



MCFRS Special Operations

5-Minute Drill

On November 1st, 2024, the Department of Natural Resources for the State of Maryland issued a Statewide Burn Ban. The ban is in effect until DNR issues a lifting order for the ban following a period of significant precipitation. As of November 11th, 2024, the ban is still in effect.

The ban affects all outdoor open fires to include firepits and the use of charcoal grills. The use of a propane grill is allowed however should be attended and not left unchecked for long periods of time. The use of smokers and outdoor pellet stoves are allowed if they have a chimney.

We are asking all Fire/Rescue units that respond to these calls try and educate the public regarding the burn ban and not engage in any contentious conversations. The Fire and Explosive Investigations Section should be requested for any citizen that is non-compliant with the burn band and requires further education and/or enforcement of the ban. The goal is to free up and de-escalate Fire Rescue units encountering citizens who are non-compliant with the burn ban.

For more information on the burn ban, see the attached flyer.