***A Special Note***

***From Your Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department***

***Fire Prevention Tip for June 2014***

***Hurricane Fire Prevention/Information***

As hurricane season commences, June 1, there is never a better time to understand the fire hazards, prevention tips and preparedness that accompanies hurricanes and natural disasters.

***Fire Related Hazards & Safety Tips***

* Leaking gas lines, damaged or leaking gas propane containers and leaking vehicle gas tanks may explode or ignite.
* Debris can easily ignite, especially if electrical wires are severed.
* Pools of water and even appliances can be electrically charged.
* Look for combustible liquids like gasoline, lighter fluid, and paint thinner that may have spilled. Thoroughly clean the spill and place containers in a well-ventilated area.
* Keep combustible liquids away from heat sources.
* Assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged. This includes cable TV feeds.
* Look for and replace frayed or cracked extension and appliance cords, loose prongs, and plugs.
* Make sure wood stoves are properly installed and at least 3 feet away from combustible materials. Ensure they have the proper floor support and adequate ventilation

***And ALWAYS…..***

* Always use a flashlight - not a candle - for emergency lighting.
* Some smoke alarms may be dependent on your home's electrical service and could be inoperative during a power outage. Check to see if your smoke alarm uses a back-up battery and install a new battery at least once a year.
* Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas.
* All smoke alarms should be tested monthly. All batteries should be replaced with new ones twice a year (suggested at daylight savings time)
* If there is a fire hydrant near your home, keep it clear of debris for easy access by the fire department

*Interested in becoming a Fire Fighter? We are always eager to welcome new recruits. Come to a training session on any Wed evening at 7:00 or inquire at the station. We are also excited to welcome Junior Fire Fighters, starting at 16 years of age, interested in learning a new skill. Please contact our office for additional information.*



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