

CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1



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New Entry Level Firefighter Career Recruit Academy

On March 1, the Fire District begins its new Career Recruit Academy for eight recruits. The Academy will run for three months with graduation on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Training Center. These new employees will be introduced in the March newsletter.

Joint Senior Staff Meeting Between TVF&R and Clackamas Fire

On February 3, a Joint Senior Staff Initiatives meeting was held at TVF&R to continue discussions regarding the various ways of cooperation between the two agencies. These joint initiatives include apparatus maintenance, GIS/data analysis/planning, medicine/wellness/physician supervisor, performance management and joint purchasing. Prior to the meeting, staff from TVF&R had contacted their counterpart at CFD1 and discussed their positions. Together at the meeting, they shared the information that had been gained. It was a very beneficial meeting and future ones will be scheduled. Chief Kirchhofer and Chief Duyck met following the meeting for a debriefing and to identify which areas warrant exploration and to plan the next steps.

Award Presented at Community Safety Appreciation Luncheon

On Monday, February 22, 2010, at the Community Safety Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce, the Fire District recognized Angela Fox, publisher of the Clackamas Review and Oregon City News, and her staff. This recognition was for continuing to "go above and beyond" to reach the citizens within the Fire District and the county with important messages related to fire and life safety. When the Fire District responds to a particular call that has a "lessons learned" scenario, Angela and her staff look for ways to make sure that the citizens within the Fire District and Clackamas County are informed about what they can do to avoid the same problem or tragedy that someone else has experienced. They dig deep and obtain information, pictures and data that will help citizens learn, and most importantly, be safe. We certainly see Angela Fox and her staff at the Clackamas Review and Oregon City News as a community partner that is a genuine asset to our Fire District and the citizens of Clackamas County.



Photo by Matthew Graham—Clackamas Review/
Oregon City News.

Budget Committee Opening

The Fire District currently is seeking applicants to fill a three-year term position on its Budget Committee. The Budget Committee serves as citizen oversight on the District's budget and consists of the five Board of Directors and five citizens from the Fire District community. The time commitment for Budget Committee members is usually one to two meetings per year. Applicants must be a resident or property owner within the District's geographical boundaries. The application is available on the District's website at www.clackamasfire.com and will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 31, 2010. The Board of Directors will appoint a citizen member to the Budget Committee at the April 19, 2010 board meeting. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Finance Director Susan McSperritt at 503-742-2649 or susanmcs@ccfd1.com.

Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

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

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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 on the Fire District's website at www.clackamasfire.com/foundation. Completed forms are due by April 30, 2010 at the Administration Office located at 11300 SE Fuller Road, Milwaukie, OR, 97222. For questions, please contact the Administration Office at 503-742-2600.

CPR and First Aid Courses

The public is now able to sign up for CPR and First Aid courses via the Clackamas Fire District's website at www.clackamasfire.com/firstaid. The home page also has the dates and times for the classes taking place during the current month.



Backyard Burning

The backyard burning season begins March 1. Residential backyard burning is restricted to the Open Burning Seasons. These two seasons are:

- March 1st - June 15th
- October 1st - December 15th

Prior to burning, property owners must call Clackamas Fire District #1's burn information number at **503-632-0211** to determine if it is a burn day and the hours in which burning is allowed. They must follow the Fires-Out Time, meaning that piles must be smoke and flame free by the end of the prescribed burn hours. Burn piles may be no bigger than 10' x 10' x 10'. There must be 50' minimum clearance from other combustibles or structures.

Please visit our website at www.clackamasfire.com and review the rules, regulations, and best practices regarding Open Burning. This information can be found under Fire Prevention.

Here are some "Best Burning" practices to review:

- Cover your pile and allow material time to dry
- Burn loosely stacked dry material and restack as necessary
- Consider using a leaf blower to increase air flow
- Be courteous, as smoke should not affect others

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A list of "Open Burning Alternatives" has been developed to give property owners options in ways to get rid of backyard debris without having to burn it. Local resources include the Metro Recycling Hotline at 503-234-3000 and/or the Clackamas County Office of Sustainability at 503-557-6363.

- Reduce-Reuse-Recycle
- Compost
- Use chippers, shredders, and grinders to mulch
- Curb side yard debris pickup
- Firewood
- Debris drop box
- Community cleanup days

Program Highlight – Strategic Business Plan Update

The Fire District has completed the updating of its Strategic Business Plan. This plan represents literally years of effort by the Board of Directors, our staff, and the community. This effort has culminated in a plan that will provide the Fire District with strategic direction for the next five years and beyond.

We believe that we have a document that provides every person in the Fire District, as well as everyone in the community, with the strategic direction of the Fire District. The planning process used by Clackamas Fire District #1 to develop and describe its mission and values, articulate its goals, and engage its members and the community has served to refresh the Fire District's commitment to excellence and set the path to future success.

The Strategic Business Plan communicates the mission, the vision and the values of the Fire District. The mission establishes the overarching strategy of the District—***To Safely Protect and Preserve Life and Property.***

This document represents the culmination of the Fire District's efforts to describe in detail how it will meet the needs of the community, how it will prioritize those needs, and how it will articulate the timeline for those efforts. This document, in short, represents the Fire District's organizational direction not simply for the next year, but also for the next three to five years. It is intended to be used not only to describe the District's efforts, but also as a working document that will allow constant real-time updates as goals are accomplished and as new objectives are added.

The Strategic Business Plan contains 14 overall goals, each of which is accompanied by one or more specific objectives that will lead to the success of each goal. More importantly, we prioritized the objectives into each of three categories: serving the community, improving the Fire District, and communications and partnerships. In each of these categories, we identified the most important tasks that we need to accomplish during the next year.

These are the goals of the Fire District for the next year.

- To serve the community, we will place the highest priority on 1) developing staff and analyzing the staffing needs of the organization, 2) creating a structured, cross-functional plan to ensure that we can continue operations in the event of a disaster, and 3) creating a planned, ordered and structured method of using customer input to make improvements throughout the District.
- To improve the Fire District we will place the highest priority on 1) completing our efforts toward international accreditation—the gold standard in fire service operations, 2) ensuring the overall wellness of our personnel, including physical, mental and emotional fitness, and 3) developing the framework for the long-range financial plan for the District.
- To improve our partnerships and our communications, we will place the highest priority on 1) developing processes, employing technology and analyzing the communication needs of the Fire District, 2) developing a structured process that allows for valid, reliable analysis of data throughout the organization, and 3) creating a long-term partnership to provide for vehicle maintenance needs of the District.

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You may review the entire document at www.clackamasfire.com to see what we think is important in continuing to provide you with the services that you have come to expect. Please share with us about your thoughts and considerations regarding this information.

LOCAL STATION ACTIVITIES

Station 3 – Oak Lodge Fire Station

- Station 3 hosted 7 citizen ride-a-longs
- Installed two smoke detectors

January

Total Number of Responses for Station 3 in January = 224

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 180

Number of Fires =5

Other = 39

Mutual aid given -3

Mutual aid received - 4

District-wide

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total number of calls during January	1,321	1,236