

Truck Fire

Photos by Sheryl Drost

Firefighters responded to their first fire of the year, a truck fire on Tanawingo Trail on Jan. 2. The engine compartment was fully involved when units arrived and the front tire blew as firefighters began their attack. A fuel line leak is believed the cause.



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Firefighters attack the truck fire on Tanawingo.

Good Car Maintenance

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Most car fires aren't caused by accidents, but by bad car maintenance. According to the National Fire Protection Association, collisions or turnovers caused only three percent of vehicle fires. Leaks, breaks in parts, electrical or mechanical failure and even worn-out parts are the more common causes of car fires.

Here are some tips you can practice to reduce the potential risk of a car fire:

1. Have your car(s) inspected at least once a year by a trusted mechanic or technician.
2. Routinely check the condition of your engine, fan belts and hoses, and the oil and coolant levels.
3. Avoid smoking. Ask others to refrain from smoking in your car. If you must smoke, use your vehicle ashtray.
4. Drive according to posted speed limits and other traffic rules.
5. Remain alert to changing road conditions at all times.
6. Always pay attention to signals from your car. Watch out for:
 - Fluid leaks under vehicles
 - Cracked or blistered hoses
 - Loose or cracked wiring, wiring with exposed metal
 - Smoke from tailpipe or any other part of car
 - Louder than usual exhaust sound
 - Sudden changes in engine temperature, coolant levels, rapid fuel or oil loss

If you have any of these problems, have your car inspected and repaired as soon as possible.

Car Fire

Photo by Marcia Soppe

Firefighters responded to a report of a car on fire on Hwy 251 on December 20. The car was fully involved with fire.



Foam was used to finish putting the fire out.

Kids Playing in Burn Pile

Photo by Sheryl Drost

Firefighters were called to Baneberry Dr. for a report of kids playing with a burn pile on Dec. 23. Firefighters found an unattended brush pile burning at the apartment complex. It seems a group of curious neighbor kids found it and a passing motorist called. Firefighters went ahead and extinguished the fire.



A group of children watch as Firefighter Ryan Sarver puts the fire out. After the fire was out, the firefighters talked to the kids about playing with fire.

Pan Fire

Photo by Marcia Soppe



Firefighters responded to Fiesta Grill on Dec. 29 for a pan on fire. Employees had the fire extinguished when units arrived.