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Seventh and eighth graders help make our community a safer place to live!

BY CAREY CHAPUT

The Applegate Valley Fire District responds to approximately 600 emergencies every year. Medical emergencies make up over 80% of the fire district's service calls. Timing is everything when it comes to emergency services. Having the confidence to act in emergency situations comes from either intuitiveness or experience. You can play a big part by knowing how and when to call 9-1-1.

Applegate and Ruch Elementary Schools have both joined in our efforts to deliver the most effective emergency services by electing to learn the latest in Hands-Only CPR training. This program is part of a southern Oregon initiative developed by the American Heart Association to increase the knowledge and skills for Hands-Only CPR in our region. There were 180 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests recorded in Jackson County last year and 270,000 in the United States. Increasing a bystander's ability, skills and confidence can greatly increase survival rates.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students are learning the skills that will empower them to act with confidence in the case of a sudden cardiac arrest. Through this initiative, they are learning first-aid skills, CPR skills and how to help someone who is choking. This program has been developed to provide students with the ability to recognize an emergency and act in a safe and confident manner.

As part of their homework assignment, students are required to teach others in the community as they have learned. Be on the lookout for these students who have now acquired the skills and the kits to continue their education for years to come.

Planning ahead

A big part of serving the community comes in preventing emergency situations through outreach and education. We feel communication is a key component to serving our constituents by sharing the latest information from managing wildfire to seasonal safety tips to the latest method in providing first aid and CPR.

Here are some planning strategies

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that may assist you in the event of an emergency.

- Situational awareness is paramount to your safety. Take a moment to know where you are and the conditions of the emergency before you place the 9-1-1 call.
- Have information available when needed. Did you know that emergency responders always look on the refrigerator for Medical History Forms when responding to an unconscious person? Having a list of important phone numbers and current medications and allergies in a Medical History Form can help us save your life. You can find a fillable form on the fire district's website at <http://www.applegatefd.com>. Take the time to review and plan for your family needs.

- Would you need special help in an emergency? Disaster Registry provides the names and locations of people who need special assistance to fire, police and rescue workers. Please contact the Rogue Valley Council of Governments to find out more information at 541-664-6676 or 541-474-5947.

- This is definitely the season to start working in the yard, mowing grass and moving firewood away from the home. It is also the best time to think about what you would take if you had to evacuate. Have you thought about having supplies that could last 72 hours for you and your family?

- Don't forget your animals. Make prior arrangements with someone who could handle your animals if needed.

As you plan ahead, think about what you would do in the case of an emergency and please also consider your medical needs. Be prepared so that we can serve you in the best way possible. It is our mission to respond to the needs of our citizens and to be recognized as professionals dedicated to making the Applegate Valley a better place to live. We are honored to serve you.

Please contact fire district office manager Carey Chaput at 541-899-1050 if you would like more information on any of these planning strategies.

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Mikell Nielsen of Williams captured this shot of the Applegate Valley Lavender Farm in Grants Pass.

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- natural resources
- ecology and other science information
- historical and current events
- community news and opinions

AVCN encourages and publishes differing viewpoints and, through the *Applegater* newspaper, acts as a clearinghouse for this diverse community. We are dedicated to working together with community members to maintain and enhance the quality of life that is unique to the Applegate Watershed.

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