



# Yadkin County Fire Marshal's Office

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Emergency Services News Letter



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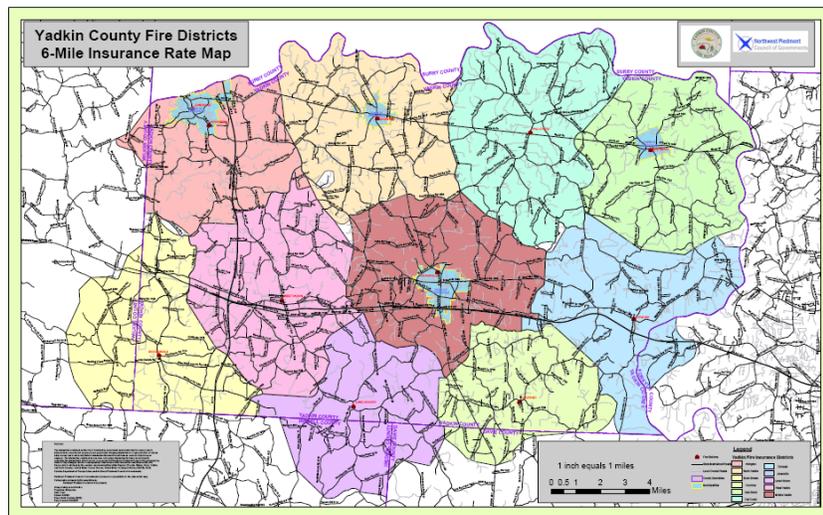
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## Six Mile Insurance Districts Approved

The Yadkin County Fire Marshal's Office has received final approval from the NC Department of Insurance, Office of State Fire Marshal for the six mile fire insurance district extensions. Fire departments in Yadkin County met the requirements for a rated and certified department. The six mile districts will allow some businesses and homes to be included in an approved fire insurance district, which should provide an insurance premium rate reduction for properties that meet the six mile extension requirements.



## Dakota Paris, New Asst. County Ranger

Dakota Paris grew up in Alamance County, North Carolina. From a young age she always enjoyed being in the outdoors, especially the mountains. Upon graduating high school, she decided to pursue her love for the outdoors by obtaining a

degree in Forest Management from North Carolina State University. After obtaining her degree she joined the North Carolina Forest Service as the Assistant County Ranger in Yadkin County. She's glad to be in the rolling foothills of Yadkin County and looks forward to her life here.



Dakota Paris, Asst. County Ranger



*If you  
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**All the way.  
Every time.**

## Fire Safety Tips



If you smoke, put it out.  
All the way. Every time.

Smoking & Home Fires: A campaign to prevent the #1 cause of home fire deaths.

Every year, men, women and children are killed in home fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials. Most victims of smoking-related fires never thought it could happen to them. These fires can affect not only the smoker, but others living in or next to the home at the time of the fire.

**You can make a difference.** The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) is working to help prevent home fire deaths and injuries caused by smoking materials. Through this national fire safety campaign, the USFA along with partner organizations around the country will urge smokers to **Put It Out. All the Way. Every Time.**

This message is brought to you by the United States Fire Administration

## NC Forest Service Burning Permits



Get Your Burning Permits Online  
[www.dfr.state.nc.us](http://www.dfr.state.nc.us)

## Upcoming Events / Deadlines

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| • Fire Chief's Association Meeting - Yadkinville VFD   | April 2, 2008  |
| • 1st Responder Committee Meeting - Yadkin Campus SCC  | April 16, 2008 |
| • Fire & Rescue Association Meeting - Forbush VFD      | April 17, 2008 |
| • Local Emergency Planning Committee - Yadkinville VFD | May 1, 2008    |



# Ask the Fire Marshal



## I have a certified fire engine in my department. Why should I have an annual pump service test on all engines?

There are several reasons why all engines in a fire station should have an annual pump service test.

- To make sure the engine meets the pump requirements when manufactured and there are no pump or engine problems.
- To meet the 9S or 9E rating requirements, a fire department must have a certified engine in the station. If a brake down occurs to your primary engine, then you would still have a certified engine and therefore would still meet the minimum standards.
- Annual pump service tests is a vital part of the engine credit under the North Carolina Response Rating System. Under the lower than "9" rating, a department will need the last 3 years of pump service tests.



## Deadline Near for FY 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant



The deadline for receipt of the FY 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant applications will be on April 4, 2008 at 5 p.m. EDT. Make sure your grant applications are submitted before this time.

# Fire & Rescue



## West Yadkin Fire Department

At this year's Fire & Rescue Association Banquet, Chief David Brown won the Officer of the Year award. Members of Station 18 attended the McDowell Comm. College Fire & Rescue School on March 14-16. Students attended classes in Mayday! & Self Survival, Arson Photography, Firefighter Safety, and Bus Extrication. On March 22, Station 18 hosted a training burn. Members from Stations 18, 24, 21 & Harmony participated. Members trained on fire behavior, safety, (RIT) Rapid Intervention Team, and suppression.

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## Yadkin County Rescue Squad

On February 23 at 21 Motors, Station 9 had a Rescue Tech. Extrication class. On March 1, along with the Yadkinville VFD, a training class was held at EverReady Concrete on Heavy Truck Extrication, lifting large trucks using airbags, hydraulics, large sized cribbing and safety. Members attended the McDowell Comm. College Fire & Rescue School. Members attended classes in Bus Extrication, ATV Rescue, and Rescue Tech. certification classes. Our 35th Anniversary is this Spring.

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## **National Weather Service, Blacksburg to Host Open House**

The National Weather Service in Blacksburg will be hosting an open house on Saturday April 5th from 10 am to 3 pm. This open house is free of charge and is open to everyone of all ages. Please help spread the word and come see the tools meteorologists use to create forecasts and warnings, learn about weather safety, see an inflated weather balloon and ask a meteorologist your weather questions. There will be outdoor exhibits to enjoy as well.

Our office is located at 1750 Forecast Drive, which is across the street from the Virginia Tech Airport.

Thank you all your help and if you find yourself near Blacksburg on April 5th, please stop by and say hello (you are always welcome to come by our office anytime).

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**Arson Awareness Week**  
**May 4-10, 2008**  
**“Toylike Lighters - Playing with Fire”**

# Annual Fire and Rescue Awards Banquet

The annual Yadkin Co. Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association awards banquet was held on March 8, 2008 at the Courtney Elementary School and was hosted by the Courtney Fire Department. Guest speaker this year was Bill Wooten, retired Principal of Courtney Elementary School. The four awards given this year were, Firefighter of the Year, Rescue Member of the Year, Officer of the Year and Telecommunicator of the Year. This years recipients were Chris Jester of the Courtney VFD, Firefighter of the Year; Link King of the Yadkin County Rescue Squad, Rescue Member of the Year; David Brown of the West Yadkin VFD, Officer of the Year and Kim Schimmick of the Yadkin County Sheriff's Office, Telecommunicator of the Year. Congratulations to this years recipients.



Pictured left to right: Chris Jester, Kim Schimmick, and David Brown.  
Not Pictured: Link King

## NEWS LETTER INFORMATION

Submit news letter information to **Eddie Weatherman**  
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