

# CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1



January 29, 2010

## Fire District Information Regarding the Canemah Neighborhood Association Area

### Promotional Ceremony

Fire Chief Ed Kirchofer ushered in the New Year by promoting two battalion chiefs to the position of deputy chief. Fred Charlton and Jim Syring were sworn in on January 4 as the Fire District's newest deputy chiefs in front of many family members and friends. Deputy Chief Syring will be assigned to lead the Training Division and Deputy Chief Charlton will be the new Fire Marshal guiding the Fire Prevention Division.

Chief Syring started his fire career as a volunteer firefighter with Boring Fire District #59 in 1983. He was hired as a paid firefighter in 1985 by Clackamas Fire District #71. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1987, then to Captain in 1991 and Battalion Chief in 2004. For the last three years, he has been an Operations Staff Battalion Chief charged with reinvigorating the Volunteer program. In his new position as Deputy Chief, his responsibilities will include firefighter training and development, accreditation manager and continuing to improve and manage the volunteer program.

Chief Charlton began his fire service as a volunteer in 1989 with the Forest Grove Fire Department. In 1994, he was hired as a paid firefighter for the City of Milwaukie. In 1997, the Milwaukie Fire Department merged with Clackamas Fire District #1. Chief Charlton was promoted to Lieutenant in 2001 and Captain in 2003. In 2007, he was promoted to Battalion Chief and supervised many programs including the Urban Search and Rescue Team. As the Fire Marshal for the District, Chief Charlton will supervise the Fire Prevention Division, which conducts fire inspections in non-residential buildings and businesses, handles post fire investigations, public education, and public information.



DC Fred Charlton

DC Jim Syring

### News from the Volunteer Division

There were 110 attendees at the new Volunteer Academy orientation night on Monday, January 4. New volunteers, their families, and current District personnel were treated to a good old fashioned BBQ dinner as we welcomed the 25 new suppression volunteers and 10 new support volunteers to our Fire District. Both academies began January 4 and will graduate in mid-March. The addition of the 25 suppression volunteers will enable the Fire District to staff both the Logan Community Fire Station (Station 12) and the Clarkes Community Fire Station (Station 13) on a more regular basis with volunteers working duty shifts at both locations. CFD1 continues as a priority the re-development of our volunteer program and remains committed to improvements as well as reaching out to our neighboring volunteer fire agencies in an effort to share ideas, programs, and resources.

### Budget Committee Opening

The Fire District currently has an opening for a Budget Committee member. Budget Committee members serve three year terms and are appointed by the District's Board of Directors. The time commitment for Budget Committee members is usually one to two meetings per year. A selection process will begin in February with an application process to be announced on our website at [www.clackamasfire.com](http://www.clackamasfire.com). If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Finance Director Susan McSperritt at 503-742-2649 or [susanmcs@ccfd1.com](mailto:susanmcs@ccfd1.com).

### Fire Service Appreciation Day

Wednesday, January 27, was Oregon Fire Service Appreciation Day and was observed at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) in Salem. Ceremonies began at 11:00 a.m. with displays from each section of the agency thanking the fire service for their work and collaboration in 2009. At noon, the OSFM dedicated a permanent

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memorial to employees who have passed away while serving at the agency. The Fire District was represented by Deputy Fire Marshal Kari Shanklin.

### **Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation**

Throughout the year, firefighters and other emergency service agencies not only assist citizens during the emergency events in their lives such as fires, accidents, medical emergencies, etc., but help afterwards in various ways to minimize the effects of these events for these citizens.

The Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization that was formed in 1998 to provide funds to help people in need within the community. Its mission is "To provide humanitarian assistance to those who have been adversely affected by disaster, tragedy, injury or other misfortune, and to work actively toward preventing or minimizing the impact of such misfortunes in our community."

Along with the Fire District, the Foundation consists of other emergency service agencies – Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Milwaukie Police Department and Oregon City Police Department. When any of these agencies respond to a call and a need is determined, Foundation funds are used to help those citizens.

Donations to the Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation, which are tax-free, may be used in any of the following ways:

**Community Assistance Fund** – For those who have experienced a fire or other tragedy, Foundation funds can provide a warm hotel room in the middle of the night, a change of clothes or necessary toiletries until other social service agencies can step in. Firefighters and police officers who respond to the emergency calls are empowered to use their discretion in identifying short-term emergency needs in their communities.

During December 2009, the community experienced many fires that devastated the homes and lives of citizens in our service area. Through this fund, the Foundation was able to provide gift cards to Fred Meyers to help the families.

This past summer, firefighters from Engine 16 identified an unsafe ramp for a handicapped citizen. They asked the Foundation for funds to cover the cost of the materials and volunteered their labor to repair. Fire District personnel along with several citizens helped complete the project.

**Disaster Relief Fund** – These funds are used for citizens-in-need after fires, accidents, or other disasters.

**Johnston Memorial Scholarship Fund** – In 1998, a Fire District firefighter was killed in a tragic fall. In his memory, Fire District employees initially established a special fund within the Foundation to assist his teenage daughter with her college education expenses. The Foundation has since built upon this effort, expanding its scope to provide three scholarships each year to College students who have chosen to pursue a course of study related to emergency services professions.



