

CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1



September 30, 2009

Fire District Information Regarding the Oak Lodge Community Council Area

Fire District's Open Burning Policy Survey

The Fire District's Community Open Burning Policy Survey collection period closed on September 1, 2009. Thank you to all of the 432 participants who submitted responses. A town hall event has been scheduled to further discuss this issue and test public acceptance of potential policy options. A vendor will help assist with electronic keypad opinion polling at this event. The town hall is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the District's Training Center located at 15990 SE 130th, Clackamas, OR. Due to the set capacity of the Training Center, once the maximum room limit has been reached, doors will need to be closed. More information will be forthcoming regarding this event.

October – Fire Prevention Month

October is Fire Prevention Month with many fire departments choosing to concentrate their efforts during Fire Prevention Week, October 4 through 10. It all began on October 9, 1911, when Fire Prevention Day was inaugurated. The date of October 9 was chosen because it marks the anniversary of the "Great Chicago Fire of 1871," which was the disaster that killed 250 people and destroyed 17,430 buildings at a cost of \$168 million and the fire that started people thinking in terms of fire prevention in addition to firefighting. The theme for this year is "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned!" The focus is on burn awareness and prevention, as well as keeping homes safe from the leading cause of home fires.

In an effort to remind citizens about the importance of burn awareness and fire prevention during Fire Prevention Month and Week, Clackamas Fire District will be delivering burn awareness and fire prevention materials to the schools, working with the media with targeted messages, partnering with the Home Depot and Lowes during safety events and handing our prevention and safety materials at every opportunity.

By working tougher as a team, we hope that we can increase our citizen's knowledge about prevention burn injuries and fires which ultimately will help reduce the number of these devastating incidents.



2009 Clackamas Town Center Safety/Road Fair

The Fire District participated in the 2009 Clackamas Town Center Safety/Road Fair at the Clackamas Town Center on August 29, 2009. Other agencies that partnered with us include Clackamas County Traffic Safety Commission, the City of Happy Valley Public and Transportation Advisory Committee, Clackamas County Safe Communities and the Clackamas Town Center. Feedback was positive and the event was fairly well-attended as approximately 100 children and parents had the opportunity to go through the Fire District's safety trailer and see our fire apparatus and staff. Thank you to crews from Engine 1 and Engine 5, the Explorers, the Volunteers and Fire Prevention personnel for making this event a success!

Clackamas Fire/Danielson's Safety Fair 2009

The Safety Fair on September 19, 2009 was a huge success in spite of the rain. Many of our Safety Fair partners said that they saw more people than they have in past years! Safety messages were distributed through Clackamas Firefighters, Clackamas Water Rescue Team members, which include crews from Station 8, PGE, Willamette Falls Hospital, Oregon City Police Department, Clackamas Volunteers and Explorers, Clackamas Fire

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Assistants, Clackamas Fire Prevention Staff, Roadway Trucking, Girl Scouts, Clackamas Safe Communities, Oregon Impact, AMR, Clackamas County Planning Division, Oregon City High School students, and many, many more. We are estimating that we had contact with over 500 citizens.



Smoke Alarms Distributed by Fire Prevention Staff

The Fire Prevention Division conducted a door-to-door smoke alarm campaign at the Coronet Mobile RV Park located at 16417 SE McLoughlin Blvd. on September 17, 2009. This was accomplished in place of a regularly scheduled staff meeting. Consistent with the goal of increasing the number of working smoke alarms within Fire District homes, the group took a hands-on approach and installed 19 smoke alarms and two new batteries in various residences throughout the park. Many of the residents who received smoke alarms did not have any smoke alarms or did not realize that their smoke alarms were not working. Most were very appreciative and learned valuable information about the necessity and maintenance of this life-saving device. Additionally, if residents were not at home during the campaign, two fire safety brochures were left on their doors. With this Smoke Alarm Campaign, the Fire Prevention Division has met its goal of facilitating four smoke alarm campaigns during 2009.

