

# ◆ Sub-Fire Newsletter ◆

Since 2003

November 1, 2004

## **NOVEMBER 2004 CALENDAR**

- Nov. 1—All Saints Day
- Nov. 2—Election Day;  
*Mary McMahan's Birthday*
- Nov. 3—Academy (*Fire Prevention*) Sta 80-6:30p
- Nov. 4—Officers Meeting 6pm; Drill Night (*Business Meeting/EMS Drill*) 7pm
- Nov. 6—Quarterly In-Service Training 9am-3pm; Academy (*Search & Rescue*) Sta 51-8am
- Nov. 7—Academy (*Ladders*) Sta 51-8am
- Nov. 10—Board of Directors Mtg 7pm; Academy (*Communications*) Sta 80
- Nov. 11—Veteran's Day (NO DRILL)
- Nov. 16—"The Sandlot" at Star Cinema 7pm
- Nov. 17—Academy (*Bldg. Construction*) Sta 80-6:30
- Nov. 18—Drill Night (*House Evolutions*) 7pm
- Nov. 20—Academy (*Haz-Mat*) Sta 80-8am
- Nov. 21—Academy (*Haz-Mat*) Sta 80-8am
- Nov. 24—Shannon Tallman's Birthday
- Nov. 25—Thanksgiving (NO DRILL)
- Nov. 30—Troy Tallman's Birthday



## ***Notes from the Fire Chief's Desk***

### **QUARTERLY IN-SERVICE: NOV 6th – 9am**

We will review Individual Training Manuals and task completions and do Truck Company Operations. Please attend and be in uniform.

### **TURKEY SHOOT CANCELED**

As most of you know, this year's Turkey Shoot was canceled. It would have marked the 68<sup>th</sup> annual occurrence of an activity that was started in November of 1936. That same year, Dom Pérignon champagne was marketed, Elsie the Cow became Borden's mascot, the 5th Avenue Bar and Mars Bar were introduced, Girl Scout cookies came to your doorstep, the Waring blender was available for your wife's Christmas present, and the Queen Mary made her maiden voyage.

The decision to cancel the



Turkey Shoot was not an easy one and was not taken lightly. It was simply a case of not enough people and not enough time to get the job done. As word of the cancellation has gotten around, some past members have offered to help. There

is no reason that the 68<sup>th</sup> annual Turkey shoot cannot occur in November of 2005. But, we are going to need a couple of committed members willing to keep us on track, and we also need to have our past members, friends and family members come and help. SO...are there a couple of you out there that will take this on? If you start now, it will make things a lot easier.

### **LADDER 51 GOING IN SERVICE**

The day is finally here! Ladder 51 goes in service Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. What took so long, you ask? Well, making sure we had

cautious, well-trained operators and truckmen with proper credentials (accreditation) was the number one priority.

November 1<sup>st</sup>, we have Captain Williams and Lieutenant Ditter ready as drivers, with Captain Hamilton and Chief McMahan close behind as they near the completion of their certification class. All of the interns will be ready as truckmen, along with several volunteers who have been able to practice and work on the unit.

Arriving Officers and Incident Commanders need to keep in mind that sufficient space and access must be allowed as initial engines arrive, so that effective use of this or any truck can be made. Also, one engine needs to be dedicated to the unit if it is used as a master stream device.



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## Halloween Fun for Members



Captain Williams & FF Hansen

& future would be lifted in prophecy. There is evidence to suggest that this celebration lasted 3 days, from October 31-November 2. Early Celtic society was very structured, but during these 3 days, that structure was abolished. Men dressed as women and vice-versa, farmers' gates were unhinged, horses were moved to neighboring fields, and children went knocking on neighbors' doors for food and treats. Those traditions have morphed into the modern-day trick or treat that we call Halloween.



FF Hansen, FF Garelli & Lynette

## Gene's Cooking Corner

### Super Easy Oven-Baked Chicken

#### Ingredients

boneless skinless chicken breasts/thighs

1/4 c. margarine or butter, melted

1/2 bag potato chips (plain or BBQ flavored), finely crushed

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°. Make sure chicken is completely thawed, then dip in melted butter. Roll buttered chicken in potato chip crumbs. Place on foil-lined cookie sheet and bake from 40-45 minutes.

*Serving suggestion: Serve with Spanish Rice or mashed potatoes and a salad for a complete meal.*

*Variation: Instead of chips, try equal parts Italian Breadcrumbs & Parmesan Cheese.*

### 2004 Alarm Totals

EMA	294
Fires	23
False Call	48
MVA	33
Service Call	35
Good Intent	30
Hazardous Cond.	4
Other	1

Halloween is a special time of year when we get to dress up and pretend to be someone else for a day or night—it's parties and trick-or-treat. But, do you know its origins? Here's a brief history lesson on

Halloween:

Halloween originally started as an ancient Celtic holiday called Samhain (pronounced sow-en). It was said to be a very magical time when the dead would walk among the living and the veils between past, present,

## Bits and Pieces

- ◆ This issue marks the first Anniversary of the Sub-Fire Newsletter. We hope we can continue bringing you District news for years to come. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us.
- ◆ There was a good turnout for Halloween night at Station 51. The District provided cocoa, cider, and candy from 5:30-8:30pm for folks looking for a break from the cold. Visitors were treated to a free viewing of Casper on a screen set up in the bay, open viewing and

exploration of Engine 51 and Ladder 51, turnout displays and even a scary greeter at the office door. A big thanks to Chief and Mary McMahan, Steve Garelli, Jess Lienemann, Gene Ditter, Josh Smith, and Jeff Schmidt, for helping provide a night of good wholesome fun and bringing trick-or-treaters in out of the cold. Without your help, it wouldn't have been possible.

- ◆ On October 31, the clocks got set back for Daylight Savings Time. Now that it's getting darker a lot earlier, please remember to wear reflective and/or light colored

clothing when walking or jogging at night to avoid a mishap. With the rainy weather and the darkness combined, it may be difficult for drivers to see you!

- ◆ 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!
- ◆ Reminder: the Association is sponsoring a showing of "The Sandlot" at the Star Cinema on November 16 at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 each.