



Magnolia Fire Department

BULLETIN

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To: Emergency Operations Personnel

From: Assistant Chief Operations

Subject: Natural Gas Use

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Members,

As we spoke to in recent meetings, cost savings are important. Coming into winter natural gas becomes very expensive. It is one of several areas where we can all be more mindful. Bay heaters are ultimately to protect apparatus from freezing temps. Yes, they are used as creature comfort when we are occupying space training, truck checks etc. They should not be left on when not occupying the space, unless the temps are near freezing.

These units consume a great deal of gas when left on. Thermostats should be set to minimal temp needed to remove the chill from air when we are occupying the space then please turn these units off. Thousands of dollars were spent over a recent 10-month period including last winter, the vast majority of which based on tracking was the winter spike and bay heater use. Your help with this effort is appreciated.

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