

CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1



February 28, 2009

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Two Board of Directors' Positions Expire June 30, 2009

The terms of two members of the Fire District Board of Directors expire on June 30, 2009. Director Don Trotter will be seeking re-election for his position. Director George Warren will be retiring after serving on the board for 25 years.

These two positions will be voted upon in the Clackamas County Regular District Election on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, candidates must be at least 18 years of age and be either an elector or property owner within the Fire District. The Candidates' Packet and accompanying forms are available in electronic format at the Election Division website at www.clackamas.us/elections/forms.htm. Information is also available at the Elections Division Office at 1710 Red Soils Ct., Suite 100 in Oregon City. Filing must be completed by 6:00 p.m. on March 19, 2009.

Fire District's Website

The Fire District's website at www.clackamasfire.com is continually being updated. From community events involving the Fire District to AED/CPR/First Aid Classes, fire prevention and safety information, meeting agendas and more, be sure to check the website to find the most current information.

Updated District Presentations Scheduled for Cities of Milwaukie, Oregon City and Happy Valley

Over the next few months, Chief Kirchhofer will be giving updated District presentations at the council meetings for the cities of Milwaukie, Oregon City and Happy Valley. He will be sharing the accomplishments, highlights and future plans of the Fire District. Meetings are open to the public.

City of Milwaukie

Date: March 3, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall
10722 SE Main St.

City of Oregon City

Date: March 18, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall
320 Warner-Milne Rd.

City of Happy Valley

Date: April 7, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall
16000 SE Misty Dr.

Fire Prevention - Smoke Alarms

Almost all households in the U.S. have at least one smoke alarm, yet in 2000-2004, no smoke alarms were present or none operated in almost half (46%) of the reported home fires. (Homes include one- and two-family dwellings, apartment, and manufactured housing.) During the same period, 43% of all home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, while 22% resulted from homes in which smoke alarms were present, but did not operate.

The death rate per 100 reported fires was twice as high in homes without a working smoke alarm as it was in home fires with this protection. If all homes had working smoke alarms, an estimated 890 lives could be saved annually, or just under one-third the annual fire death toll. Fatalities resulting from home fires with working smoke alarms were more likely to have been in the area of origin, with occupants who tried to fight the fire themselves, or to have been at least 65 years old.

Two-thirds of the smoke alarms in reported non-confined home fires were powered solely by batteries. The rest split evenly between hardwired only and hardwired with battery backup. More than half (54%) of the smoke alarm failures were due to missing or disconnected batteries; 19% were due to dead batteries. Nuisance alarms were the leading cause of disabled alarms. Hardwired devices accounted for 29% of the smoke alarms in non-confined fires, but problems with the hardwired power source caused only 7% of the smoke alarm failures.

These estimates are based on data from the U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA's) National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA's) annual fire department experience survey. Fire District

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On-Duty Firefighter Fatalities in 2008

Everyone is responsible to not become a statistic. Please read the following information from the United States Fire Administration.

United States Fire Administration Releases Provisional Numbers for 2008 On-Duty Firefighter Fatalities

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) announced today there were 114 on-duty firefighter fatalities in the United States as a result of incidents that occurred in 2008. During this period, there were firefighters lost from 34 states and one from the Virgin Islands. North Carolina experienced the highest number of fatalities (11), while Oregon (9), Pennsylvania (9), California (8), New York (7), Illinois (6), Missouri (6), and Ohio (6) each suffered more than 5 on-duty losses.

"The tragic losses of on-duty firefighters in 2008 are a reminder of the necessary commitment and efforts by firefighters in all fire departments across the United States to focus on and improve our operational safety," United States Fire Administrator Greg Cade said. "We understand all too well that many of these losses are preventable. The USFA remains dedicated to continuing our efforts to ensure 2009 is a year where we reduce these losses so that firefighters can return home safely to their families and continue serving their communities."

As the USFA continues to collect and evaluate information regarding the 2008 on-duty firefighter deaths, here are some of the early known facts:

- Preliminary estimates indicate that heart attacks and strokes were responsible for the deaths of 50 firefighters (43.8%) in 2008. This shows a decrease from 54 of the 118 (45.7%) firefighters in 2007.
- In 2008, 26 on-duty firefighters died in association with wildland fires.
 - This loss is more than double the 11 wildland firefighter fatalities in 2007.
 - The 2008 toll is also above the annual average of 21 wildland fire-associated fatalities over the past 10 years, 1999-2008.

