

# ◆ Sublimity Fire District ◆

Newsletter since 2003

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## MARCH 2006 CALENDAR

2 - Dessert only, 6:45 p.m.; EMS Drill, 7:00 p.m.; Station 51; Business Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

**4 - Annual Awards Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Anthony Hall**

6 - Monday Drill

8 - Intern interviews, 3:00 p.m.; Board of directors meeting, 7:00 p.m., Training Room

9 - Regular Drill

13 - Monday Drill

16 - Officers Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Station 51; Regular Drill, 7:00 p.m.

**17 - St. Patrick's Day**

20 - Monday Drill

23 - Regular Drill

27 - Monday Drill

30 - Regular Drill

### **Birthdays:**

3 - Mike Jackson  
8 - Dustin Mullins  
13 - Derek Hammer  
16 - Tim Heater  
19 - Gary Rychard  
21 - Jim Heater



## *From the Desk of Fire Chief Tim Frost*

What a privilege it is to be in Sublimity serving a wonderful community. The challenges here are the same throughout the state: decreased budgets, lack of volunteers, retaining quality people and finding time for individuals to attend all of life's activities.

I have no easy answers or magical process to lessen all the demands on your time. I can only ask you to serve your community and hope that the satisfaction you receive from helping your neighbors is reward enough for your sacrifices. I will try not to waste your time investment with unrealistic requirements that don't serve a purpose of meeting our regulatory obligations.

I would encourage all

members to be involved with all the department's activities. It's important that we let the citizens of the community know that we truly appreciate their support of the fire district.

It is every member's obligation to promote a positive image of our fire district and to actively recruit new members to our organization.

I have learned in my career that change is a constant process in the fire service. We must be an organization that not only adapts to change but is a leader in the process. Don't be afraid to try something new - you might be surprised.

In closing, I would like to update you on what we have been doing with our

Spirit Mountain grant money.

The Spirit Mountain grant has been expended. We received \$50,000 from the grant to be used for personal protective equipment (PPE), pagers and radios. The following is a list of equipment purchased:

- (16) alert pagers
- (7) hand-held radios
- (25) sets of turnout gear
- (25) helmets
- (25) pairs of boots
- (25) pairs of gloves
- (25) hoods

Our match for this much-needed equipment was approximately \$7,500. We hope to have all new gear in service by the end of April. The 2006 Assistance to Firefighters Grant will include replacing SCBAs and the emergency house generator.



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## *Bush's 2007 Spending Plan Decreases Funding to Public Safety Programs*

It looks like some of the federal programs of great assistance to

firefighters and other first responders are in danger of being cut or greatly reduced by President Bush's proposed 2007 budget.

In an article by Dibya Sarkar, headlined, "Bush budget squeezes

first responders," on the Federal Computer Week Web site, it states that, "No one expected to be spared from President Bush's proposed belt-tightening budget, but police officers, firefighters and others feel particularly squeezed."

The article goes on to explain how the budget cuts would affect firefighters: According to the proposed fiscal 2007 budget, the president would substantially decrease or eliminate funding for several major programs that first responders have relied on to buy technology, interoperable communications equipment, gear and vehicles.

Of particular importance to firefighters is the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which "would be cut from \$545 million this year to a proposed \$293 million in 2007." In addition, the \$110 million budget for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program would be eliminated under the president's proposed budget.

Congress is expected to restore at least some of the funding, but it is also working to try to balance the budget. That could mean asking law enforcement agencies and others to make difficult decisions about which initiatives to fund and which to cut. Keep your fingers crossed that first responder program funding continues.

## *The Cooking Corner*

### *Frosty's Prime Rib*

**Ingredients**

- Prime Rib roast (4 or 5 ribs, 10-12 lbs.)
- 2 pkgs powdered Au Jus mix

**Instructions**

Put prime rib in roasting pan, rib side down. Bake at 400° for one half hour. Reduce heat to 200° and bake another 20 minutes per pound of roast. During the last hour of cooking, pour 1/4 cup water over roast and let excess fall into pan. Sprinkle the dry Au Jus mix on the roast. A meat thermometer is always the best way to check doneness: 120°-rare, 140°-medium, 165°-well-done.

*Serving Suggestions:*

*Goes well with mashed or baked potatoes, asparagus or steamed green beans, and toasted french bread.*

### 2006 Alarm Totals

EMA	50
Fires	1
False Call	8
MVA	3
Service Call	11
Good Intent	5
Hazardous Cond.	2
Other	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>

## *Bits and Pieces*

◆ **Paperwork Changes:**  
Because we are now submitting all of our call information electronically to the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, we have a new system for paperwork. Completed paperwork consists of a response sheet, followed by either a Form 10 or PCR, and ending with the dispatch run sheet. Also, the fire marshal's office uses a three-digit code system, so our previous method of two-digit coding is no longer an option.

◆ **AWARDS BANQUET:**  
Don't forget that Saturday, March 4, is the annual awards banquet at Anthony Hall! We hope to see everyone there!

◆ **Communication Issues:**  
Because our members lead very busy lives, it is sometimes hard to convey important info. We've found that the easiest way is to put it in station mailboxes or send it via alphapagers, so please remember to check for new info whenever possible so you can stay up-to-date.

◆ **Firefighter Tip #1:**  
Anytime you think you need to use the restroom, it's always advisable to remove your pager or radio from your belt first. See McFarland for details.

◆ **Firefighter Tip #2:**  
Before any apparatus leaves the station, a good engineer will check both mirrors or do a walk-around to make sure all compartment doors are closed before leaving. Call Stayton for details.