

# Sub-Fire Newsletter

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## JUNE 2004

### CALENDAR

June 3—Assoc. Business Mtg/EMS Drill 7pm

June 9—Board of Directors Mtg. 7pm

June 10—FF II-Fire Suppression Systems 7pm; (all other personnel) NFPA Evolutions #s 6 & 8

June 14—Flag Day

June 15—Tim Gardner's Birthday

June 17—Drill Night (Grass Fires & Fire Shelters) 7pm; Kyle Amsberry's Birthday

June 20—Father's Day

June 21—First day of Summer; Graydon Justis' Birthday

June 24—Drill Night (Ignitable Liquid & Flammable Gas Control) 7pm

June 26—Auxiliary Garage Sale 8-4

June 28—Joint Board Meeting between Stayton, Scio, & Sublimity @ Station 51 6pm.

## Training Message: Hydration!

Well, we have made it through a long winter. With lots of rain, ice and snow, we have emerged into a summer wonderland that brings with it many new challenges.

As I sit here and contemplate what to write, the one challenge that faces me at this moment revolves around a nasal issue.

Yes, it's summertime and for all of us allergysuffering folks, pollination equals misery.

This type of misery signals the start of a long dry busy summer. Predictions for a warm summer have prompted fire bosses throughout the West Coast to gear up for a busy season.

There are simple things that all firefighters must do to prepare themselves for a busy fire season.

The most important of these preparations revolves around today's word of the day: water.

Firefighters must drink plenty of water when they

are fighting wildland fires, whether they feel thirsty or not, because by the time you discover you are thirsty, it is too late—the dehydration process has begun.

Now, how many of you have been thrown bottled water on these types of fires and have stockpiled them in your pants?

We are all guilty. This habit is both a good and a bad thing.

It's good because you have a supply of drinking water whenever you need it. It's bad because you may be saving it and not drinking it, opening yourself up for dehydration.

I would like to remind everyone reading this to remember the importance of hydration. Drink plenty of fluids throughout the day, on or off duty. This is an issue of life or death, which do you choose?

Test time: Do you remember what the word of the day was?

## Scattered Notes from the Chief's Desk

\* As most of you know, we are continuing with Thursday evening training. Please attend if you can.

\* In light of the levy failure, we will not be able to boost the point fund for Volunteers. Thankfully, all of you who agreed to start on shifts have opted to continue.

\* **BE SURE TO MARK JULY 17th ON YOUR CALENDARS!!!** It will be a quarterly In-Service day from 9 am to 3 pm (with lunch provided) and our annual summer picnic at 4 pm. Bring the family and join us! All District members and their families are encouraged to attend.

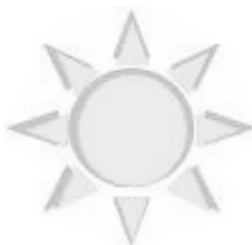
\* **PLEASE** remember to check the oil in the duty pickup when you use it. We are finding it low on occasion. (two quarts the last time).

Fire Chief Alan McMahan



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## District Ballot Measure Falls Short

Although official election totals are not due out until June 7, 2004, it appears that ballot measure 24-119 has failed.

Preliminary totals show that the Sublimity Rural Fire Protection District was able to meet the fifty percent voter turnout in order for the vote to be valid. However, it seems to have fallen short in its ability to garner enough "yes" votes.

According to the Marion County Elections website, the measure failed by a mere forty-three votes.

Such a close race has Fire Chief Alan McMahan considering whether he

should recommend to the District's Board of Directors to place the measure back on ballots for November's presidential election.

"I would really appreciate input from members of the department to see what they

think," McMahan said.

"I can tell you, without the measure, we can expect to continue to see insufficient response to emergencies during the daytime hours and we will not have the funds to improve the attractiveness of being a volunteer firefighter with the District."

The District actually received the highest voter turnout in Marion County for the May primary election, with nearly fifty-nine percent of registered voters turning in their ballots.

If Measure 24-119 had passed, it would've provided the District with enough funds to significantly increase volunteer stipends and reimbursements, as well as to create two new staff positions.

The District was hoping that with increased volunteer funds and facility improvements, it might be able to draw volunteers from surrounding areas to pull shifts at the station.

## Recipe of the Month

### Strawberry Tiffany Torte

- 3 c. Vanilla wafers, crushed
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 2 c. milk
- 1 (8oz) pkg. cream cheese
- 1 lg pkg vanilla Instant pudding
- 1 carton Cool Whip
- 4 c. sliced fresh strawberries, sweetened to taste

Combine crumbs & butter. Reserve 1 c. for topping. Press remaining into buttered 13x9" pan. Gradually add 1/2 c. milk to softened cream cheese, mix until well blended. Add pudding & remaining milk. Beat slowly 1 min. Pour over crust & cover with berries. Spread with Cool Whip. Spread with remaining crumbs. Chill overnight.

## 2004 Alarms

(as of 05/28/04)

EMA	155
Fires	7
False Call	34
MVA	10
Service Call	13
Good Intent	10
Hazardous Cond.	3
Other	1

## District News

Do you want to submit something to the newsletter? Please contact Amy at Station 51 {503-769-3282, sta51adm@wvi.com} before the 22nd of each month. Information will be printed at the District's discretion.

## Bits and Pieces

- ◆ Just another reminder that the annual Auxiliary Garage Sale is coming up on June 26th from 8am-4pm. If you have items to donate or would like information, contact Shannon Tallman (503) 873-7437
- ◆ Welcome back to Jess Lienemann! He is returning as a probationary firefighter. District members will be notified as soon as he is cleared for response.
- ◆ REMINDER: July 17th is Inservice Training from 9-3, followed by a picnic at 4pm for all District members & their families.

## Welcome New Members!

The District gained a new Resident Intern at the beginning of May. Craig Chaffin, 18, graduated in 2002 from Oregon Youth Challenge High School in Bend. Craig has previous firefighting experience with Marion County Fire District #1. His interests include camping and fishing.



Craig Chaffin

Barbara Nelson has accepted the position of summer firefighter with the District. Barbara has been a volunteer with Stayton Fire for almost 3 years and is a Firefighter I and EMT-Basic. She is married with six children, ages 22-6, and two grandchildren.



Barbara Nelson