

# CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1



May 30, 2008

## Fire District Information Regarding the Area

### Clackamas Fire Receives Fire District of the Year Award

At the Oregon Fire Service Meritorious Awards Banquet on May 16, Clackamas Fire was honored with being selected as the Oregon Fire District Director's Association's (OFDDA) Fire District of the Year. This honor was based upon the innovative programs and processes that the Fire District has developed within the community and the Fire Service during the past year. These include the annexation of Oregon City, receipt of the 2008 Heart Safe Community Award by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Fire District's wellness program, the joint staffing plan with Boring Fire District and the Fire District's succession planning process. Other award recipients that night from Clackamas Fire included the Training Division that was honored with an official commendation regarding their outstanding work over the past year. Congratulations also go to Capt. Tom Crowder, who received a Public Service Award for his participation on the Incident Management Team for the Art of Survival, a firefighter safety and survival symposium held in January.

### Grand Opening of South End Fire Station

The long-awaited grand opening of the South End Fire Station is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The opening ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. with presentations by the Fire District's Honor Guard and the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Pipes and Drums. Station tours and refreshments will follow the ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

### Update on Oregon City

The Board of Directors approved a facility lease agreement with Oregon City for the John Adams Fire Station at their May 19 board meeting. It also approved a memorandum of understanding with Oregon City that describes the emergency and other services that the Fire District will provide to the City.

### Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro

At the May board meeting, the Board of Directors approved an intergovernmental agreement with Metro regarding live fire training exercises and prescribed burns on Metro's property off of Springwater Road. The goals of Metro Open Space prescribed burns are to mimic a natural fire cycle and stimulate response of vegetation acclimated to periodic light burns. The Fire District will be permitted to use Metro property to ignite and extinguish multiple small burns over the course of several days for the purpose of wildland fire training ("Live Fire Training").

### Intergovernmental Agreement with Canby Fire District

Chief Kirchofer met with Chief Kunze from Canby Rural Fire Protection District No. 62, to sign a Wellness IGA between the two districts. This IGA would allow for Clackamas Fire to provide health and wellness services to the employees of Canby Fire. These services include fitness testing for 18 career and 30 volunteer firefighters and 20 wellness talks on-site at Canby. CCFD #1's Wellness Program is designed to be a positive, non-punitive, individualized, comprehensive health and wellness program. The main components of the program are medical evaluation, physical fitness, injury prevention and rehabilitation, behavioral health and data collection. The Wellness Program is successful due to the support of both management and labor. This proactive environment offers the employees a variety of services that enhance their health. The Wellness Program's in-house staff includes one full-time wellness coordinator, a part-time wellness coordinator and a part-time athletic trainer.

### Joint Board of Directors' Meeting with Boring Fire District

On May 12, staff and the Board of Directors from Boring Rural Fire Protection District #59 and CCFD #1 met and reviewed the emergency response performance for the Pleasant Valley area since Station 7

opened in January of 2007. The consensus at the meeting was that the joint staffing plan had accomplished the goals outlined at the beginning of the plan. The schedule at Station 7 and Boring Fire's Station 149 provided for the capturing of 66 percent of the calls during that staffing period. The statistics gathered also showed that emergency response times had improved over the last year. Other areas of inter-agency cooperation were also reviewed. CCFD #1 made it very clear that it was not talking about a merger or consolidation of the two districts, but just looking at ways of increasing efficiency through interagency cooperation.

### Fire District's Budget Committee

The Fire District's Budget Committee met on May 14 and approved the budget for Fiscal 2008 as submitted. It will now be forwarded to the Board of Directors for adoption at the June 16 board meeting. The Budget Committee is made up of five elected and five appointed citizens who review the budget and make a recommendation for the approval of the budget to the Fire District's Board of Directors. The five elected members are the Fire District's Board of Directors, which currently include James Doane, Dave McTeague, Don Trotter, Marilyn Wall and George Warren. The five appointed citizens of the committee include Lori Luchak, David Mansfield, Mary Olson, Nancy Thornton, and Rob Wheeler.

### Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week – May 18-24, 2008

At the Board of Directors' meeting in April, the Board approved the adoption of Proclamation 08-01, which designated the week of May 18-24, 2008 as Emergency Medical Services Week with the theme, "EMS: Your Life is Our Mission." The Fire District and the Professional Fire Fighters of Clackamas County ran a series of radio public service announcements on KXL 750 AM and 95.5 The Game on the FM dial.

