

**Course Instructor:** Brian Crandall, Former Fire Chief, Training Officer and FSTS trainer

**Course Location:** Smith Valley Fire District, 3426 Highway 2 West, Kalispell

**Course Date:** May 1st & 2nd , 2015

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### **NFA Leadership III for Fire & EMS: Strategies for Supervisory Success**

*Leadership III for Fire & EMS: Strategies for Supervisory Success* provides the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course covers when and how to delegate to subordinates, assess personal leadership styles through situational leadership, discipline subordinates, and apply coaching/motivating techniques.

Course Instructor: Brian Crandall, Former Fire Chief, Training Officer and FSTS trainer

Course Location: Flathead County OES, 625 Timberwolf Pkwy, Kalispell

Course Date: May 16 & 17, 2015

Course Time: 0830-1600 Saturday & Sunday

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### **Events**

#### **Hebgen Basin Fire Chief Scott Waldron to Retire**

Come celebrate Chief Waldron's retirement Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Branch Holiday Inn 315 Yellowstone Ave., West Yellowstone starting at 18:30.

Please RSVP with number attending to [sgrube@hbrfd.com](mailto:sgrube@hbrfd.com) or [dfleming@hbrfd.com](mailto:dfleming@hbrfd.com).

Rooms available at the Days Inn, 301 Madison Ave., 406-646-7656 or 800-548-9551. Mention Waldron's retirement to receive \$75 plus tax room rate.

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