

CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1



January 30, 2009

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More Inclement Weather



During the first week of January, our winter weather continued to present many challenges. This week was not as bad as the previous three weeks of December, but we did have enough rain and winds to cause issues in the Fire District.

Saturated soils and high winds often result in downed trees; and we experienced just that in front of Station 2 (Milwaukie). A large tree fell in the early morning hours of 01/07, effectively blocking the entire front ramp of the fire station until firefighters cut up the tree to clear a path.

During this time, we had sand, sand bags and shovels at the Lake Road and Clackamas Fire Stations in the event that any citizen or agency needed or requested them.

Below are pictures of one of our crews – Lt. Shawn Campbell, Apparatus Operator Todd Gago and FF Tyson Lowther - helping a citizen fill sand bags at the Lake Road Fire Station. It was a relief to have more normal winter weather return to the area.



Fire Service Fire Service Appreciation Day

On January 27, 2009, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal hosted Fire Service Appreciation Day at the State Capitol. Governor Kulongoski issued a proclamation for Fire Service Appreciation Day. Displays in the Galleria and apparatus outside the Capitol honored the men and women of the Oregon Fire Service. The Oregon legislature passed a permanent resolution in 2007 to honor those who keep 'Oregon citizens safe from the ravages of fire.' Seven representatives from the Fire District attended the event: Director Dave McTeague, Director George Warren, Chief Ed Kirchhofer, Battalion Chief Ken Horn, Battalion Chief John Oliver, Executive Officer Kyle Gorman and Captain Karl Koenig. In the afternoon, we were able to meet by appointment with Rep. Carolyn Tomei, Rep. Mike Schauffer, Rep. Brent Barton, Sen. Martha Schrader and Sen. Rick Metsger to discuss critical issues relating to the fire service.

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Promotional Ceremony

On January 6, the District held a promotional/swearing-in ceremony at our Training Center. Employees receiving promotions included : Battalion Chief – Ryan Hari, Captain – Rob Rector and Apparatus Operator Greg Smith. Two new Fire Inspectors were sworn-in: Valere McIntosh and Shawn Olson. Congratulations to all of them!



Shawn Olson, Valere McIntosh and
Chief Kirchhofer



AO Greg Smith



Capt. Rob Rector



BC Ryan Hari

Smoke Alarms

Fire organization leaders joined US Fire Administrator Greg Cade to ask all residents of this nation to install, maintain and test their smoke alarms. This national effort is a result of one of the deadliest holiday seasons in recent memory and several significant fires in the first days of 2009. Since Thanksgiving 2008, there have been more than 158 fatal fires in the United States resulting in over 200 fire fatalities. More information may be found by going to the following website: www.usfa.dhs.gov/media/press/2009releases/010809.shtm.

Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation

AED Program

Thanks to the efforts of the Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation, the Fire District has helped to deploy 138 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in Clackamas County during the last two years. Many more were placed without the Foundation's assistance based upon the publicity that AEDs have received recently. Funds totaling \$87, 526.08 have been spent since the program began in February 2006. This was largely made possible by the \$40,000 in County EMS System Enhancement Funds that the Foundation received in 2006 when the program began.

AEDs significantly increase the likelihood of survival during cardiac arrest. The Foundation began its AED program in 2006 with the plan to place an AED in every school in the North Clackamas School District. The program grew to include all schools within the County. To help with this plan, the Foundation partnered with the Fire District, Clackamas Rotary, North Clackamas School District and Philips Electronics. Les Schwab Tires and Rose City Radio agreed to participate in the funding for middle and high schools in the County. The Foundation chose to expand the program to include businesses as well. In December alone, 33 AEDs were placed in businesses through the joint venture of the Fire District, the Foundation and the business community. On January 16, 2009, four AEDs were presented to the City of Wilsonville's Police Department for placement in their patrol cars. Six more AEDs were given to the Clackamas Sheriff's Office for placement in their patrol cars.

The partnership of the County and the community working with the Foundation, many more AEDs will be able to be placed to help provide assistance when a sudden cardiac arrest occurs.

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Scholarships

The Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation sponsors college scholarships to students who have chosen to pursue a course of study related to emergency services professions. Applicants for the Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation's Art Johnston Memorial Scholarship must be a high school senior, high school graduate and/or continuing college student and must be one of the following: 1) an employee or volunteer of Clackamas Fire District #1 who has been so employed or volunteered for a minimum of three (3) years; or 2) the children of that employee/volunteer and/or the children of deceased or retired employees/volunteers; or 3) people residing within Clackamas County. Applications and further eligibility requirements are available at the Administration Office. For questions, please contact the Administration Office at 503-742-2600. Forms may also be requested by e-mail at karenstr@ccfd1.com. Completed forms are due by May 1, 2009 at the Administration Office located at 11300 SE Fuller Road, Milwaukie, OR, 97222.

Program Highlight – Budgetary Process

Clackamas Fire District #1 is concerned, as everyone is, with the current economy and the possible affect on the services the District provides. District staff has kept close tabs on the tax collections for this fiscal year to determine the impact to District revenues. Analysis indicates tax collections through the month of January have decreased over prior year averages by over 1.50 percent. When collections decrease, the money used to fund operations has not been received by the District. In anticipation that the taxes may not be collected in this fiscal year, staff has prepared to defer non-critical, budgeted purchases and projects until such a time as the revenue flows increase.

In addition to monitoring current economic conditions and their effect on the District, staff is in the early stages of budget preparation for next fiscal year. The District anticipates slow assessed value growth within the District and that revenues may not keep pace with cost increases. However, Staff is focused on the communities we serve by maintaining current staffing, service levels and assets. The District does not anticipate any affect on emergency response at this time.

LOCAL STATION ACTIVITIES

See station summary

A listing of the annual statistics for the entire Fire District is attached.