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### Program Highlight – Recruit Academy – Part 2

Last month we introduced you to some of the members of the Recruit Academy. This month we would like you to meet the rest of the 17 members.

### Tim Barbknecht

I grew up in Monmouth, Oregon and currently live in Independence with my wife Monica and 5 year-old son Tanner. I graduated from Chemeketa's Fire Suppression and Paramedic program. I worked as a paramedic at Santiam Memorial Hospital and Rural Metro Ambulance in Salem, Oregon before coming to work at Clackamas Fire District #1. I could not be happier to be part of such a dynamic Fire District.



Tim Barbknecht

### Trevor Brownlee

I live in Molalla with my wife Christina and two daughters, Mckenzie and Kylie, and our chocolate lab Zoey. I came to CCFD from Rural Metro Salem where I was a transporting paramedic for two years. Prior to that I worked as a firefighter at Clark County District #12 for two years and was a volunteer with TVF&R for five years. I enjoy hunting, camping, SCUBA diving, four wheeling and snowmobiling.



Trevor Brownlee

### Michael Hall

We moved to Hood River about three years ago from Williamsville, New York. My wife, Susan Sloan, and I have two children, Shea who is 6 and Sloan who is 8. I was a paramedic at AMR in Clark County, Washington for about two years prior to joining Clackamas Fire District #1. I volunteered with Hood River Fire and Williamsville Fire for four years. Prior to my fire/medic career, I was a mortgage broker. I graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where I played basketball. I enjoy outdoor activities, biking, skiing, and boating with my family.



Michael Hall

### Travis Hinkle

I was born and raised in Medford, Oregon. My parents are Curtis and Candace Hinkle of Medford. I attended college in Central Oregon where I obtained an AA degree in fire science and my paramedic certification. I worked for Metro West ambulance for 1 ½ years and went to work for Klamath County Fire District #1 before coming to CCFD#1. I enjoy snowboarding, traveling, and hanging out with friends. I look forward to a long and successful career with Clackamas Fire.



Travis Hinkle

### Caleb Miller

I moved back to Oregon from Tucson, Arizona. I am married with a 4 month-old son. My wife and I both grew up in Oregon and we are very excited to be back in our home state, close to both of our families.



Caleb Miller

### Shawn Mullen

I was born in California, but moved to Portland when I was four years old. I reside in the Woodstock neighborhood of Portland, where I live with my girlfriend Amy and our dog, Baxter. My family all lives nearby. My sister lives in Beaverton with her husband and three kids and my father lives about one mile away from her. When I am not at work, I devote most of my time to climbing and skiing.



Shawn Mullen

### Ryan Patrick

A native Oregonian, I grew up in Bend, Oregon. After many years as a Wildland Firefighter in Central Oregon, I moved to Seattle and worked as a Commercial Dive Instructor and Dive Medic. When I moved back to Oregon five years ago to get my paramedic certification, I also volunteered for the Vancouver Fire Department. I have been an EMT for Rural Metro and most recently a paramedic for AMR in Multnomah County. Since my varied work history

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has always encompassed some form of medicine and/or fire related training, I am thrilled to have finally found a home here at Clackamas Fire District #1. My wife, Juliana, and I reside in Southeast Portland and are expecting our first child in September.



Ryan Patrick

raised in the Clackamas County area prior to relocating to the city of Silverton, where I reside with my wife and brand new baby boy. I enjoy hunting, fishing, mountain recreations and spending time with friends and family in the Clackamas area. I am looking forward to my new career with Clackamas Fire District #1 and excited for the adventures and challenges to come.



Matt Wiken

### Jake Shores

My name is Jake Shores. I have been happily married for seven years. We have a beautiful two-year-old little girl. We have our yellow lab, Daisy, to keep us all entertained. During the past year, I worked as a paramedic for AMR in Multnomah County. I made a career change from being a restaurant manager to a career in EMS. My wife is a RN at Dornbechers and at all of our parties I could not understand the medical language she and her friends spoke. So, if you can't beat them you might as well join them. I enjoy cooking, going camping and going on walks with the dog. I grew up in Forest Grove and I have been living in Portland on the border of Clackamas County for nine years. I look forward to serving the Clackamas community.



Jake Shores

### LOCAL STATION ACTIVITIES

#### **District-wide**

Total number of calls during April = 1,266

Total number of calls January – April 2008  
– 5,183

### Matt Wiken

I am a graduate of Rex Putnam High School and a college graduate of Western Oregon University. I was born and