- For 2008, 64.9% of all firefighter fatalities occurred while performing emergency duties.
- Twenty-nine firefighters died in 2008 as the result of vehicle crashes.
 - Fourteen of these deaths involved aircraft crashes.
 - Fifteen firefighters died in motor vehicle crashes.
 - Six firefighters were killed in crashes involving their personal vehicles and three died in water tender (tanker) crashes. These two vehicle types have historically been most often involved in crashes that take the lives of firefighters.
 - Speed and a lack of seat belt use historically contribute to these incidents.

These fatality statistics for 2008 are provisional and subject to change as the USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify the names of firefighters reported to have died on-duty during 2008. The final number of firefighter fatalities will be reported in USFA's annual firefighter fatality report and is expected to be available by early July.

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/fatalities/statistics/report.shtm>



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Program Highlight – Fire District’s Annual Awards Banquet

Clackamas Fire District #1 held its annual awards banquet at The Abernethy Center in Oregon City on Saturday, February 21, 2009. The annual awards banquet is designed to recognize employees who performed exceptionally well or went above and beyond the regular call of duty for that year. Over 180 people attended this year’s banquet and 27 awards were given out.

Firefighter Scott Walker was awarded the Firefighter of the Year for 2008. He was recognized for his countless hours of outstanding work, dedication and professionalism to the Fire District and the citizens we serve. He developed the curriculum for the State of Oregon regarding Swift Water Rescue and Maritime Rescue Boat Operator certifications. FF Walker provides multi-agency instruction throughout the region, providing the highest level of skill development to include statewide certifications. Among his many responsibilities, he also provides all boat maintenance for the Fire District.

Volunteer Firefighter Matt Rouse received the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award for 2008. He was recognized for his countless hours of outstanding work, dedication and professionalism to the Fire District and the citizens we serve. Matt updated the Volunteer Association’s financial books by using QuickBooks, bringing the Association into compliance. He took it upon himself to help the crew at the Clarkes’ Station to keep the apparatus working to a high standard.

Director George Warren was presented the Meritorious Service Award. He was recognized for his outstanding work, dedication and over 25 years of commitment and service to improve Clackamas Fire District #1 and the services they provide. Director Warren has also served as a board member with the Oregon Fire District Directors Association and as Chairman of the Governors Fire Service Policy Council.

Other awards presented that night and the criteria for each include:

Award of Appreciation: Awarded to a member of the District in appreciation for efficient and effective work that has been accomplished over a period of time. Appreciation recognition includes activities, programs or plans that improve fire service operations, improve time efficiencies or saves money.

Awards of Distinguished Service: Awarded to a member of the District for outstanding service and demonstrated leadership in fire, rescue, emergency medical services and/or other life safety emergencies. Awarded to a member that acts within a team and provide team leadership to accomplish work that saves lives or property.

Fire Chief’s Achievement Award: Awarded to a member of the District who exemplifies and demonstrates leadership that sets the model and example for others through program direction, program success and program recognition.

Meritorious Service Award: Awarded to a member of the District who demonstrates valuable service, continuous professionalism, and dedication to the service of the community and to the goals of the District. Awarded to a member who develops a program, system or procedure that is accepted by the District and results in improved performance, reduced costs or improved use of time.

Unit Citation: Awarded to any District unit, organization or specialty team, which has worked together toward a common goal. The citation may be awarded for a specific performance of exceptional quality or for continued, professional performance and dedication to duty by the organization, unit or team as a whole.

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Awards Received

Career Firefighter of the Year
FF Scott Walker

Volunteer Firefighter of the Year
Matt Rouse

Award of Appreciation
Lt. Burke Slater
Capt. Brian Rooney
Capt. Scott Carmony
Administration Technician EMS Tricia Noble
Volunteer Firefighter Gerard Kearney
Fire Inspector Valere McIntosh

Award of Distinguished Service
AO Bob Norton
Lt. Al Laurie

Fire Chief's Achievement Award
Information Technology Services Director Oscar Hicks
FF Bob Atiyeh
Capt. Joe Pelletier

Meritorious Service Award
Director George Warren
Administrative Technician Fire Prevention Shelby Martin

Unit Citation

Training Division/Wellness Division

BC John Oliver
Capt. Tom Crowder
Lt. Steve Stevenson
ATO Keith Smith
ATO Chris Taylor
AT Shelby Martin
AA Kelly Franzen
Capt. Dave Phillips
Wellness Program Manager Heather Goodrich
Wellness Program Assistant Alicia McVicker
Athletic Trainer Jennifer Adams

Special Recognition for
Clackamas Fire District #1

LOCAL STATION ACTIVITIES

See station summary.