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Around Montana

Registration Is Open For The 2015 Fire Warden's Wildfire Leadership Conference

Bozeman on April 17-19.

We'll have Tod Gates, the Incident Commander for the [SR 530 \(Oso\) Land slide](#) here to tell us about the management of that incident. Tod is an assistant fire chief in Lynnwood, WA and the incident commander for the [Northwest Washington Type 3 IMT](#) which has managed many incidents such as [Oso](#), [I-5 Bridge Collapse](#), [Silver Creek Crime Scene](#), and numerous [wildland fires](#). The Oso incident presented numerous challenges with overlapping authorities, resource ordering, spontaneous volunteers, and more that could all occur here in Montana.

We hope that you will join us to hear Tod and our other speakers in April.

More information and registration is available at <http://conf.mtfirewardens.org>.



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Frenchtown Firefighter/EMT Position Announcement

Frenchtown Rural Fire District, headquartered in Frenchtown, Montana, is accepting applications for a full time Firefighter/EMT. More information, the job posting, and application package can be obtained at FRFD Station 1, by calling 406-626-5791, or from the FRFD website at <http://www.frenchtownfire.org>.

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Firefighters Focus Of New Exhibit

http://mtstandard.com/news/local/firefighters-focus-of-new-exhibit/article_71155039-ae13-5f2e-a4d4-b6ac4949644c.html



Exhibited at the Butte Archives, 17 W. Quartz St., is a display of fire extinguishers, old wooden fireman's locker, dress uniforms and antique equipment unique to the Butte Fire Department. The unveiling at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, will include Director of Fire Services Jeff Miller, current and retired Butte-Silver Bow firefighters as well as writer and producer, Gus Chambers who will show the documentary "Hidden Fire - The Great Butte Explosion" about the devastating Kenyon Connell disaster that took the lives of all but two firefighters.

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May is Wildfire Awareness Month In Montana

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
MAY 2015**

Montana Wildfire Awareness Month



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Plans are underway for Montana's Wildfire Awareness Month. FireSafe Montana, Keep Montana Green, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Governor's Office of Community Service have teamed up to raise awareness about wildland fire safety, community preparedness, hazardous fuels mitigation, and fire prevention. Our goal is to assist communities and raise awareness while promoting community service and landowner action. This year's theme is "ONE LESS SPARK, ONE LESS WILDFIRE".

Visit www.firesafemt.org for more information and to find community resources that will help you plan your event.



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Recalls From The State Fire Marshal

Recall Date: March 11, 2015

Recall Number: 15-095

Urban Outfitters Recalls Teacups Due to Fire Hazard

Recall Summary

Name of Product: "Cheeky" Teacups

Hazard: The tea cups are mislabeled as microwave safe. If microwaved, the gold paint accents on the teacups can spark, posing a fire hazard.

Remedy: Refund

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled teacups and contact Urban Outfitters for instructions on returning the product for a refund.

Consumer Contact: Urban Outfitters at (800) 282-2200 anytime, or online at www.urbanoutfitters.com and click on "Cheeky Teacup Voluntary Recall" for more information. Consumers can also email the firm at service@urbanoutfitters.com.

Recall Details

Units: About 11,640 units in the United States and 1,730 in Canada

Description: This recall involves four styles of "Cheeky" six-ounce ceramic teacups. The cups have floral motifs with gold painted accents and have four "cheeky" phrases, such as "booze" and "more whiskey please," painted on the inside or outside rim of the cup. "Dishwasher Safe," "Microwave Safe" and "Made in China" are printed on the bottom of the cup.

Incidents/Injuries: Urban Outfitters has received one report of a teacup sparking during microwaving. No injuries have been reported.

Sold exclusively at: Urban Outfitters stores nationwide and online at UrbanOutfitters.com from August 2014 through January 2015 for about \$16.

Importer: World Us, of Hicksville, New York

Distributor: Urban Outfitters Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa.

Manufactured in: China

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Pediatric Disaster Response And Emergency Preparedness Course

The Montana EMS for Children (EMSC) and Child Ready MT will host the new 16-hour course developed by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service and the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (TEEX.)

DATE: June 18-19, 2015 in Billings, Montana (Course #: FPMGT439 27)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course prepares students to effectively, appropriately, and safely plan for and respond to a disaster incident involving children. The course addresses the specific needs of pediatric patients in the event of a community-based incident.

