

# ◆ Sub-Fire Newsletter ◆

Since 2003

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## SEPTEMBER 2004 CALENDAR

- Sept. 2—Drill Night  
*(Association Mtg/EMS Drill)* 7pm
- Sept. 6—Labor Day
- Sept. 8—Board of Directors Mtg. 7pm
- Sept. 9—Drill Night  
*(Evolutions/FF II -Rescue)*
- Sept. 10-12—Sublimity Harvest Festival
- Sept. 10—Laremy Criswell's Birthday
- Sept. 11—Patriot Day
- Sept. 16—Rosh Hashanah
- Sept. 16—Drill Night  
*(Evolutions)* 7pm
- Sept. 17—Mary Williams' Birthday
- Sept. 18-19—Oregon Covered Bridge Festival
- Sept. 22—Fall Begins
- Sept. 23—Drill Night  
*(Evolutions/FF II-Rescue)*
- Sept. 25—Yom Kippur
- Sept. 30—Drill Night



## Now, the rest of the story...

Last month, I explained that the Board of Directors is resubmitting the serial levy for the November election. I also explained that the 1990-2000 census shows that as our community's population has increased, the number of potential volunteers has decreased about 25%.

What I feel I need to explain is why we only looked at the city population and didn't include the rural. The simple answer is that data is not available. The census bureau doesn't track the jurisdictional boundaries of the district--only cities, counties and states. So, there is no way to quantify the rural population of our fire district.

I have attempted to hand count, based on who I know lives where, but this is not at all accurate. We believe there are approximately 773 individual residents in the rural portion of our Fire District. I suspect that the

number of potential volunteers in that population has declined more than in the city. As fewer offspring tend to remain on the family farms, it is likely that the average age of the rural population is increasing.

So, what will the levy do for the fire district? Basically it will provide funds to hire two additional career firefighter/EMT's and to afford a reasonable stipend for volunteers who participate in shifts.

The new Firefighters and Captain Williams will work 24 hours on-duty and 48 off-duty, which would provide the District with one fulltime Firefighter/EMT 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The additional funds (approximately \$50,000) would be used to support volunteers who work shifts, reimbursing them at a rate of \$40 to \$160 per shift, depending on the length and if it is a holiday.

With the career positions filled, two interns per shift and eventually two volunteers per shift, we will have a 5-person crew at the Main station. This will substantially improve our response time from what is now in excess of 8 minutes (from alarm to en route) to less than 2 minutes. If and when ISO (the organization that rates fire districts so insurance companies can set their insurance rates) conducts its next rating for Sublimity, we will receive credit for 5 fulltime firefighters 24/7. That will go a long way toward reducing the insurance costs to our taxpayers.

We will also be within nationally recognized standards for response times (less than 3 minutes), which we currently are not.

For other duties, these new career members will be assigned such things as Volunteer coordination, EMS coordination, mapping, equipment maintenance and other things that we currently struggle with keeping up-to-date.

**Chief McMahan**  
Sublimity Fire District

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## Meet the New Interns!



**Brent Stepman**



**Vasily "Billy" Hansen**

Brent joins us from Great Falls, Montana, where he graduated from high school in 2003, then went on to study at the University of Montana for a year. He came here hoping to get into the Chemeketa Fire

Billy is already a graduate from the Chemeketa Fire Program, as well as an EMT-Intermediate. He's planning on applying to the Chemeketa Paramedic Program.

A 2001 Woodburn High School graduate, he comes to us as an experienced intern with Hubbard Fire for 2 1/2 years. He's also been an EMS volunteer with Molalla Fire for 3 years.

Billy is half Russian and says he can "get by" speaking the language. His hobbies include going out with friends, camping, fishing, hunting, and other outdoor activities. He likes to relax and enjoy life and he doesn't like homework.

Science Program and was recently accepted!

A real go-getter, Brent is excited to start earning his fire certifications. Aside from firefighting, he also likes football, big trucks, and chicken-fried steak.

## Recipe of the Month

### Zucchini Bread submitted by Gene Ditter

- 1 1/2 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. grated zucchini
- 1 egg
- 1/4 c. vegetable oil
- 1/4 tsp. chopped lemon zest
- 1/2 c. chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 8x4x2" loaf pan. In mixing bowl, combine flour, soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg. In another bowl, combine sugar, zucchini, egg, oil and lemon zest. Mix well. Add mixture to flour and stir until combined. Stir in walnuts. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 55-60 minutes. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Enjoy!

### 2004 Alarm Totals

EMA	239
Fires	21
False Call	43
MVA	24
Service Call	31
Good Intent	19
Hazardous Cond.	3
Other	1

## Bits and Pieces



- ◆ Sublimity Residents spotted a cougar at the west end of Main Street on August 26.
- ◆ Ladder 51's annual inspection is complete. It passed with flying colors. As soon as the officers determine its response criteria, it will be put into service.

- ◆ REMINDER: Recruit Academy starts in October. If anyone is interested in instructing or assisting, please contact Capt Williams.



- ◆ The Firefighters Association held a successful Cowboy Breakfast on August 7, leaving them with a \$930 profit. All money raised has been designated toward purchasing equipment for Ladder-51.

- ◆ Turner Fire District has hired a new Fire Chief, Kevin Henson, from Santa Fe County Fire District in New Mexico.
- ◆ Building permits have been requested to build a new dental office in Sublimity, located next to the post office.

