

Greetings Residents in the Whispering Pines VFD Fire Protection District

On behalf of your Whispering Pines Fire Protection District Board of Directors, I would like to invite you to attend this annual meeting with your volunteer firefighters and district board members and see the quality and dedication of these individuals who willingly contribute time from their lives towards the protection of your homes and to your aid in numerous other emergency situations. We would enjoy meeting you, providing you current information on the department and getting your input. The vehicles and equipment of the department will be available for viewing, discussing, and & “crawling around on”.

I would also invite anyone interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors to attend this meeting and become involved. The Board of Directors consists of seven elected members who serve two-year terms. Each year either three or four of those terms expire. This year, four of the Director's terms will expire. Two of the directors have agreed to run again. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please let me know and we can discuss what is required. We will be voting during the meeting to fill all four positions for another 2 years.

The safety concerns presented by the continued presence of the Covid19 virus have resulted in several changes this year. The Black Hills Electric Coop who usually joins us to have our two meetings at the same event will not be having their local meeting with us this year. We hope to resume that practice next year, virus permitting. Our meeting is required in the first quarter of the year so we will conduct it, but we have postponed it from February 15th until March 15th in the hope of seeing a lower local infection rate in March. For those who would like to attend the meeting in person, we will be observing the standard Covid19 protocols, including hand sanitizing, face masks and social distancing. The maximum capacity of the meeting hall will be reduced to 30 to allow social distancing. With a sad heart, we have also dispensed with the chili and potluck dessert feed for this year to reduce the risk of virus transmission.

For those who do not feel comfortable attending in person but would like to hear our report on the status of your VFD we have added a virtual component of the meeting using the Zoom software application. Please request the Zoom access information by contacting the Whispering Pines Volunteer Fire Department using the Contact form at: <http://www.whisperingpinesvfd.com/contact.html> or call me at the phone number below. If we miss you at this year's meeting, perhaps we can catch up next year?

If you have a question concerning fire, you can communicate with the VFD via different methods. You can see those methods and contacts and find out more detailed information about your department on their website and follow what they have been up to on social media. The links are below:

wpstation@whisperingpinesvfd.com

www.whisperingpinesvfd.com

www.facebook.com/whisperingpinesvfd

<https://twitter.com/wpvfd>

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Whispering Pines VFD Rural Fire Protection District

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Can We Find You?

Whispering Pines would like to ask all the residents to see if their house numbers are on their house and visible from the street. If not, please place or replace the house numbers so that we can find you quickly if there is an emergency.

Post your house numbers so they are clearly visible from the street. If you have a long driveway, post your house numbers at the end of the driveway as well so that they are visible both ways coming down the street. Please use numbers that are at least four (4) inches in height and have a contrasting color to your trim or house color.



**WHISPERING PINES
VOLUNTEER FIRE**

Member Appreciation and Information Meeting

Monday, March 15, 2021

6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Whispering Pines Fire Hall



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