This is not a hands-on technical course, but instead a management resource course for stakeholders like pediatric physicians, emergency managers, emergency planners, and members of public emergency departments like EMS, Fire, Police, Public Health, and Hospitals in the field of disaster response and preparedness work.

PREREQUISITE: None. However, familiarity with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) via completion of study courses IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 (or equivalents) is recommended.

TOPICS:

- . Introduction to Pediatric Response
- . Emergency Management (EM) Considerations
- . Implications for Planning and Response
- . Functional Access Needs Considerations
- . Mass Sheltering
- . Pediatric Triage
- . Allocation of Scarce Resources
- . Pediatric Reunification Considerations
- . Pediatric Decontamination Considerations

AUDIENCE:

- . Community and Hospital-based Emergency Managers
- . EMS Personnel
- . Hospital Administration and Emergency Room Personnel
- . Public Safety/ Public Health Personnel

- . School Administrators
- . MRC Personnel
- . Private Sector
- . Law Enforcement
- . Disaster Response/ Relief Personnel
- . County, State, and Federal personnel who respond to a local jurisdiction disaster event

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 60 PARTICIPANTS. REGISTER NOW TO SAVE YOUR PLACE!

Registration form is located at:

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/EMSTS/calendar.aspx>

Submit the completed Registration Form to Robin Suzor, MT EMSC Program Manager, PO Box 202951, Helena MT 59620, or by fax to (406) 444-1814 Attn: Robin Suzor.

If registrant is not a United States Citizen, the submission of a Foreign National Access Visitor Form will be necessary at least 100 days before the course start date.

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Dozens Missing, Feared Dead in Russian Shopping Center Fire

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/11876590/dozens-missing-feared-dead-in-russian-shopping-center-fire>



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MOSCOW (AP) — Russian emergency officials say five people are confirmed dead and 25 more are missing and presumed dead after a shopping center in the city of Kazan collapsed in a fire.

Officials said Thursday that the toll of missing is based on reports from relatives and workers in the shopping center, 720 kilometers (450 miles) east of Moscow.

Forty people were injured in the blaze.

Regional emergency services head Igor Panshin was quoted by the Tass news agency as saying "the hope of finding survivors under the shopping center debris has been abandoned." The cause of the fire that began Wednesday has not been determined.

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Fire Destroys Several Mich. Businesses

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12053541/shepherd-mich-businesses-destroyed>

A fire late Tuesday afternoon destroyed at least two Shepherd businesses. Sometime after 4:30 p.m., flames were reported at the Grim Printing Co., 213 W. Wright Ave., in Shepherd. No injuries were reported.

Along with the printing company, which prints the weekly Shepherd Argus newspaper, the Laundry Corner laundromat and a vacant store were destroyed by the fire. A basket weaving business and apartments were damaged in the fire.

"It was a long day," said a tired Jerry Wieferich, a lieutenant with Station Three of the Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department. Wieferich also works as a firefighter for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department, which assisted at the scene. Crews from fire departments in Alma, Mount Pleasant, St. Louis and Fremont also assisted in battling the blaze.

Wieferich said a driver called 911 Tuesday afternoon and told the dispatcher "something didn't seem right" with one of the buildings.

"Right after that, a firefighter who lives in the area drove by and saw the fire and called it in," he said.

Wieferich said the extent of the damage is still being determined, but crews were able to stop the fire before it reached a doctor's office in the same row of buildings.

"We had to remove the second story roof of the laundromat," he said. "Some apartments in the building received some fire damage. A lady had just moved in to the apartments, but fortunately she said she had renters insurance."

Wieferich said fire crews worked at the scene until after 1 a.m. Wednesday.

The cause of the fire, along with an estimate of the total damage, is not known at this time.

