

Fire STORM

2026

SPRING NEWSLETTER

3353 COFFMAN BEND DRIVE
CLIMAX SPRINGS, MISSOURI 65324
STATION #1----573-345-4650

EMERGENCIES 9-1-1

SHERIFF NON-EMERGENCIES 573-346-2243

www.coffmanbendfire.com

Coffman Bend Fire Association

- **Board positions available in August**
Submit your name if you are interested in serving.
- **2026 Shootout**
www.lakeoftheozarksshootout.com/vents
- **Burrito Breakfast!** Saturday May 23
from 7 - 11 am. Open House, Silent Auction, Bake Sale and More!

CHIEF'S FIRE BREAK



GREETINGS FROM THE CBFA FIRE CHIEF

First, I would like to thank all the people that volunteer their time to support the fire department. This includes not only our fire fighters and EMR's, but also the people that donate money beyond their dues and those that donate food for the burrito and chili dinners. It is very much appreciated.

The firemen respond to all kinds of calls day and night: Holidays and weekends included!

We have had several fires this Spring. Most recently our firefighters had to work night and day on a 3-day fire. I am proud of our firefighters and for the work they accomplished. How rewarding it is to know that when we are up against this kind of fire, our team steps up and were able to demonstrate the skills they have learned during their training. We were able to prevent any boats, homes, or garages/sheds from being destroyed. They do this all for no compensation. So thank them when you see them!

Many fires can be prevented. Before burning, be sure it is not a red flag day, meaning no fires even in your fire pits. When you do burn, have water and rakes or blowers ready. Don't think the wind will not come up (it can).

Don't wear shorts and sandals, wear long pants, boots, and long sleeves. Be sure to clear the area around your burn pile - at least 10 to 15 feet.

When firemen are working along the roads, stop and wait for instructions. Be sure to drive slowly. We have had too many close calls with cars and four wheelers/side by sides almost hitting fire personnel and tow truck drivers. The department has for years asked people not to burn anything but leaves, grass, and brush. We now report all illegal burns to the Missouri DNR and the EPA. You can look this up for more information, fines can start at \$10,000.

The Coffman Bend Fire Association could use more volunteers. Please consider this rewarding opportunity to support the Bend. Contact me, a firefighter, or anyone on the Board for more information. We meet two times a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 pm. Thank you very much - Chief Watson

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Community. What does that mean to you? Does it mean your friends? Does it mean your neighbors? Does it mean the school your children attend? Does it mean your favorite restaurant? Does it mean your church?

Community means many different things to many people. While we may not all agree on what it means, I think we can all agree that it is something we care about. Something that makes our lives better. Something in which we can all take pride. In times of need, our community willingly takes care of us.

Now our community needs our help in return. Coffman Bend Fire Association needs volunteers. We have a dedicated fire department made up of a few individuals who make the sacrifices necessary so we can live in a safe community. They protect our homes and property and render medical assistance when necessary. They are well-trained and perform their duties in a professional manner. The only problem is there just aren't enough of them. As part of a community, it is incumbent upon us to step up and provide for our community by joining an organization that benefits all of us. Community.

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who paid their CBFA dues for 2025-26. Our fiscal year is from September 1 through August 31, so you will receive a dues statement for 2026-2027 in the first week of September. Dues are payable upon receipt. The fire association does not receive funds from the state or county. The dues and the monies received from volunteering must cover everything needed to run our fire association. Some expenses include insurance on the buildings and trucks, heating, electricity, fuel, vehicle maintenance, gear and radios for our volunteers, work comp insurance, and various licensing we must comply with.

This is why paying your dues is so important to your fire association. Nonpayment of dues could result in a hefty charge if we are called to your location. If you have any questions about your association dues, please call Marilyn Kobolt at 816-898-8267.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE 2026 SHOOTOUT

Visit www.coffmanbendfire.com and click NEWS for a more detailed article regarding Shootout Volunteer events this year to support our Coffman Bend Fire Department.

Coffman Bend Shootout Point People:

Nancy Croft: 816-384-3390

Nancy Colley: 816-560-1949

Melanie Skinner: 913-484-3139

All Shootout Events, dates, and times can be found at

www.lakeoftheozarksshootout.com/events

ANNUAL MEETING and VOTE FOR 3 BOARD MEMBERS

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for August. Voting will take place before the Board meeting. If your CBFA Dues are up to date, you are eligible to vote. Please plan to join us.

Results of the voting will be provided at the Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Interested in serving the community by becoming a board member?

Visit our website and complete the Board Member Request Form by July 1st.

Completed forms can be mailed/dropped off at the fire station or the digital form can be submitted completely on-line.

This August there will be three board positions to fill.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The neighborhood watch schedule will be posted on the boards at the entrance to Coffman Bend and at Fire Station 1. Have a fun and safe summer.

Camden County non-emergency number:
573-346-2234

AMEREN'S SHORELINE CLEAN-UP

The Shoreline Clean-up was a success. Thank you to those that participated and to Ameren for supplying the dumpster and bags.

For information on the Shoreline Clean-up, contact Sandy Triplett at 573-836-4244 or email striplett3@yahoo.com.

Thank you to Sandy and Larry for your continued support and hard work!

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

Visit tinyurl.com/CBFANewsletter or click on the Sign Up Today link on the CBFA's website.

CBFA WEBSITE

www.coffmanbendfire.com

Got something for our website or want more on it? Please let me know – Sandy Triplett, striplett3@yahoo.com

BURRITO BREAKFAST



Saturday May 23 from 7 to 11

Open House

Come see the equipment and the staff who run the equipment.

Silent Auction

Bake Sale

Burritos!