

# ◆ Sub-Fire Newsletter ◆

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## APRIL 2005 CALENDAR

**Apr. 1—April Fool's Day**

*Apr. 2—Jerry Heater & Colby Hyde's Birthdays*

*Apr. 3—Daylight Savings Time begins*

*Apr. 4—Interview Committee 5:45pm*

*Apr. 6—Academy (PPE/Safety) 6:30pm*

*Apr. 7—DRILL*

*Apr. 8—Kim Zuber's Birthday*

*Apr. 9—Academy (SCBA) 8am-5pm*

*Apr. 10—Academy (Search & Rescue) 8-5*

*Apr. 13—Board Mtg. 7pm*

**Apr. 14—Business/Officers/Safety Comm. Mtgs.**

**Apr. 15—TAX DAY!**

*Apr. 16—Micheal Patrick & Becky Merrell's Birthdays*

*Apr. 23—Academy (Hose Stream) 8am-5pm*

*Apr. 24—Academy (Hose Stream) 8am-5pm*

*Apr. 21—Drill Night*

**Apr. 24—Passover**

*Apr. 27—Academy (Salvage) 6:30pm; Administrative Professionals Day*

*Apr. 28—Drill Night*



## *News from the Fire Chief: GRANTS*

As many of you know, 'tis the season of grant applications. So, here is what we have applied for this year:

### FIRE Grant (Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program)

Our application seeks updated SCBAs that fully comply with NFPA standards and are compatible with our neighbors.

Now that Turner, Aumsville and Stayton have all received grants and upgraded their SCBAs, our equipment is no longer compatible. They all went high-pressure 4500 psi (ours are 2216). In order for us to support these new units (if we get them), the grant application also includes a new compressor and storage at 6000psi.

In addition to SCBAs, we have requested funding for new turnouts for all members. Ours are aging and wearing and our budget can only tolerate one or two

replacement sets each year. The total grant request is approx. \$260,000.

**VFA/RFA Grant** This grant is funded federally and administered through ODF. It targets small, rural communities adjacent to forest lands. We have requested funds to replace all of our fire shelters with the new generation of shelters that are required to be in service by 2007. The cost for each is approx. \$250 or more. Our grant request is for \$5800.

**SAFER Grant** This grant is to assist agencies in hiring paid firefighters. Agencies who receive this grant must be able to pay an increasing portion of the salary and benefits over a 5-year period for each employee hired. 1<sup>st</sup> year is a 10% salary match, 2<sup>nd</sup>-20%, 3<sup>rd</sup>-50%, 4<sup>th</sup>-70%. With each position running approx. \$62,000 with

benefits, we are not able to submit an application, as we cannot meet the required matching funds in subsequent years.

*Other Fire District News:*  
The Executive search for a new Fire Chief is now in progress. Announcements have gone out and 4M consulting already has numerous requests for applications. The Project Team working with Mr. Sherman consists of: Jerry Heater, Angela Hargin, Brent Stepman, Dusty Thomas, Mike Patrick, Josh Williams, and Kent Silbernagel. Applications close on May 20, 2005.



**Alan W. McMahan**  
Fire Chief

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## *Chief's FY 2005/6 Budget Info*

The 2005-06 Budget is rapidly nearing completion. It appears that non-discretionary expenses (such as utilities, equipment maintenance, fuel, station and office supplies, etc.) have seen a significant increase in costs over

the past several years and this coming budget year is definitely no exception. I have found that the rising costs are primarily due to the enormous increases in the cost of fossil fuels.

These rising costs tend to significantly erode our modest revenue, which is tough, because the small amount of growth that we do see in revenue does not make up for the great increase. I would assume that you are all probably experiencing this in

your own personal budgets. It's no different here at the Fire District.

I think it's important that we all understand that in communities like ours (that is, largely rural, in a small town that is primarily residential with very little business or industry—most businesses have higher values than homes—so communities with more industry receive higher revenues) we see far lower revenue than communities such as our neighboring district Stayton, where there is much more significant business and industry. More than anything, this is what affects our financial picture.

As we finish up all necessary requirements for the 2005-6 Budget, the District Officers will be finalizing discretionary capitol expenditures at their April 14, 2005 meeting. If you know of anything that you think should be considered, please be sure to contact your officer before that date so we can make sure to include it before everything is finalized.

### 2005 Alarm Totals

EMA	88
Fires	7
False Call	9
MVA	5
Service Call	4
Good Intent	2
Hazardous Cond.	1
Other	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116</b>

## *Gene's Cooking Corner*

### *Pumpkin Muffins*

#### Ingredients

- 1 egg
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1/2 c. canned pumpkin
- 1/4 c. melted butter
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 1/2 c. flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg

#### Instructions

Mix all ingredients until smooth. Pour into prepared muffin tins (greased or lined with paper cups). Bake at 400° until toothpick inserted into center of muffin comes out clean (about 10-15 minutes).

#### Variations:

- For a special treat, add 1/4 cup chopped nuts or raisins.*
- Make bread instead-use a loaf pan and extend baking time.*

## *Bits and Pieces*

- ◆ **CORRECTION:** For the Auxiliary Annual Awards, Darlene Hendricks received the President's Award and Kim Zuber was Member of the Year. Sorry about the mix-up, ladies!
- ◆ The Fire District is always on the lookout for capable volunteers. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, please have them call or come by the station. Now is the perfect time to join!

- ◆ There are now two open intern positions that the District would like to fill immediately. Please spread the word. Billy Hansen from A-Shift and Brent Stepman from B-Shift have both accepted sleeper positions with Polk County Fire. Best of luck to both of them. They will be missed.
- ◆ With an unexpected increase in new volunteers, Stayton, Sublimity, and Drakes Crossing Fire Districts have decided to put on a Mini-Recruit Academy, with classes being

held at Stayton Fire's Station 80. The first class (PPE/Safety) will be on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, from 6:30-8:30pm.

- ◆ For those of you needing EMT re-certification hours, Captain Patrick will be hosting a re-cert training day on an upcoming Saturday. ALSO, there are over 60 re-cert hours available at Station 51 with the EMT-B class. The schedule is posted at Station 51 near the training room.