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Shooting Suspect Killed After Slamming into LA Fire Truck

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12053478/gunman-suspect-dead-after-van-slams-into-la-fire-truck>

Source: Los Angeles Times (TNS)



Photo credit: Martin Nate Rawner

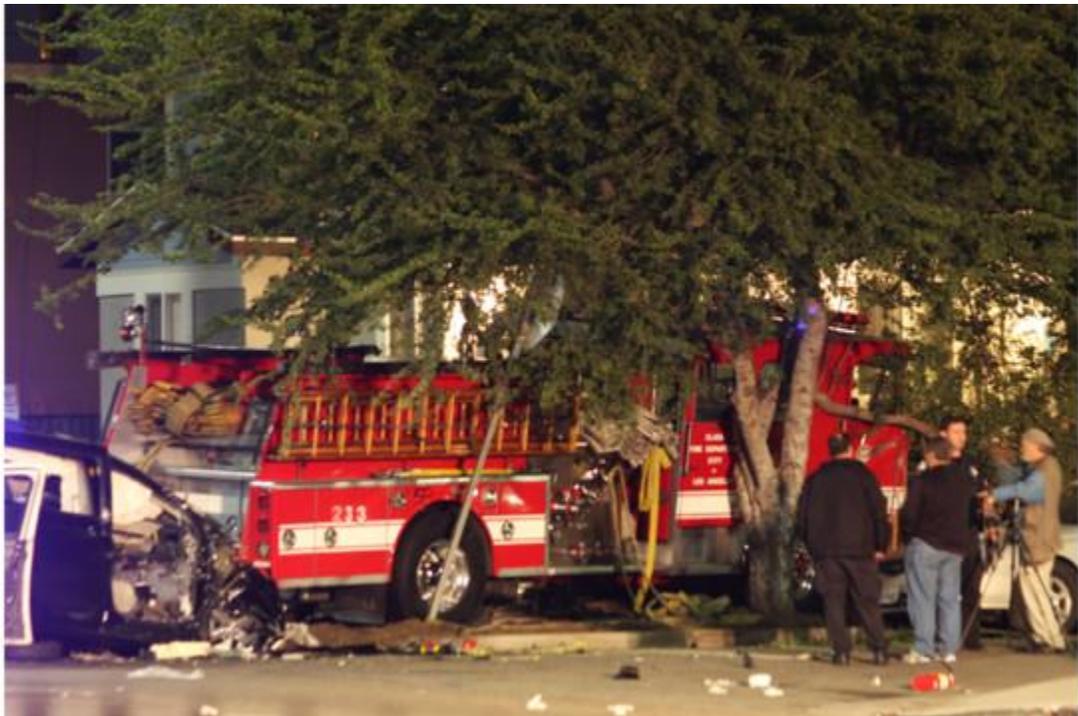


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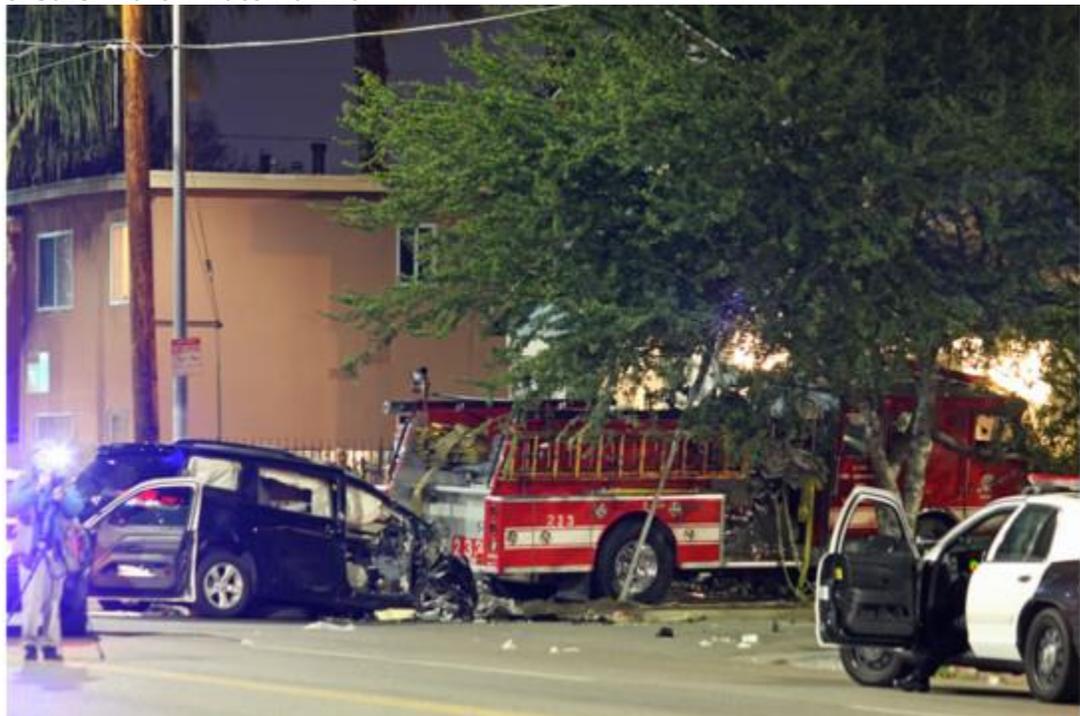