Update of Strategic Plan

Staff attended a Strategic Planning Retreat September 23 and 24, 2009, which was a great success. The purpose of the retreat was to continue the progress on updating our Strategic Plan by prioritizing goals and objectives as well as identify key issues and challenges affecting the Fire District in the future. During the retreat, we were fortunate to have three key people from the business and political arenas speak to staff. Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette and Speaker of the House Dave Hunt shared their perspectives on regional and state issues respectively. We had some good discussions with Councilor Collette regarding projected growth, infrastructure needs and the urban renewal issue. ESCO CEO Steve Pratt shared how his company of 5,000 employees executes their strategic plan and initiatives. The question and answer period following his presentation was very beneficial as many of

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the staff asked questions regarding how ESCO's strategies could be incorporated into the District's Strategic plan. We accomplished much, but there is a lot more work to be done as we continue working on this living document.

Program Highlight – Volunteer Program

Clackamas Fire District #1 is continuing with our volunteer program updates and improvements and is making significant strides in the organization of the program and in the capabilities of our volunteer personnel. A few of the recent highlights involving our program are as follows:

1. Recruiting – The recent volunteer recruiting process netted a record 104 total applicants that were interested in volunteering. The group consists of a very diversified and excited group of individuals that covered a variety of the volunteer positions including applicants that were applying for both support and suppression positions. An examination process is now underway that includes an interview, physical agility testing, wellness exams and medical testing. Upon completion of the process, a list will be established to begin the January, 2010 volunteer academies.
2. Academies – Starting January 4th, 2010 Clackamas Fire will begin both a support academy and a suppression academy. The support academy will be an academy for 12 individuals wishing to operate the rehabilitation apparatus and the command bus. The suppression academy will be for 25 individuals that wish to operate as volunteer firefighters. We are excited to offer the opportunity for these individuals to operate as volunteers and serve their communities and these academies will in essence double the volunteer force for Clackamas Fire District #1 by April, 2010.
3. Rehabilitation Apparatus Updates – Clackamas Fire recently completed the upgrading and outfitting of a total of three rehab support apparatus for our support volunteers to respond on with all new state of the art equipment, supplies, and food to meet on-scene medical evaluation and nutritional needs of firefighters and personnel. The three rehab apparatus are located at the Pleasant Valley Community Station, the Milwaukie Community Station, and the Oregon City Hilltop Community Station. The addition of these apparatus and equipment will help ensure that firefighters receive the rehabilitation that is now required for personnel safety on fire and other emergency scenes and is viewed now as an extremely important function.
4. Volunteer Joint Ventures – With our continuing program changes and improvements, the Clackamas Fire District Volunteer Division is extremely excited to offer our services and cooperation to our neighboring jurisdictions to learn, share ideas, and improve our working relationships. Most notably, we are looking at ways to cooperate and work more with our friends and neighboring jurisdiction, Boring Fire District #59, in the area of our volunteer program. Boring Fire District #59 has one of the most successful long time volunteer programs in the State of Oregon and by conducting possible joint activities; we hope to learn from each other in order to provide better services for all of our customers. We will be extending our hand of cooperation to Boring's Volunteer Division over time to see what possible areas we may cooperate in.

The Clackamas Fire District #1 Volunteer Division continues to strive to be the best that it can and to enhance the program to allow opportunities for members of our community to volunteer their services in a variety of ways. If you have any questions or inquires, please feel free to contact the Volunteer Services Division office anytime at 503-742-2655.

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LOCAL STATION ACTIVITIES

Station 3 – Oak Lodge Fire Station

- Station 3 installed three smoke detectors in residences during August.
- Attended National Night Out Event in the Island Station Neighborhood.
- Attended a public relation event at Blount Industries on August 8.

August

Total Number of Responses for Station 3 in August = 289

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 216

Number of Fires = 21

Other = 52

Mutual aid given - 1

Mutual aid received - 4

District-wide

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Total number of calls during August	1,383	1,437
Total number of calls during January - August	9,162	10,709