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FEBRUARY 2005 CALENDAR

Feb. 1—Josh Williams' & Karey Hendricks' Birthdays

Feb. 2—Groundhog Day

Feb 3—Drill Night

Feb. 8—Mardi Gras

Feb. 9—Ash Wednesday; Academy (Written Final Exam) Station 80 6:30pm

Feb. 10—Drill Night

Feb. 12—Academy (Final Practical Exam) Sta 51 8am

Feb. 14—Valentine's Day; Juliet Aguayo's Birthday

Feb. 17—Drill Night

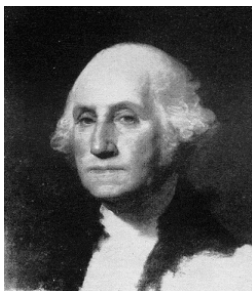
Feb. 19—Sublimity Fire District Annual Awards Dinner & Banquet

Feb. 20—Recruit Academy Graduation-Station 51 3pm

Feb. 21—President's Day (OFFICE CLOSED)

Feb. 23—Wayne Palmquist's Birthday

Feb. 24—Drill Night



Sublimity Fire Interns: An Insider's View

Resident Volunteers, Sleepers, Interns—you've all heard these terms. They're used to refer to the six guys who live upstairs in Station 51.

So you might've always wondered, what exactly do they do? Here's a first-hand look at what it's like to be one of the "Sleepers" at Sublimity:

As fire interns, we come from different areas of the west in search of a chance to become career firefighters. But before we can accomplish this, we must go through many different types of training and gain experience. To do this as a student, we go to class to learn the skills. We become interns to put our skills into practice. This includes not only fire, but medical and rescue services as well. The six firefighter interns that Sublimity currently holds are all working toward a common goal: to obtain a career in the fire service.

As you may or may not know, in Sublimity we work on the typical 24-hours on, 48-hours off shift rotation, fairly standard

to the fire industry. Our three shifts are: A-Shift (FFs Hansen & Hyde), B-Shift (FFs Doran & Stepman), and C-Shift (FFs Schmidt & Smith). During our 24-hour on-duty shift, we are responsible for completing all required house duties, as well as added special projects. These may include anything from maintenance of the station and equipment to other special projects within the community.

All of us are full-time students attending Chemeketa Community College. While on shift, we are required to be doing one of two things: performing Fire District duties or going to school. If time permits during our busy schedules, we squeeze in some time for training. All of our duties here at Sublimity are very similar to those of a career firefighter. The only differences, of course, are the lack of pay and the ability to attend class while on duty.

Life while off duty at "the barn" (firehouse) is kind of like

six guys living together in a small apartment. We live upstairs, with one bathroom, six closet-sized rooms, and a generous sized day room with furniture that saw its prime well before any of our time. Usually our days consist of studying for future exams and quizzes, but occasionally we're able to watch a movie or two, and maybe get in a card game now and then. When we get tired of studying and television gets old, we may decide to play a practical joke on someone (poor Garelli). And even though we may technically be "off duty," we still find ourselves getting involved in District activities and running calls. I guess since we're still young, (well, most of us) we try and catch every call we can. Besides, we are here to help.

This is a little glimpse of the many things an intern does for Sublimity Fire District. Sometimes we work, sometimes we play, but when the tones go off we are ready (but usually waiting for a fire officer). We are very grateful to have the opportunity to work beside experienced firefighters and obtain the valuable knowledge needed to achieve our goals. Thank you.



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Meet the newest member: Van Schoenborn

Van Schoenborn is the newest volunteer to join the Sublimity Fire District ranks. Van comes to the District with some great previous fire experience, being a volunteer for twenty-four years(!)

2005 Alarm Totals

EMA	33
Fires	3
False Call	3
MVA	3
Service Call	1
Good Intent	0
Hazardous Cond.	0
Other	0

and a Division Chief for Jefferson Fire District for the last three. He's also been an E M T - Intermediate for the last five years. A District Lineman by profession, he's worked for Pacific

Power for the last 20 years. He's married and enjoys traveling, camping, fishing, and hunting with his wife and 2 grandsons.

Van is very ambitious and will bring valuable experience and a positive attitude to the District.

Sublimity Fire Annual Awards Banquet 2005

It's that time of year again, folks! Time to get ready for the Sublimity Fire District Annual Awards Dinner and Banquet. This year's banquet will be held at the Union Hill Grange on Saturday, February 19, 2005.

The night will kick off with Happy Hour at 6:00pm, followed by a tasty steak dinner (catered again this year by Papa Joe) at 7:00pm. Directly after dinner there will be a slideshow (put together by the District's own Captain Micheal Patrick) and the presentation of awards.

Later on, there will be a Casino Night, with Texas Hold 'Em Poker, Blackjack, and other fun games to choose from. For those who are interested, there will also be music to dance to, and lots of good company! Make sure to mark February 19th on you calendars. We hope to see all of you there!

Gene's Cooking Corner

Taco Soup

Ingredients

- 1 can corn, undrained
- 1 can kidney beans, undrained
- 1 can whole tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (8oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 (3oz.) can sliced olives, undrained
- 1 lb. ground meat of your choice, browned
- (optional) 1 can black beans, drained

Instructions

Combine all ingredients in slow cooker. Cook on low for 4-5 hours.

Garnish with onions, sour cream, and grated cheese.

Serving Suggestion:

Goes well with cornbread or tortilla chips.

Bits and Pieces

- ◆ Please Note: Recruit Academy Graduation will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2005 (not on Saturday, February 19, as previously planned). The ceremony will be in Sublimity at Station 51 in the Apparatus Bay. Everyone is welcome to attend. Graduates will be certified NFPA Firefighter I's. Sublimity Fire District graduates include: Interns Hyde, Smith, and Stepman. Please wish them all a hearty congratulations!
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ Thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable items to the Union Gospel Mission. Your generosity is appreciated! Together we can make a difference.
- ◆ 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! The next Recruit Academy is tentatively set to begin this coming Spring in March.