Photo credit: Martin Nate Rawner

A shooting spawned a police pursuit Wednesday night that ended with a collision with a fire truck, authorities said. One suspected gunman died at the scene, another person was hospitalized in critical condition and two firefighters sustained minor injuries.

[Watch video](#)

About 9:15 p.m., Los Angeles Police Department gang officers responded to gunfire in the 500 block of West Colden Avenue, said Officer Jack Richter. A chase began after officers spotted a black van believed to be driven by two suspected shooters.

About two minutes later, the van struck a Los Angeles Fire Department truck near the intersection of 84th and Main streets, said fire department spokesman Brian Humphrey. The van caught fire, and both occupants had to be extricated. The fire truck had arrived at the intersection just moments earlier for a medical call.

Two Los Angeles firefighters sustained non-life threatening injuries and were also hospitalized, Humphrey said.

The condition of the person shot in West Colden Avenue was not immediately available.

UPDATE

10:03 p.m.: This story was updated to include additional details about the shooting that spawned the police pursuit.

This story was originally published at 9:51 p.m.

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W.Va. Town Hiring Daytime Firefighters to Fill Gap

<http://www.firehouse.com/news/12053477/granville-wv-hiring-part-time-ffs-as-black-bears-prepare-to-take-field>

Granville is set to become the second municipality in Monongalia County with a paid fire department.

Now, just Morgantown has paid firefighters, with the surrounding municipalities supporting volunteer departments.

The Monongalia County Commission met with representatives of the town of Granville and the West Virginia Black Bears during Wednesday's regular meeting.

Granville Mayor Patricia Lewis read from a prepared statement, outlining some of the projects the town has undertaken in preparation for the opening of a new home for WVU and Black Bear baseball.

Lewis' letter stated, "I feel it is important for the Commissioners and the community to realize that the Town of Granville has been working 'behind the scenes' as the excitement builds towards the Opening Day at the Park."

Granville Administrator Ron Snyder explained that the town will be the second municipality in the county — along with Morgantown — to have paid firefighters.

"We're going to come to a combination, partially paid for now, which means we can respond now to medical calls," Snyder said. "Because during the daytime, volunteer fire departments are really in trouble. They struggle."

As an example, Snyder said Granville's engine responded to a call Tuesday with just the driver, part-time, paid Fire Chief Charles Renner on board.

Snyder said Granville will have three paid firefighters and the fire chief on duty during the day by July 1.

Lewis said the town's police force is also preparing for the influx of traffic the new ballpark will bring prior to the construction of the interchange.

Ernie Galusky, assistant general manager of the Black Bears, said that the ballpark should have turf in place by today and the seats should be installed by the end of next week.

"It's really close, guys," Galusky said. "And if you go up there and stand in that stadium, there can't be a better view anywhere in West Virginia."

Galusky said the Black Bears open play on June 19.

"With minor league baseball, we're more than just a baseball game, we're an event," Black Bears General Manager Mathew Drayer said. "We're family-friendly and affordable, and that's really part of what Rich Baseball and the Black Bears are all about."

Commission President Tom Bloom said he's already got a Black Bears sweatshirt and is ready to cheer on the team.

"I think this is great for Granville. I think this is great for the county, and we're really looking forward," Bloom said. "I think once we get a little taste of it, when [the stadium] opens on April 10, the excitement will really build."

In other news, the commission, as the governmental pass-through for funds to open the locks on the Monongahela River, was asked to contribute \$5,000 for the recreational use of the river this summer.

To date, the commission has received \$4,000 from the Monongalia County Development Authority, \$5,000 from the Greater Morgantown Convention and Visitor's Bureau, \$2,500 from Granville, \$5,000 from Morgantown and a pledge of \$5,000 from Marion County.

Quota International President Sandy Campbell was on hand to recognize March as Quota Cares Month with a proclamation from the commission.

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