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Caldwell Fire Department Update:

In August, we welcomed five new recruits to the Fire Department. They are currently undergoing vigorous training in the Fire Academy to prepare them to effectively serve our community. The recruits will be tested on many aspects in the field to ensure they are ready to take on the challenges they may face in real life situations.

We recently celebrated a couple of promotions within the department. Robert Bailey was promoted to Captain and Greg Cobb was promoted to Apparatus Driver/Operator. Their achievement was celebrated with a private ceremony with their family and friends.

In September, we took part in several community events. On 9/11 we participated in the Caldwell Flag Ceremony where we raised the American Flag with our ladder truck as the community remembered the events and those that were lost. The firefighters showed off their flipping skills as they served flapjacks and eggs during Indian Creek Days. We had an estimated 85 people attend and enjoy breakfast with the firefighters and collected \$420.00 for the Caldwell Burnout Fund.

The Caldwell Fireman's Association hosted the Fire in the Hole Golf Tournament Fundraiser. The day consisted of ten team teams in a four-person scramble ending with dinner provided by Indian Creek Steakhouse and a raffle with items donated from many local business. This event had a huge impact on the Caldwell Burnout Fund raising over \$4,000.00. Thank you to all of our teams and sponsors for participating in this year's event. We are already excited for next year's golf tournament, as we have received many interests from the community to participate.

Fire Prevention week is October 8-14. This year's theme is Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out! In support of Fire Prevention Week, Fire Marshall Andy Cater encourages all Caldwell households to develop a plan together and practice it. A home Escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home.

NFPA and the Caldwell Fire Department offer these additional tips and recommendations for developing and practicing a home escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.

- Close doors behind you as you leave — this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.