

# Unity Fire Department Chief's Desk Article

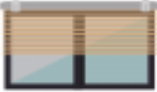







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## Spring cleaning safety tips and advice!



-  Exam blinds in the home to ensure they have a safety device fitted and that all operating blind cords and chains cannot be reached by children. 
-  Put household cleaning products and medicines out of the sight and reach of children in a locked or high-level cupboard to avoid accidental poisoning or chemical burns.
-  Check that televisions, cabinets and shelving units are securely anchored to the wall as bulky, heavy furniture can seriously injure or even kill a small child if it falls on them.
-  Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
-  If carrying out any DIY, avoid falls from height by checking a ladder's condition before use.
-  Disconnect all electrical appliances and tools before repairing or cleaning them.
-  Always supervise children, especially when power tools and lawnmowers are being used, and tidy up all equipment straight after the job is done.



## SPRING SAFETY



### Spring Cleaning tips:

- Discard medicines, chemicals and cleaning products which are out-of-date and not clearly labeled
- Separate newspapers, rags and other combustible material from fireplaces, dryers and other heating elements to prevent fire
- Change smoke detector batteries at daylight savings time
- Clean up garage clutter and store tools safely away from a child's reach
- Inspect ladders for loose rungs before climbing, and keep them secure and level when in use



*\* You can search online for a Spring Cleaning checklist*



# Pet Fire Safety Tips

Know the three P's to protect your pet from fires



## Prevent

- Keep pets from accidentally turning on the oven by using knob covers or locking the stovetop.
- Never leave candles unattended.
- Don't use a glass water bowl on decks- the sun filtering through can actually ignite wooden decks!
- Pet-proof your house and check for loose wires and other potential fire hazards.



## Prepare

- Put a pet rescue alert sticker on your door/window to alert rescue personnel that pets are inside the home.
- Know where your pets hide when they're scared.
- Have an emergency preparedness kit created for your pets in the event of a disaster like a house fire.



## Practice

- Create & practice an emergency exit plan- make sure emergency kits, leashes, & crates are nearby to secure/transport pets in the event of evacuation.

## Unity Fire Department Auxiliary

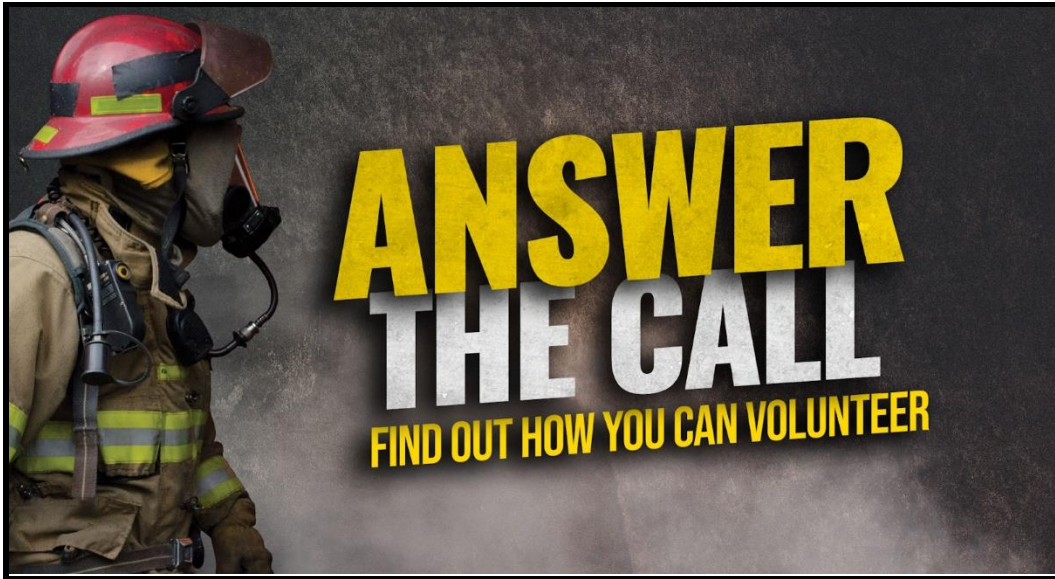
If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, Please Reach out to President Maureen Haley on facebook instant messenger, or by phone at (207)948-5244 for more information. They are always looking for more people to join.

## Incident Responses for February 2023

02/04/23	12:09 hours	CPR Assist, Unity Ambulance	Town Farm Rd, Unity
02/04/23	17:56 hours	Fire Alarm Water Flow Sprinkler	Crosby Brook Rd, Unity
02/06/23	13:55 hours	Lift Assist, Driver Unity Ambulance	Depot St, Unity
02/06/23	22:01 hours	Fire Alarm, Smoke Detector	Murdock Dr, Unity
02/11/23	14:56 hours	Utility Problem/Electrical	Bryant Rd, Unity
02/16/23	05:41 hours	Traffic Hazard/Down Tree	Berry, Rd, Unity

02/17/23	20:40 hours	Structure Fire, with Mutual Aid	Albion Rd, Unity
02/25/23	11:39 hours	Speaking Engagement	Depot St, Unity
02/28/23	14:20 hours	Lift Assist, Delta Ambulance	Clark Rd, Unity

## Recruitment & Retention



The Town of Unity Fire Department is looking for dedicated men or women to serve the community by being a volunteer/call firefighter.

- We are looking for personnel who have a desire to serve and are willing to give of their time to help the community and the visitors to our community.
- The Unity Fire Department is a paid by call department responsible for providing fire protection services to over 2,500 residents in the 52 square miles of the towns of Unity and Unity Plantation limits.
- The department runs an average of 150 calls annually. Unity Fire Department promotes fire prevention and education, responds to fire, and rescue calls.

The members of Unity Fire Department serve our community day and night. We will provide the opportunity for training and certifications for this adventure.

Do you qualify?

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have a valid Driver's License, with no major violations.
- An acceptable criminal history
- Be in good physical health and able to carry heavy objects.
- Be willing to obtain a CPR/AED/First Aid certification.
- Act in a professional manner always
- Abide by department and towns policies.
- Be willing to get up in the middle of the night to help ANYONE.

For more information, please contact Chief [Blaine Parsons](#) (207)660-3526 (Cell), or email me at [bparsons@unityfiredepartment.com](mailto:bparsons@unityfiredepartment.com)