

Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department Fire Siren operation.

Are you new to the area or ever wondered why the fire sirens in the City of Reedsport are activated?

Here is the history and how, when, and why the sirens are still used today. This method of alerting Fire Departments and communities is still widely used across the United States,

Prior to 1922 there was no Fire Department in the City of Reedsport. If there was a fire, the information was spread by word of mouth and everyone pitched in to put out the fire.

In 1922 the City appointed its first Fire Chief. In 1924 the Fire Department purchased an electric siren to alert the City that there was a fire. It was also used to sound curfew at night.

The Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1929.

The original siren was replaced in 1959 with (2) used World War II air raid sirens that are still used today, one located near the intersection of Winchester Ave. and 4th St., and the other behind the main Fire Station on Frontage Road.

The sirens are used to alert firefighters of a fire incident day or night. It is not used for medical incidents. The sirens are also tested every Monday night at 7:00 pm.

The sirens, when activated, will cycle 5 times for about (1) minute.

The Fire Department is an all-volunteer organization. Our two stations are not manned. Firefighters are first alerted by pagers, of the location of a fire incident, then the fire siren is activated. Having two methods of activation is essential in case of power outage or pager system malfunction which has happened many times in the past.

We hope this information is useful. If you have any questions, give us a call at 541-271-2423.

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