

Rochester Fire Department Monthly Media Blast



May 2018

Hot Spots

- **It Can Wait:** The Rochester Fire Department responded to about 200 vehicle injury accidents in 2017, and firefighters see first-hand the injuries and even deaths that these accidents can cause. Although accidents are caused by a variety of factors, RFD is joining with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety in promoting the national “It Can Wait” distracted driving campaign. The campaign focuses on a number of distractions, but primarily texting while driving. Sending a text while traveling 55 mph is essentially the same as driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed. For more information on the campaign, go to: <https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20180412-blog-distracted-driving.aspx> and www.itcanwait.com
- **Toward Zero Deaths:** On May 2, Rochester will host the “Southeast Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths” Workshop at the International Events Center (7333 Airport Dr. SW). The TZD approach is based on the belief that even one traffic-related death on our roads is unacceptable. TZD is in its 15th year in Minnesota, and uses education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency medical and trauma services (“the 4Es”) to help make our roads safer. RFD medical director Matt Sztajnkrzyca will be one of the presenters at this year’s workshop. More information can be found at: <http://www.minnesotatzd.org/initiatives/regions/southeast/workshop/>

Training Calendar

- **Rural Fire Ops:** May 9
RFD will be training on rural firefighting techniques, including the use of tankers, drop tanks, and drafting operations. The training will run all day at the Regional Public Safety Training Center (1188 50th St. SE).



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