

Sub-Fire Newsletter

Since 2003

December 1, 2004

DECEMBER 2004 CALENDAR

Dec. 1—Recruit Academy
Written Exam 6:30-Sta 80

Dec. 2—Officers Mtg 6pm;
Assoc. Mtg/EMS Drill 7pm

Dec. 4—Academy
(Evaluations/Celebration
BBQ) 8am-Sta 51;
Sublimity Christmas Tree
Lighting 7:30pm Early
Settlers Park

Dec. 5—Academy (Live
Fire) 8am-Sta 80

Dec. 8—Hanukkah
begins; Board of Directors
Meeting 7pm

Dec. 9—NO DRILL

Dec. 11—Shirley Heater's
Birthday

Dec. 16—CHRISTMAS
POTLUCK AT STATION 51
6:30PM (No Drill)

Dec. 21—Winter begins

Dec. 23—NO DRILL

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve
(OFFICE CLOSED)

Dec. 25—Christmas Day

Dec. 26—Kwanzaa
begins

Dec. 28—Jess
Lienemann's Birthday

Dec. 30—NO DRILL

Dec. 31—New Year's Eve
(OFFICE OPEN)



The Holidays Are Here!

REMINDER: The Sublimity Fire District Annual Christmas Potluck is on Thursday, December 16, at 6:30pm. All District, Life, and Honorary Members and their families are invited. PLEASE contact the District with the number of children under 18 attending with you so we can pass that news on to Santa!

CHIEF'S MESSAGE:

As the new year approaches, so does my 10th year with Sublimity Fire as Chief. Throughout that time, many changes have occurred. We've overcome hurdles and made improvements. Stations have been renovated and remodeled and new apparatus purchased (T-52, B-52, E-50, B-51, R-51, C-50). We've purchased new turnouts, SCBA's, a compressor for breathing air, mobile radios and hand-holds, and AED's. We've tried to provide more and better training, with state

accreditation through our program. We've made several attempts at a monthly newsletter and thanks to Amy, we have had one for over a year now. And we've accomplished much, much more.

And yet, there seems to be underlying frustration among the



members. I see and hear it from many and feel it myself at times. I believe it stems from the very solid commitment to the Fire District and community we share, as well as the fact we are all striving to perform the best we can. The missing element is the ability to participate in the planning for the future of the District.

As a first step in remedying that, I have scheduled several planning sessions and encourage all of you to participate. We've done this in the past with mixed results. Another effort with the newer members and the Board of Directors will

certainly be of no harm.

The difference this time around is the responsibilities of reviewing and assuring progress will be assigned, shared, and reported on a monthly basis. In the past, we've made plans, written them up and casually thrown them on the shelf. The planning didn't fail, but the follow-through did. This time we'll add the element of focus.

It's the perfect time for planning--as we start a new year and head into time to develop next year's budget.

The session dates are:
(lunch and snacks provided)

- *January 15, 2005—Work Session 8:30am-3pm (Board, Assoc, Auxiliary all invited)
- *February 3, 2005—Progress Report at Assoc. meeting
- *February 9, 2005—Progress Report at Board Meeting
- *February 12, 2005—(tentative) 8:30am-3pm This day will be used to finish any work not completed Jan 15.

Chief Alan W. McMahan
Sublimity Fire District

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Firefighter Academy Update

The Entry-Level section of the Fall 2004 Santiam Canyon Firefighter Academy is almost over. Participants take their written exam on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, at 6:30pm, followed by a celebration barbecue on December 4, and a live fire exercise on December 5.



Above: Interns Stepman & Hyde listen carefully to instructions.



Above: Recruits learn about equipment location on an Engine.



Intern Smith receives instruction on how to operate the Master stream.

Sublimity currently has 3 members participating in this Academy: interns Colby Hyde, Josh Smith, and Brent Stepman. They will all continue on with the Firefighter I section of the Academy beginning again in January.

2004 Alarm Totals

EMA	322
Fires	24
False Call	49
MVA	34
Service Call	36
Good Intent	32
Hazardous Cond.	6
Other	2
TOTAL	505



Recruits get used to their face masks.

Gene's Cooking Corner

Traditional Chex Mix

Ingredients

- 1/4 c. butter or margarine
- 1 1/4 tsp. seasoned salt
- 4 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire
- 2 2/3 c. Corn Chex
- 2 2/3 c. Rice Chex
- 2 2/3 c. Wheat Chex
- 1 c. salted mixed nuts
- 1 c. pretzel sticks

Instructions

Preheat oven to 250. In roasting pan, melt butter in oven. Remove from oven and stir in salt and Worcestershire. Gradually add all over ingredients, stirring until all pieces are evenly coated. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread onto absorbent paper to cool. Store in airtight container.

Serving suggestion: Add other ingredients such as Cheerios, Goldfish, or Cheese-Its for a unique combination.

Bits and Pieces

- ◆ The Annual Sublimity Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 4, at 7:30pm in Early Settlers Park (across from the fire hall). Afterward, children are invited to visit with Santa at the Sublimity Main Station.
- ◆ If you have any news or information that you would like to submit for publication in the newsletter, please contact Amy at the District Office (503) 769-3282. Thanks!

- ◆ The District is participating in a food drive for the Union Gospel Mission. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the donation barrel in the District office and help make a difference.
- ◆ Stayton Fire District's Chief, Assistant Chief, and all officers now have Nextel phones, which will be programmed into all of the



Sublimity Fire District Nextel phones, making it easier to communicate between districts.

- ◆ Engine 51's alternator has been upgraded so that the pump governor now operates properly.
- ◆ REMINDER: Please be sure to turn off all lights and heat when not in use at the station. Utility bills are horrible!