

# BARNES RURAL FIRE DEPT.

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## CHILI SUPPER

OCT 27<sup>TH</sup>

5:30 p.m.

Barnes RFD Station #1

2318 Barnes Road

The Karr Family & Friends  
Bluegrass Gospel Band will  
be performing, along with  
Big D & Friends.

Cost is by donation! All  
donations will go to support  
the fire department.

## SMOKE DETECTORS

Barnes RFD has obtained 75 smoke detectors from the Arkansas Fire Marshal's Office. These will be available on a first-come first-serve at the Chili Supper on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. You can make an appointment with us and a Barnes Firefighter can help with the installation. These are available free to residents of the Barnes Fire District,

## 911 ADDRESSING

Minutes spent by First Responders and EMS while looking for your address can cost the life of your loved one! House/address numbers on your mailbox or any place that is visible at the entrance of your driveway should be reflective lettering at least 4 inches high and be visible from both sides of the road at your driveway entrance. Using reflective lettering is most helpful after sunset.

REMEMBER: If you have a 911 emergency.....**CALL 911**

Be prepared to give the 911 dispatcher your complete address as well as a description of the problem.

## PETITION TO INCLUDE FIRE DEPT. DUES ON THE PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT

Our thanks to all members who expressed support for this petition. It carried with 91% of the Barnes Fire District voters saying 'Yes'. Beginning in 2019, you will pay your Barnes Fire membership dues to the Franklin County collector when you pay your property taxes. We are currently reviewing all property in the Barnes Fire District in preparation for this change.

## SURVEY OF HOUSES IN THE BARNES FIRE DISTRICT

Barnes Firefighters conducted a survey this year to determine the number of low-to-moderate income households in our fire district. The results show that 44% of the residents in our fire district fall into this income bracket. While this is a great statistic for our community, it means that the Barnes RFD does not qualify for grant money from this source at this time. The survey results are valid for 3 years and can be updated, so we will take another look at updating the survey results within the next couple of years.



1987 Pierce Fire Engine/Pumper housed at the Jethro Station on the Upper Jethro Road. Purchased April 2018.

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*“CHILI SUPPER, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> STARTING  
AT 5:30 P.M. AT BARNES STATION #1*

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## **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS/FIRST RESPONDERS NEEDED**

Barnes RFD is always in need of additional volunteer firefighters and/or first responders. Requirements are that you must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid drivers license, be able to pass a background check and be willing to complete at least 16 hours of training each year. If interested, please contact David Bowles, Sr., Barnes board president, at 479-667-8055.

## **TIME TO CHECK YOUR CHIMNEY / FLUE / STOVE PIPE / HEATING UNIT / FURNACE FOR OBSTRUCTION**

With winter quickly approaching, it is time to check your heating unit for bird nests, or any other obstruction. Chimneys should be checked each year prior to the first use.

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>. USE THIS DATE TO REMIND YOU TO REPLACE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR.**

Some older smoke detectors use replaceable batteries which should be changed every 6 months. Many of the newer smoke detectors use built-in lithium batteries that do not need to be replaced and last for 10 years.

## **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK**

Barnes Fire Department



**Franklin County Citizens: Sign up for Free Weather Warnings with CodeRed!**

**WEATHER WARNING** These alerts are based upon the physical location of your address. Signing up is simple and only requires a few minutes and a little bit of information—name, address, phone number and carrier (AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, etc). Select the notifications you would like to receive, check your information and submit. You also have the option to get a test call. To sign up, simply go to [www.fcoem.org/code-red](http://www.fcoem.org/code-red) and click on the link to set up your account or call Franklin County Emergency Management at (479) 667-0070 or (479) 667-4909.