

◆ Sub-Fire Newsletter ◆

Since 2003

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MARCH 2005 CALENDAR

Mar. 3—Officers Mtg. 6pm;
Safety Mtg. 6:30pm;
Association Mtg. 7pm

Mar. 9—Board Mtg. 7pm

Mar. 10—Drill Night
(Engineer Training)

Mar. 13—Burn-to-Learn

Mar. 15—Michelle Heater's
Birthday

Mar. 16—Tim Heater's
Birthday

Mar. 17—St. Patrick's Day
Drill Night (RIT, Mayday,
Self-Rescue)

Mar. 19—Gary Rychar'd's
Birthday

Mar. 20—Spring begins

Mar. 21—Jim Heater's
Birthday

Mar. 24—Drill Night (RIT,
Mayday, Self-Rescue)

Mar. 27—Easter

Mar. 31—Drill Night (RIT,
Mayday, Self-Rescue)



From the Desk of the Fire Chief

Over the past two months, we have participated in several meetings that will eventually lead us to some new and exciting changes. One change will be a new Fire Chief in September. And by the way, it WILL be in September. As time has passed, I have decided NOT to take the position at Chemeketa and will remain here until my full retirement in September. I look forward to remaining affiliated with the District as a volunteer after that.

Another change that is taking shape is the result of some hard work by dedicated officers and members who are making recommendations for the revision of our training program. I cannot give you details of what the final product will be, but I assure

you that all involved are dedicated to developing a friendly, efficient system.

I am very pleased with the proposed revision to our MISSION, VISION and VALUES (a copy is enclosed for all of you to peruse). Every member of this department needs to memorize OUR mission, and, be sure to keep it in focus in everything you do here. It is "WHAT WE ARE ABOUT!" Read it frequently, along with the values and vision. You'll be hearing more about this throughout the year.

In the next few months, the executive search for a new Chief will be occurring. During this time, it's not hard for rumors to start, concerns to be raised, and

people to feel threatened.

Please come to me or Chief Heater if you need information or feel concerned. This is a relatively open process, and all of us, the Board, the members and I, want to locate the best match for this district. We need a Chief that can take us to the next level and pull us all together so we run like a well-tuned clock.

Finally—please accept my sincerest and deeply felt thanks for the kindness you have all shown as I deal with my brother's terminal illness. Thanks to you, I was able to travel with my wife and sister to Canada and visit with him for several days. Probably the best visit we've had in many years. Probably the last. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!



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3rd Annual EMS Slumber Party is Coming Up!

It's that time of year again—time for EMT medical responders to re-certify.

The District is holding its third annual EMS Slumber Party on Saturday, March 5th, from 15:00-

22:00, so be sure to sign up with Captain Williams today! Cost is \$20—dinner is included.

Some topics covered will be Medical & Trauma case review, Medication Administration, Airway skills for

Basic & Intermediate, and Pediatric Access.

This class will be good for 7 hours of re-certification time.

Everyone is more than welcome (but not required) to sleep at the station. Following class, there'll be a movie in the training room.

2005 Alarm Totals

EMA	71
Fires	6
False Call	6
MVA	5
Service Call	3
Good Intent	0
Hazardous Cond.	0
Other	0

Congrats to the Award Winners from 2004

The word is out! And the big winners from this year's Annual Awards banquet are:

Most Improved Firefighter
Tim Gardner

EMS Responder of the Year
Gene Ditter

Rookie of the Year
Dusty Thomas

Officer of the Year
Brandon Hamilton

Firefighter of the Year
Ira Doran/Tim Gardner

Award winners were selected by their fellow firefighters.

The Auxiliary also gave out 2 awards. The Auxiliary President's Award went to Kim Zuber and Member of the Year went to Darlene Hendricks.

Congratulations to all of the award winners for 2004!

Gene's Cooking Corner

Hamburger Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 can milk
- 1 can mixed vegetables, drained (or use frozen veggies)
- 1/2 bag frozen tater tots
- grated Cheddar cheese
- salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

Pre-heat oven to 350. Brown ground beef in frying pan. Drain. Mix together with soup, milk, and vegetables. Put into 2-quart casserole. Top with tater tots and grated cheese. Bake until bubbly.

Serving Suggestion:

Can stand alone or goes well with hot buttermilk biscuits and mashed potatoes.

Bits and Pieces

- ◆ 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 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 Board has contracted with 4M Consulting to begin an executive search and examination process for replacing Chief McMahan after his retirement. This process includes the formation of a "Project Team," comprised of members of the department, whose purpose is to help identify the Chief's responsibilities and skills needed, and to help develop the screening process for applicants. The "Project Team" will be selected within the next

couple of weeks. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 17.

- ◆ An application has been filed with Marion County to develop the 25 acres on the Northeast corner of Triumph Rd. and Cascade Hwy into a 15-lot subdivision.
- ◆ A District gas card is missing. Please check your turnouts and let Chief know if you find it.