

CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1



November 29, 2007

Fire District Information Regarding the Area

Update on Oregon City Annexation

The passage of the Oregon City annexation is an historic event for the Fire District. It passed in both the City and the Fire District by a 3:1 margin. This is a powerful statement of what we can accomplish when we are focused on a common goal. This effort could not have succeeded without the collective efforts of our employees, Local 1159, Volunteer Firefighters, Oregon City Staff and the citizens we serve.

Accreditation Approval

Every five years the Fire District goes through a self assessment review process to ensure that it continues to develop professionally. This review process is administered under the direction of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International through the Center for Public Safety Excellence. The District is required to submit a compliance report during each of the five years between the self assessment process to ensure that we continue to move forward with our professional development. We received notification on November 19 that our Annual Compliance Report was unanimously accepted by the Commission.

Fire District Director Elected Chair

Fire District Board of Director George Warren was elected Chair of the Governor's Fire Service Policy Council at their meeting on November 27, 2007. The mission of this Council is to provide advice and guidance on issues of common interest, policies and affairs that affect the fire protection and life safety of the people of Oregon. Director Warren was appointed to the Council in February of 2007 by the Oregon Fire District Directors' Association's Board of Directors. This is a board on which Director Warren also serves. Congratulations Director Warren!

Annual Financial Audit

The audit for Fiscal 2006 has been completed. A presentation of the annual audit will be given by Pauley, Rogers and Co. at the December board meeting.

New Apparatus Approved

At the November board meeting, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of a new water tender. The new unit will be delivered within 60 to 90 days by Hughes Fire Equipment of Eugene, Oregon. It will be housed at the Beavercreek Fire Station. The water tender it replaces will be moved to the Clarkes Fire Station.

Volunteer Certifications Achieved

At the November board meeting, Volunteer Firefighters were recognized for certifications earned over the past few months. The Volunteers earned these certificates on their own time. In the future, certifications will be recognized on a quarterly basis.

Certifications presented at the meeting include:

Instructor 1- requires 16 hours of independent study and 16 hours of classroom study – Achieved by Craig Anderson and Eric Shoop.

NFPA Driver 1 – Achieved by Zahne Calzada, Matthew Rouse, Bill Packard, Gerry Kearney

NFPA Firefighter 1 – requires 78.5 hours of training – Achieved by Tony Apa, David Bieker, Aric Isfeld, Matthew Rouse

NFPA Firefighter 2 – requires 45 hours of training – Achieved by Eric Shoop

Pump Operator – requires 40 hours of training – Achieved by Tony Apa, Matthew Rouse

Congratulations to these Volunteers for their dedication and hard work in achieving their certifications.

Recertification of Training Program

Every three years, the Fire District's Training Division goes through an audit by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). Their mission is to promote excellence in public safety through the development of professional standards and the delivery of quality training. It is a voluntary compliance agency

and the District complies with its standards. Agencies can be certified to teach and certify various levels of training in-house. The Fire District's Training Division has 23 in-house certification levels, which is the highest in the state. The District received its audit on November 7 and passed. We are very proud of our Training Division and the employees who staff it.

Operation Santa Claus

Operation Santa Claus has been an annual event for the Fire District since 1974. Each December, Fire District volunteers and employees lead Santa's fire engine parade down neighborhood streets collecting toys and non-perishable food items to fill hundreds of food baskets for needy families. Donated funds are used to purchase turkey vouchers, milk, bread and other perishable items for food baskets and to help cover miscellaneous expenses.

How can you help?

Food collection barrels – These are located at each of the fire stations as well as other local businesses. Food and toy barrel locations and fire station addresses are available by calling the Operation Santa Claus hotline at 503-742-2940 or found on the District's website at www.clackamasfire.com.

The Parade – Please check for parade locations and times on the District's website at www.clackamasfire.com

Financial donations – Donations may be made to the Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation. This Foundation is a tax-exempt organization formed under IRC 501 (C)(3). These donations will be used to complete the holiday baskets with items that were not collected by other means.

Program Spotlight – Disaster Preparedness

Why should I prepare for an emergency?

Clackamas Fire District # 1 and its residents are subject to nearly every hazard

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in existence. Floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, winter storms and hazardous materials incidents could all happen here. History has shown time and again that the people who prepare for those types of events are the ones who suffer the least displacement when these events occur and are able to resume their lives more quickly than those who are not prepared.

Disasters can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services such as water, gas, electricity or telephones were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster; however, they cannot reach everyone right away.

Families can and do cope with disasters by preparing in advance and working together as a team.

Knowing what to do is your best protection.

Preparing for disasters takes only a few hours a year and can save your life!!!!

What you can do:

- Learn what hazards exist in your community
- Create a Family Disaster Plan
- Prepare a 72-hour kit
- Maintain your 72-hour kit and exercise your plan
- Learn how to "Shelter in Place." If officials determine that it may be more hazardous for you to evacuate your home, you may be ordered to "Shelter in Place."

Another way you can help is to get involved in your community by developing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in your neighborhood. No matter what the situation, you can be trained and prepared to help yourself and others when disaster strikes. Clackamas Fire District # 1 offers monthly classes in disaster preparedness and response.

When disaster strikes, emergency responders are stretched beyond their ability – it can be hours or even days before emergency workers will be able to help citizens. CERT Volunteers bridge the gap by assisting in disaster response.

Clackamas Fire District # 1 is working with Neighborhood Associations to develop CERT Teams within their neighborhoods. This training is available for all citizens served by the Fire District. This includes the communities of Milwaukie, Oak Lodge, Redland, Clackamas, Happy Valley, Johnson City, Oregon City, Beavercreek, and Clarkes. To reserve a spot in one of our upcoming classes, please call 503-742-2652.

Please visit the Fire District's web site (www.clackamasfire.com) for more information on how to prepare for a disaster as well as more information regarding all of the topics mentioned above.

LOCAL STATION ACTIVITIES

District-wide

Total number of calls during October = 1,332

Total number of calls January – October 2007 = 12,848