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Neb. Wildfires Burning Holes In Budgets

Extreme Heat And Drought Being Blamed For Higher Numbers Of Fires

BY GRANT SCHULTE Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Wildfires blamed on extreme heat and drought this summer have strained the budgets of rural Nebraska fire departments...

Minden, in south-central Nebraska, drove five-and-a-half hours to assist with a fire near the northwest town of Rushville. Firefighters in Thedford have spent an estimated \$10,000 on fuel alone...

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Agency Looks At Boost In Hunting, Fishing Fees

SIoux FALLS (AP) — South Dakota wildlife officials are considering seeking an increase in hunting and fishing license fees because the agency's costs have increased 18 percent since the fees were last raised in 2005...

increase have allowed the department to offset rising costs to this point, Leif said. But revenue has declined slightly each of the past two years, and a third dip is expected this year...

WHEN CHARLIE BECAME BRAVO



Spc. Robert Buechler holds the Charlie Battery guidon at the start of Sunday's re-flagging ceremony at the Yankton Armory. The Charlie Battery guidon was encased and the Bravo Battery was uncased as the South Dakota National Guard unit took on the new name under SDNG reorganization.

Local Unit Officially Becomes Bravo Battery Of The S.D.N.G

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What's in a name? For the Yankton-based Charlie Battery, its name carries with it a great deal of history. The unit has worn the Charlie Battery designation with pride for the past 44 years...

"During the ceremony, it really hit me — Charlie Battery is going away," he told the Press & Dakotan. "It's the same people, same unit, same mission. But it's a different name, and there is symbolism to that."

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This Was Only A Drill ... In Order To Save Lives



Rescuers analyze the accident scene during Saturday's disaster drill at Chan Gurney airport. About 70 emergency responders took part in the drill, which simulated a two-plane crash and chemical contamination with six victims.

LEPC Annual Disaster Drill Held At Chan Gurney Simulated An Airplane Crash

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Bill Lucht and his sons, Ryan and Jordan, screamed in pain at the airport accident site. Another boy, Dylan Kortan, lay unconscious and covered in blood. Nearby, Kathy Brown sustained a chest wound and lacerations to her face and hands...

Fortunately, the dispatcher was able to add the words, "This is a drill." The annual disaster drill was held Saturday morning at Chan Gurney Airport in Yankton. The simulated airplane crash used two vehicles as the "aircraft," but the "victims" were instructed to create a real-life scenario...

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Ryan Lucht shows off his "wounds" following Saturday's disaster drill. Lucht and other members of Boy Scout Troop 102 portrayed "victims" in the drill, using the make-up and biting on blood pellets for a more realistic look.

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