Repairing the ramp

Scholarship applications are now available on the Fire District's website at [www.clackamasfire.com/foundation](http://www.clackamasfire.com/foundation). Application deadline is Friday, April 30, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact the Administration Office at 503-742-2600.

**AED Fund** – Automatic Defibrillators (AED) 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

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Clackamas School District. The program grew to include all schools within the County as well as to help provide funds towards the purchase of AEDs for businesses. To date, over 140 AEDs have been deployed in Clackamas County.

**Operation Santa Claus** – During this month-long holiday toy and food drive, Fire District volunteers and employees lead Santa's fire engine parade down neighborhood streets to collect non-perishable food items, which are used to fill hundreds of food baskets for needy families along with donated new toys for children. Donated funds are used to purchase perishable items for food baskets.

**Helmets Are Cool** – This program was established to provide an instant fix when firefighters find children riding bikes, skateboards, scooters, or rollerblades without the proper head protection. The fix is to provide and fit a bike helmet, free of charge, to the child, which ultimately solves the safety concern on the spot. To date, the Fire District has provided over 1,000 helmets to at-risk children. These are also available at all fire stations for children.

### **Fundraisers**

One of the fundraisers for the Foundation is the annual golf tournament. The Fifth Annual Trail Blazers Alumni Celebrity Golf Tournament took place on August 25, 2009 at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha. Trail Blazer's alumni and local celebrities joined many citizens in having an enjoyable time playing golf. The tournament raised over \$11,000 for the Foundation.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation, you have several options from which to choose.

1. Visit our website at [www.clackamasfire.com/foundation](http://www.clackamasfire.com/foundation) and make a donation on-line.
2. Checks may be made payable to:

Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation  
11300 SE Fuller Road  
Milwaukie, OR 97222

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Clackamas Fire District #1's Administration office at 503-742-2600.

### **Program Highlight - Accreditation Update**

Clackamas Fire District #1 is currently undergoing its re-accreditation process through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). The Fire District was originally accredited in the year 2000 and is one of only 166 agencies worldwide to be accredited. We go through the entire process every five years in order to maintain our accreditation and prove that we meet and exceed nationally recognized standards in virtually every division and aspect within our organization.

Accreditation is the result of months of rigorous preparation by the Fire District's staff, followed by a week of intense scrutiny by an accreditation team from outside the organization. In December of 2005, a team of industry experts recommended that CFD1 be re-awarded Accredited Agency status for the second time following a meticulous five-day site visit to all of our facilities. Their visit included interviews of Fire District staff, local officials, and neighboring agencies to verify and further evaluate the District's operation.

The site visit, conducted by peer assessors from around the United States, confirmed that the Fire District again met all criteria established through CFAI's voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program. The evaluation process included verification and validation of programs and services provided by the Fire District, and in-depth reviews of our policies, principles, and practices.

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The goal of the CFAI is to assist fire and emergency service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self-assessment, accreditation, and continuous quality improvements in order to enhance service delivery to their communities. The CFAI was formed in 1996 as a joint venture of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the International City/County Management Association. The two associations recognized the difficulties faced by local citizens, elected and appointed officials trying to measure fire service performance in the absence of universally recognized standards. The accreditation process allows fire agencies to measure themselves against industry-wide benchmarks. Further, agencies that receive accreditation are required to undergo periodic review in order to maintain their accredited status.

CFD1 is committed to maintaining excellence throughout our fire service delivery and to upholding the high standards that we embrace. Currently, approximately 40+ personnel within the Fire District have been working on the re-accreditation process that will be completed on February 28. Included in this process is the updating of two other major documents that help provide the basis of operation for the Fire District. The first is our Standards of Cover document, which provides a baseline tool for defining emergency response performance standards and goals. The second is the Strategic Business Plan that is a continually evolving document that outlines the future direction and strategies for the agency.

We look forward to the opportunity to receive re-accreditation through the year 2015 and are using the current process as a development and learning opportunity for many of the junior members of our agency who will be here for the re-accreditations of the future.

### **LOCAL STATION ACTIVITIES**

#### **Station 3 – Oak Lodge Fire Station**

- Station 3 hosted a station tour for 15 children and 10 adults.
- Hosted a food drive for the Boy Scouts of America.
- Hosted a station tour for 10 children and three adults. Attended a children's birthday party.
- Attended adopt-a-school program at Oak Grove Elementary School.
- Participated in Operation Santa parade.
- Installed two smoke detectors in residences late in December.
- Attended the North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast at Willamette View Manor.
- Attended the Feed the Hungry event at St. John's Episcopal Church.

### **December**

Total Number of Responses for Station 3 in December = 253

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 179

Number of Fires = 30

Other = 44

Mutual aid given - 4

Mutual aid received - 11

### **District-wide**

Total number of calls during December = 1,675

Total number of calls January – December 2008 = 16,035

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

## Annual Fire District Statistics - 2007-2009

	2007	2008	2009	Grand Total
Pub Asst	1184	1236	1332	3752
EMS	10099	10699	10978	31776
Good Int	712	745	574	2031
Fire	556	531	507	1594
False	1637	1682	1590	4909
HazMat	1222	1202	996	3420
Rupt/Exp	3	7	2	12
Other	31	7	9	47
Weather		3	4	7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15444</b>	<b>16112</b>	<b>15992</b>	<b>47548</b>

