

Recently the Ozark Fire District was recognized by the Lexipol connect program for achieving a silver level for effective and consistent policy training and review. This award is given to organizations that maintain high levels in 5 different categories that track our success in Policy management. The hard work and dedication by district staff made this accomplishment possible.

Additionally, the district is pleased to announce the hiring of three new firefighters to join our ranks in late August. Firefighter Jacob Walles, Firefighter Jacob Morelan and Firefighter Jared Stover were selected after an extensive hiring process with multiple grading criteria. We are excited to bring them on board the Ozark Fire District team.

As always, we encourage our citizens to be safe in all they do. August is a great time for those “end of the summer” activities and fun before school starts. With that in mind, the Ozark Fire Protection District would like to remind everyone to be safe when it comes to barbecues and outdoor fires. According to the National Fire Protection Administration, from 2014 – 2018 US fire departments responded to 10,600 structure and outdoor fires that involved grilling. This caused an average of 10 civilian deaths, 160 civilian injuries, and \$149 million in property damage per year.

Make sure that the grill is far enough away from the siding, decking and other things that can catch fire. If you live in a multi-floor apartment building, grills are not allowed on the wooden decks and under overhangs. Stay with your grill the entire time you are cooking and use long handled barbecue tools. Again, the Ozark Fire Protection District would like for everyone to be safe and have a great end of summer.

Respectfully;

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