



Grand-Tebo Siren

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Upcoming Events

- **Apr 5th** Election Day
6am-7pm PLEASE VOTE!
- **Apr 8th** FPD Court Hearing @ Clinton Courthouse, 1 pm
- **Apr 15th** Good Friday
- **Apr 17th** Easter
- **Apr 22nd** Donate Life Day

Clinton School News:
clintoncardinals.org/test_calendar

Leesville School News:
leesville.k12.mo.us/news

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Spring Safety Tips



Spring cleaning is a great way to make sure your house is safe year-round by doing these things:

- Check your fire extinguishers.
- Check and clean filters above stove
- Properly store household chemicals
- Have an emergency preparedness kit
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords, replace where needed
- Practice your families fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency
- Make sure exit windows open and close properly
- Get rid of old newspapers, magazines and junk mail.
- Pull refrigerator out and vacuum or dust the coils
- Always keep stairs and landings clear for safe emergency evacuation.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, change batteries.

March Call Summary

Tightwad Fire Protection District (FPD) Fire Chief **Chuck Willis** reported that there were 10 calls for service during the month of March, including 1 day where there were 2 calls. 3 out of the 7 calls were medical-related; 4 calls were grass fires;

and the remaining 2 calls were a structure fire and motor vehicle accident.

Call information are now posted to the District's website at www.tightwadfpd.org/calls.

Chief's Chat by Fire Chief Chuck Willis

I have no ladders for firefighting. That's right. The Tightwad Fire Protection District is probably the only fire district or fire department in the United States of America without ladders for firefighting.

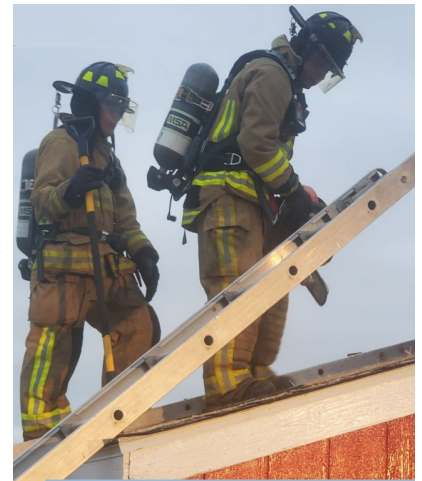
I need ladders for firefighting. The insurance industry won't lower our premiums without ladders—they say I need the following ladders:

One 16' roof ladder; one 12'-16' roof ladder; one 10' attic ladder; one 14' combination ladder; and two 24' extension ladders, which will all cost around \$3,500 with shipping.

When the 2019 financial audit is made public later this month you'll read that a previous board bought \$1,900 in back to school supplies when the District needed ladders. School supplies are important, but the District has no ladders!

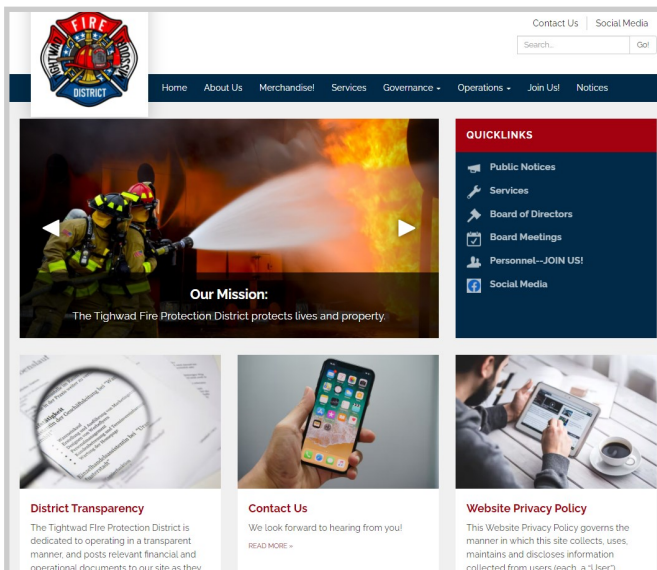
Please **consider a donation** for part of a ladder, one ladder, or all the ladders. Without shipping, the least expensive ladder costs around \$250 and the most expensive ladder costs \$1,000. Donors will have their name put on the ladder or ladders purchased with their donation.

