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CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA DECLARES LOCAL EMERGENCY

County declares local emergency due to dry weather conditions

Hillsville, Va – Carroll County has declared a Local Emergency issuing a ban on burning, effective 8:00 A.M. on December 14, 2021, in response to fire hazard conditions that create extreme fire danger. This ban is the result of extremely dry conditions with little rainfall predicted in the near future.

This DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS in accordance with Section 44-146.21 and 12.2-922.1 of the Code of Virginia and hereby establishes a ban on open air burning for the County of Carroll until further notice and putting on alert the response and recovery programs of all applicable local and inter jurisdictional emergency operation plan should activation be warranted.

Experience has shown that suspending open air burning is an effective way of preventing fire escapes and allows a quick-fire agency response, especially as Carroll County continues to experience drier weather. Although fires can not be prevented through a burn suspension, their numbers can be significantly reduced. Carroll County Department of Emergency Management wants to remind everyone that it is each individual's responsibility to help prevent fires that destroy lives, property and our wildland.

The ban on open air burning is applicable to public and private property and will remain in effect until January 14, 2022.

Contact Gary Bergeron, Chief, Carroll County Emergency Services Fire & Rescue at 276-730-3195 if additional information is needed.