



Burning News

RESERVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 2010

LSFA DUES MUST BE PAID BY 2/28/10

Firefighters R Hot!
WE FIGHT WHAT YOU FEAR

STATISTICS OF FIRE CALLS

FIRE CALLS: 13
EMS CALLS: 7
TOTAL CALLS: 20

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1ST

As of Monday, February 1, 2010 the vehicle numbers are changing as follows:

Ladder 75	Becomes	Ladder 65
Rescue 684	Becomes	Rescue 65
Engine 620	Becomes	Engine 63
Engine 612	Becomes	Engine 64
Engine 615	Becomes	Engine 62

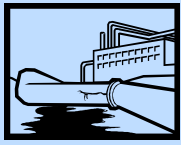


"REKINDLES"

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

Faith goes up the stairs that love has made and looks out the windows which hope has opened.

—Charles H. Spurgeon



DANGER!

Happy Anniversary!
8 Years
 Travis Klibert
5 Years
 Rusty Jacob
Lifetime
 Daryl Cox

The remainder of the vehicle numbers remain the same. Chief says he realizes it will take an adjustment time to remember the new numbers. Please begin using the new numbers to become accustomed to these changes.

The Pipeline Group
February 2nd – 11:30 a.m.
Gonzales

Think About It...

Webster's New Dictionary Word

(added after Katrina, Rita, Gustav)

HURRICATION: Noun; a spontaneous, out-of-state vacation taken to avoid the destruction brought by a hurricane; usually involving long distance travel, averaging 15-18 hours in your vehicle; staying many days, if not weeks away from home; maxing out credit card and/or watching your

checkbook rapidly decrease closer to a zero balance; just to come home to no electricity; refrigerators full of rotten food; damaged homes (sometimes by wind, rain and/or flooding), closed grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, schools and hospitals. Upon returning, you find out that FEMA is/will not reimburse evacuees for expenses incurred, BUT the state does offer some people, only those that are eligible (based on income), food stamps for one month!!!!

When firefighters in Florida raced on an emergency call, they forgot to turn off a burner on the fire-house stove that was heating oil for frying potatoes. The result was a blaze that caused \$10,000 damage. "We tell people not to do that kind of stuff." Acting Battalion Chief Martin McMahon said. "We all come from the human race. We make mistakes."



COMMON SENSE: A Corporate Attorney sent the following out to his employees

1.... Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED.'

2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a P O Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel.... Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a Name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have first hand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month.... Within a week, the thieves ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the internet in my name.

The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks...

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, if it has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 1-800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union : 1-800-680 7289 1-800-680 7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line):
1-800-269-0271 1-800-269-0271

Ahh, R O M A N C E ...

Girl: You remind me of an ocean.

Boy: You mean wild, restless and romantic?

Girl: No, you just make me sick!

Girl: Would you like to take a walk?

Boy: I'd love to.

Girl: Well, don't let me detain you!

On a lonely, moonlit country road as the car engine coughed and choked, and eventually came to a halt, the following conversation took place:

"That's funny," said the young man, "I could have sworn I put gas in the car. I wonder

what that knocking was?"

"Well, I can tell you one thing for sure," the girl answered icily. "It wasn't opportunity!"

Grandmothers can remember their first kiss...but they have granddaughters who have a hard time remembering their first husbands!

The modest girl never pursues a man, nor does a mousetrap pursue a mouse.

Son: Dad did you know that in some parts of Africa, a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?

Dad: Why single out Africa?!

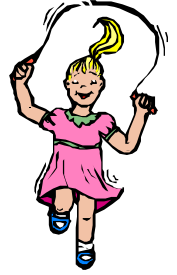
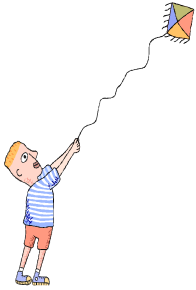
One of life's biggest mysteries is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry the daughter, can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world!

Alimony is paying for something that you don't get!

Happy Valentine's Day on February 14th!



Children's Corner



Milton: Last night I had a dream that I was a muffler. This morning I woke up exhausted!

Q. Why is the number "6" afraid of the number "7"?

A. Because the number "7" "8" "9"!

Q. What was the last thing George Washington said to his men before crossing the Potomac?

A. "Men...get in the boat!"

HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY!



I cannot tell a lie...

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

A GROUND HOG TO COLOR!



**May peace break into your home and
may thieves come to steal your debts.**

**May the pockets of your jeans
become a magnet for \$100 bills.**

**May love stick to your face like Vaseline
and may laughter assault your lips!**

**May happiness slap you across the face
and may your tears be that of joy**

**May the problems you had
forget your home address!**

In other words

**May 2010 be the best year of your life!!!
Happy, Happy New Year**



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