Put "ladders" in the memo line of your donation check and mail to the District at 11585 East Highway 7, Tightwad, Missouri 64735 or donate online at www.tightwadfpd.org/donate.



Visit Our Website!

Read Did you know the Tightwad FPD has a website? Visit us on the web at all kinds of information on your District: www.tightwadfpd.org.



Tightwad FPD on Facebook



Follow the FPD on Facebook for immediate information such as severe weather, recent calls for service, safety tips, and more.

Just search for @TightwadFire on Facebook or Facebook Messenger.

Join our mailing list

Want to receive this newsletter via email? Want to receive emails of important information such as upcoming Board meetings?

Visit www.tightwadfpd.org and click on "Join our mailing list" in the lower right corner.

New Recruit Training

The amount of training firefighters receive can lower your homeowner's or business's property insurance.

Therefore, starting Tuesday, May 3rd, the Tightwad FPD will host the pilot of a 16-week basic firefighting recruit training program and those completing the training program will receive certification after the last class on December 20th.

Tightwad FPD's new Training Officer **Jeffrey Hunt** said, "The program will consist of an initial introduction and overview followed by 16 separate training modules of classroom presentation and practical skills evaluations."

Program completion and certification requirements include quizzes practical skills evaluations after each module and a final exam, and will conclude with live fire control skills evaluations. A score of 70% is required to pass the module quizzes and final exam.

Area residents interested in becoming a firefighter need to read the **Help Wanted** article on this same page.

To read more about Tightwad FPD's new Training Officer, visit the District's Facebook page @TightwadFire.

Help Wanted

The Tightwad FPD needs your help! Even if you cannot or do not want to be a medical first responder, emergency medical technician (EMT), or firefighter, there's always something that needs done—and you can help!

To explore how you might be able to help the FPD, please call the FPD's Personnel Officer **Linda Veatch** at 660-477-3456 or email her at linda-veatch@tightwadfpd.org.



If you'd like to explore becoming a medical first responder, emergency medical technician (EMT), or firefighter, please call Fire Chief **Chuck Willis** at 660-723-5373 or email him at tightwadF.D@outlook.com.

To learn more about joining the Tightwad FPD, visit www.tightwadfpd.org/personnel.

Achievements During Court Oversight

District patrons should be proud of the District's achievements over the last 14 months of oversight by the Court—many of under the leadership of **Chief Willis**, Assistant Chief **Mary Malan**, Captain **Josh Kihn**, and Lieutenant **Jimmie Albin**. The District's administration and operations are in good hands!

- New pumper and heavy rescue truck—both needed to reduce insurance premiums and an ambulance to replace the rescue van, which was too expensive to repair
- A medical director for 2 new EMTs and so first responders can administer oxygen and AEDs.
- Installation of a storm warning siren with grants from the State and the **Village of Tightwad**.
- Over \$12,000 in cash and in-kind donations and a CPA-managed sound, auditable financial system.
- Organized and planned field audit of the District by the insurance industry to reduce premiums.

Contact Us

If, as a result of a disability, you or someone you know needs this newsletter in alternative format, or if you have suggestions, questions, or story ideas, contact Angela Miller. Drop a postcard or note in the District's mailbox; call 816-663-3045; or email angelamiller@tightwadfpd.org.

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Remember to Vote on Tuesday!

On April 5th citizens will elect three Directors to a brand new Board of Directors of the Tightwad Fire Protection District (FPD).

Seven candidates are on the ballot: **Ernest (Roy) Evans; Gerald Dick; Randy R. Mock; Rodney Goslin; Candy Smith; Jeremy Smith;** and **Milton Houk**.

Evans is a former firefighter and Goslin served on the Leesville School District Board. Mock manages nationwide cabinet crews. Dick, Candy Smith, and Jeremy Smith previously served on the FPD Board and Houk is a past Fire Chief.

The candidate receiving the most votes will serve for a six-year term; the candidate receiving the second most votes will serve for a four-year term; and the candidate receiving the third most votes will serve for a two-year term.

Polls open on April 5th at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

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