

Holiday Décor and Fire Safety Guidelines

EGRESS

A. Access to exits and exit paths shall not be obstructed by decorative materials.

SOURCES OF IGNITION

A. Candles or other sources of open flame are not allowed for any decorations or ceremonies, except as approved by the fire authority, prior to the event.

B. Sources of ignition shall not be allowed within the vicinity of combustible decorative materials.

III. ELECTRICAL

A. Only UL listed miniature lights shall be used in accordance with their listing.

B. Heavy Duty Extension cords shall be approved commercially manufactured UL listed assemblies (14-gauge minimum, 15-amp minimum). Only

grounded extension cords shall be used.

C. Electrical lights and extension cords that are physically damaged or altered shall not be used unless repairs are in accordance with the state adopted electrical code.

IV. DECORATIVE MATERIALS

Natural vegetation, including cut Christmas trees

I. Fire-retardant coatings are not required on natural trees and will not extend the length of time a tree should be permitted indoors. While freshly cut trees are naturally flame resistant due to their high water content, they become extremely flammable when permitted to dry out. When brought indoors the heat and lower humidity will accelerate the drying process.

Care of Christmas trees shall be as

follows:

Saw off at an angle at least one inch above the original cut.

Mount securely in a tree stand, pail, tub, or other water-type holder or reservoir.

Maintain the water level above the cut as long as the tree is indoors and add fresh water daily.

2. Decorations made of natural materials shall be removed at any indication of dryness, such as brittleness, loss of color, or fallen needles. Christmas trees and other natural holiday decorations shall be removed if the building is unoccupied for more than three days.

Artificial Decorations

I. Artificial decorations may have electrical devices used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

The Sublimity Re-tone

Sublimity Fire District

From the Chief's Desk

Happy Holidays!

I don't know about you, but 2008 has flown by for me. They say the older you get, the faster the years go by... I am beginning to believe it! I want to extend a heartfelt Merry Christmas to each and every one of you.

I look at the holidays as a time to reflect and let people around you know how much they mean to you. I want you all to know I respect and appreciate you! If not for you and your dedication, this place would not be what it is!

As the year winds down, I find myself thinking about what has been accomplished this year, not only in my life, but with the fire district as well. We have had several significant accomplishments this year. We placed the new R-51 into service, saw Chief Frost leave for Lebanon Fire District and completed a budget cycle where we did not have to take a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). This was possible through the

great work of Chief Frost and his great budgeting skills. I am trying to follow in those footsteps and at the same time provide what the district needs.

We have seen Karey Hendricks step down to Engineer and the promotion of Angela Hargin to Lieutenant. We have had people endure major surgeries who are now diligently working their way back. We have seen some new faces come and join (a great feeling I might add!). We had one of the biggest fires in the district's history, along with helping out our neighbors on some of their large events. We have been awarded a Fire ACT grant for a complete new set of extrication equipment and are eagerly awaiting its arrival. We hosted the 5th Annual Cowboy Breakfast, the 71st Annual Turkey Shoot, the Chamber Forum lunch, the department Christmas Potluck, the Christmas Tree Lighting and we are currently working on the Christ-

mas food baskets to be delivered on the 18th.

As you can see, we have had a busy year and next year is shaping up to be just as busy, if not busier. Again, THANK YOU for your time and dedication, and I look forward to building many more successful years and memories.

Enjoy the rest of the month off from drills. Take the time to do something to show your family how much you appreciate them.

As winter sets in, please remember to take some extra time to drive safely and defensively and don't forget to cover your windshield for those midnight calls!

Once again, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



Chief Hamilton

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Holiday Events Re-Cap

71st Annual Turkey Shoot

It was a busy year for the Turkey Shoot, with a huge number of folks in attendance. We even had to bring in extra tables to seat everyone. The firefighters association gave away nearly 120 turkeys to lucky bingo and wheel ticket winners. The net profit after the event was nearly \$2000. It was great to have help from the Harvest Festival crew again this year and donations from the Thursday Painters. We also had a great amount of help from within our organization. Thanks to everyone for making this such a fun and successful event.

SSCOC Forum Lunch

It was a little hectic this year, but still a lot of fun. Without Frosty and Gene-o around, we realized that we didn't have a lot of experience serving food to large groups of people. It was a learning year for us, and we were very grateful for Stayton's help. Next year we will be hosting the event jointly, so they get to help with the cooking.

Department Potluck

Everyone who showed up got to eat lots of good food and have a fun time with friends. Thank you!

Sublimity Tree Lighting

We got our tree from Silver Mountain Christmas Trees this year. They donated half the cost of the tree and were kind enough to bale and haul it here for us. Also donating time and efforts were Van Schoenborn and Bob Warren from Pacific Power to put up and decorate the tree, Ken Rowling from Stayton to be Santa, and Marian Estates to bake cookies provided at the tree lighting. Please thank all of these generous folks when you see them. Without them, the event wouldn't have been possible. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun!

Holiday Photos by R.A. Gunn



The Cooking Corner: Easy Cheesy Taters

Submitted By: Angela Hargin

Ingredients

- 1 (32 oz) bag frozen hash browns (cubed or shredded)
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can cream of potato soup
- 1 (8 oz) container sour cream
- 2 cups shredded Monterey jack & cheddar cheese
- 1 cup chopped onions (optional)

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In large bowl, mix all ingredients.
- Spoon into 13 x 9" pan.
- Cover pan and bake for 1 1/2 to 2 hours.
- Remove foil for last 30 to 45 minutes of baking.

Photo of the month

Photo taken by R.A. Gunn



Bits & Pieces

• Firefighter Safety & Survival Symposium

Oregon Fire Instructors Association is hosting "The Art of Survival," a multi-tracked symposium with nationally recognized instructors. The training will be held on January 9-11, 2009 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy on the DPSST campus. If you're interested in attending the training contact Chief Patrick or Chief Hamilton for more information. Classes will fill up quickly.

• Cold Weather Precautions

Although it technically doesn't start until December 21st, winter is here, like it or not. Please remember to cover your windshields at night, and be cautious when driving; road conditions can change from corner to corner. Don't forget to cover your outside faucets and pipes. Make sure you take good care of your pets, too. Keep them indoors, keep their paws clean from deicers and make sure they have plenty of food and water.

• 2008 Annual Awards Banquet

It's time to start thinking about who you want to vote for for Firefighter of the Year, Officer of the Year, EMS Responder of the Year and Rookie of the Year. We are still researching locations, but the tentative date for our banquet is February 21st or March 14th. The themes currently being tossed around are "high school prom" or "black and white." All final decisions will be made at January's business meeting on the 8th.

December Calendar

- 1 — SSCOC Forum Lunch, Station 51, noon
- 4 — Department Potluck, Station 51, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 — Community Tree Lighting Ceremony, Station 51, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 — NO DRILL
- 17 — Board of Directors Meeting, Station 51, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 — Christmas Food Basket Delivery, 6 p.m.; NO DRILL
- 24 — Christmas Eve (office closed)
- 25 — Christmas (office closed); NO DRILL
- 26 — Office Closed

December Birthdays

- 18 — Kent Silbernagel

November Birthdays

- 29 — Matt Silbernagel
- 29 — Will Newman
- 30 — Troy Tallman