

Greetings to our Community – I am certain many of you enjoyed vacations or time off this summer and I know many of our regular newsletter publishers took a well deserved break!

School is in session and along with other public safety agencies, we would like to remind you to “Give Kids a Brake”! We still have construction on the 858 corridor near 3 of our schools, so a little extra caution for the students and construction crews would be appreciated by all.

The July 16 **blood drive/open house**, sponsored by the Professional Firefighters of Big Corkscrew, Local 4522 was a grand success – once again we topped the charts. We have 69 people stop in to donate. Due to various reasons and time constraints we had 53 successful collections – each one saving 3 lives, so our community and those who donated have a part in saving 159 lives! THANK YOU!

Our next **blood drive** will be in **January 2012** and our goal is to have 60 successful donations – we will keep you posted on the specifics!

For the Months of July, August and September

We ran 406 calls for service - 36 fires, 153 medical, and 217 “other” (alarms, investigations, vehicle accidents, mutual aid and canceled).

We conducted 19 fire inspections, 1 fire investigation and were participants in 1 public education event within the community. Public education and prevention information was in essence delivered to 68 people.

OCTOBER is:

Fire Prevention Month the Main Event will take place at Fleischmann Park, by Coastland Mall on Saturday October 1, 2011 from 10am – 3pm.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in continued support of the “Pink Heels Tour” the Professional Firefighters of Big Corkscrew, Local 4522 has asked the Board of Fire Commissioners to deviate from standard uniform for the final two weeks of August and wear pink BCA shirts, which will be supplied to staff by the Union – October 17-31! If you are interested in joining the Union and District in their support of this event by purchasing a t-shirt of your own, please contact Kevin – klynch@bcifr.com and he will get back to you on what costs and options are available.

Our final segment of the Strategic Planning Process is coming up and invitations are being sent out to citizen respondents to continue their participation. In this leg of the journey you will be teamed up with members of Fire District Management and Labor. Each team will be given a specific topic area to establish what the goal is and create a road map of how to get there. We will continue to keep you updated on our progress.

Welcome Back, Be Safe and Have Fun!

Chief Rita