



LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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Disaster Preparedness

Disaster Facts

Disasters can be classified as either acts of nature, disease outbreaks or acts of terrorism.

Most natural disasters are predictable and people should take every precaution to protect themselves, their families and their pets.

Taking steps now before the disaster can help with coping an emergency.

Local Statistics

In 2016, VFD responded to 50 severe weather and natural disaster calls

Safety Tips

- Have a family plan in place.
- Prepare a kit that will sustain you and your family for 3 days which

includes water, food that won't spoil, medications, first aid kit, personal hygiene items, flashlights, phone chargers and copies of important documents to name a few.

- Stay informed by checking with your local emergency manage-



ment agency and subscribe to their alerts.

Always Remember

1. Stay calm and rely on your preparedness.
2. Emergency assistance may be delayed for many reasons, so make

sure you can sustain yourself until help arrives.

3. Make sure the freezer is at 0 °F or below and the refrigerator is at 40 °F or below.
4. Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature.
5. Have coolers on hand to keep refrigerated food cold if the power will be out for more than 4 hours.
6. When in doubt about food items being safe for consumption, throw it out.

Centers For Disease Control and Prevention

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/preparedness/index.asp>

USDA

www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-safety-fact-sheets/emergency-preparedness/preparing-for-a-weather-emergency/ct_index

“By Failing to Prepare, You Are Preparing to Fail.” -Benjamin Franklin

In the event of a disaster, the local American Red Cross is here to help along with emergency service providers. Our local American Red Cross can be contacted at 229-242-7404.

Did you know that about 100 lightning bolts strike Earth's surface every single second—yet their power is extraordinary. Each bolt can contain up to one billion volts of electricity. More than enough energy to start a fire.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer, please contact Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email valdostafire@valdostacity.com

Fire Safety Word Search

NNDHWINTERSTORMSBCMOL
HFBHBBCBCHURRICANESJNF
XGVXSVGTERRORISMGVCGDV
VXVCVSWCDCVCDJHBCIUIBI
VSXVGDVTORNADOESYJYHFL
CDVKCCFLOODINGSHUCDNTF
SBSEVEREBDICNCODNRAINH
CGVCDIPOWEROUTAGEDJJC
FLASHLIGHTSHBBDBCCBIIB
GSVXSCDVREDCROSSHBIUN

Fire Safety Quiz

1. In order for a storm to be typed a category 5 hurricane, it has to sustain wind speeds of _____ or higher.

- A. 99 mph
- B. 108 mph
- C. 213 mph
- D. 157 mph

2. Over 8000 people were killed in this flooding disaster.

- A. Hurricane Katrina
- B. Galveston TX Flood of 1900
- C. Mississippi River Flood of 2011
- D. Hurricane Andrew of 1992

Answers 1. D. & 2. B.



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