



February 2017

Croswell Fire Department

CLEAN YOUR CHIMNEY

February is a tough month in Michigan. Already this month we have seen temperatures nearing 50°, thunderstorms, freezing rain, and snow. Most of that happened over a single weekend!

The constant changes in weather leads to a higher risk of chimney fires for those that burn wood to heat their homes. Cutting back air to the fire so it burns slower and cooler during warmer days leads to an increased production of creosote, which is a residue that builds up as smoke, gases, and unburned particles exit the fireplace or wood stove and condense in the relatively cooler chimney. When the nights get cooler and the fire is stoked up, the layers of creosote in the chimney or stove-pipe could start to burn. According to the Chimney Safety Institute of America, the majority of chimney fires go undetected, but that does not mean they are any less dangerous than a noisy and dramatic chimney fire. Intense heat builds up and can cause damage to the chimney structure and nearby combustible parts of the house, and much of it goes undetected until a later chimney inspection or a structure fire develops. Between 2011 and 2013, there were 66,800 residential structure fires, 200 injuries, 60 deaths, and \$290.6 million in damage attributed to residential chimney fires. The best way to prevent a chimney fire is to have an annual cleaning and inspection performed on your chimney or stove pipe.



Don't wait for us to clean your chimney!

CROSWELL FIREFIGHTERS FUNDRAISING

Local high school graduation is only a few months away and to help a senior looking to further his or her education for a career in firefighting, fire science, law enforcement, or the medical field, we will once again be presenting our annual Croswell Firefighters Scholarship.

This is a way for the members of our department to give back to the communities that support us throughout the year.

We hold annual breakfasts or spaghetti dinners in the spring and fall to help fund the annual scholarship.

Our next spaghetti dinner is coming up March 1, 2017 from 4:30-7:30pm at our fire hall located on Croswell Rd and Sanborn Ave.

Cost is by donation to the Croswell Firefighters Association.

Stop by and let us cook dinner for you!

Croswell Firefighters
Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser
 Wednesday, March 1, 2017
 4:30-7:30pm
 Croswell Fire Hall

Will be drawing during event



Funds used for firefighter equipment and to support our annual scholarship

Cost: DONATIONS ACCEPTED

NEW TRUCK READY TO SERVE COMMUNITY

Last fall our pickup truck was involved in an accident while blocking a road due to low power lines arching and hanging over the roadway. No one was injured and the truck did as it was supposed to do, block the road to prevent someone from entering into the area of the hazard, and most importantly, protect the firefighters on scene.

The new truck, provided in part through insurance replacement, has arrived and is being placed in service this month.





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DEPARTMENT TOURS

Do you lead or belong to a group that would like a tour of the Croswell Fire Department? Girl Scouts? Boy Scouts? 4H? We've had members from all of these groups tour our hall in the past.

Contact our fire hall by calling 810-679-2346 if you are interested in setting up a tour!



Girl Scouts



GRAPHICS UPDATE!

The Croswell Firefighters Association recently contacted local business, Lake Shore Graphics, to come up with something to fill the empty, red space on the top side of our main pumper.

We think it turned out awesome! What do you think?



MUTUAL AID

The Croswell Fire Department has a reciprocating free-mutual aid agreement in place with our surrounding community's fire departments. We've sent our UTV and brush truck to Minden City for bog fires, our ladder truck to Yale for a downtown fire, and we even sent a team and pumper to the St. Clair Power Plant fire last year.

These mutual aid agreements are in place so communities are better protected by enabling nearby fire departments to respond with additional or specialty equipment. This also helps communities eliminate some of the immense costs associated with trying to supply smaller fire departments with equipment that may not be used frequently, especially if a neighboring department has that equipment.



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