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Record Volunteer Academy Graduation

Approximately 130 individuals attended the Volunteer Recruit Academy graduation on Tuesday, March 16th at the training center. A total of 23 suppression volunteers, 10 support volunteers, and one Chaplain graduated from this record graduation class. This was the largest career or volunteer academy held at District #1. The Suppression Volunteer Academy followed the identical track of training, exams, and practical testing that the career academy follows. The 23 suppression volunteers had the highest average of any career or volunteer academy with an average of 95% with the lowest individual being at 91%. The addition of these 23 new volunteers will allow the District to again open up the Clarkes Community Fire Station in June when the new facility construction is completed. The volunteers will be working duty shifts on nights and weekends, in addition to supplementing the current volunteer crews at the Logan Community Fire Station. The 10 new support volunteers will give us the ability to have a more reliable response from our three rehab apparatus and our Command One vehicle, which will improve our service level and the ability to assist our suppression personnel working on scenes. A variety of instructors, training staff, and District personnel worked very hard to assist in making this volunteer academy one of the best that we have been able to facilitate. This graduating class resulted from an intense recruiting campaign that started nearly one year ago and resulted in a record number of 105 applicants. The funding for this recruiting drive and for the volunteer coordination of the program was made possible through a federal Safer Grant that the Fire District received in 2006. This grant has had a direct and very significant impact in the number of volunteers we now have in addition to the much higher service level we now can provide with these volunteers.



Read Across America

Read Across America, a celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, is a national event that was held the week of March 1, 2010. Once again, at Gaffney Lane Elementary and at Lot Whitcomb Elementary, members of the Fire District came and read to students and helped with the celebration.



Chief Kirchofer reading to students
Reading to students at Lot Whitcomb
Elementary School.



Deputy Fire Marshal Kari Shanklin reading
to students at Gaffney Lane Elementary
School.

Annual Scott Firefighter Stairclimb

On Sunday, March 7, 2010, firefighters from across the United States competed in the 19th Annual Scott Firefighter Stairclimb. This unique race to the top of the Columbia Center in Seattle, Washington in full combat gear and self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is the largest individual firefighter competition in the world. The Scott Firefighter Stairclimb supports the mission of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, raising money through sponsorships, individual and department fundraising, and entry fees.

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The 2010 Clackamas Fire Stairclimb team was able to complete the 69 floor 1311 step odyssey to the top of the Columbia Tower. Sixteen members including Fire Chief Ed Kirchhofer and Local 1159/EMS Captain Karl Koenig made it to the top. Our top three finishers earned the Fire District a 34th place out of 129 teams. Jamen Lahodny, Matt Davis and Nick Fisher led a strong showing with sub-twenty times. CFD1 raised \$9,418 and placed 9th in fund raising. Kelsey Willard, Ted Willard and Jamen Lahodny spearheaded our fundraising at the Ram Restaurant. A big thank you goes to everyone that helped at the Ram and all the families and members who came and enjoyed a meal. Jessica Johns, David Aasland, Bryan MacKender, Ryan Heitschmidt, David Scheirman, Shawn Mullen, Kevin Schurter, David Palmer, Robert Busch and Matt Stevens rounded out the team.

The team also would like to pass on its appreciation to the bottle and pack helpers at Stations 2 and 10, Ryan Heitschmidt for driving the van with all the gear to Seattle and to Matt Kilgras who changed packs and bottles on the 40th floor all day. There were 32 team members and family that enjoyed a seafood extravaganza at the Crab Pot following the climb.



2010 Clackamas Fire Stairclimb Team



Columbia Tower

Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation **Trustee Term Renewals**

The Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation is made up of 20 Trustees from the community. Each year, some of the Trustees' three-year terms end and they have the option of being renewed by the District's Board of Directors. At the March board meeting, the Board approved the three-year term renewals for the following Trustees:

Kyle Gorman – Clackamas Fire District #1
Sherie Rosenbaum – Stone Cliff Inn
Scott Vallance – Clackamas Fire District #1

David Scheirman from the Fire District elected not to renew his term for another three years due to other commitments. We appreciate his time and commitment to the organization. Thank you, David, for your nine years of dedicated service to the Foundation.

Foundation Fundraisers

The Foundation's mission is "To provide humanitarian assistance to those who have been adversely affected by disaster, tragedy, injury or other misfortune, and to work towards preventing such misfortunes in our community." The Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation, a 501(c)(3) was formed in 1998 to provide funds to help people in need within the community. Along with the Fire District, the Foundation consists of other emergency service

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agencies—Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Milwaukie Police Department and Oregon City Police Department. When any of these agencies respond to a call and a need is determined, Foundation funds are used to help those citizens.

To ensure there are funds available when needed, the Foundation has scheduled two fundraisers during 2010. Help us help the community. Join us for the:

First Annual Foundation Luncheon and Silent Auction
Tuesday June 8, 2010
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Oregon Golf Club
25700 SW Petes Mountain Road
West Linn, OR 97068

Tickets
\$50 per individual
\$500 for Table of Ten

Please RSVP online at clackamasfire.com/luncheon
(Visa/MC/Amex accepted) or mail check to:
Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation
11300 SE Fuller Road
Milwaukie, OR 97222

The second fundraiser is the annual golf tournament.

**6th Annual Trail Blazers Alumni
Celebrity Golf Tournament**
The Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club
Tuesday, August 24th, 2010
Tee time - 12:00 p.m.
\$150 per person

Player registration fees include:

Green fee, golf cart, warm-up balls, lunch, dinner, raffle ticket, entry in putting contest, mulligan coupon and tee prize.

Questions? Call 503-742-2600.

Updated Strategic Business Plan and Standards of Cover Document

During the last 18 months, the Fire District has revised its Strategic Business Plan, including a review of its mission, vision and values. The Fire District established goals and objectives, specific measures of performance, and action plans to implement the plan objectives. The Board of Directors approved the plan for implementation at the February 22 board meeting.

Also at the February 22 board meeting, the Board approved the new additions to the Standards of Cover document. The purpose of this document includes providing a baseline tool for defining emergency response performance

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standards and goals, a summary of community risk (life safety and economic), and a basis for continually measuring performance over time.

You may view both of these documents after April 12 on our website at www.clackamasfire.com.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Fire District's Annual Awards Banquet

The Fire District held its annual awards banquet on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Abernethy Center in Oregon City. Nearly 200 people were in attendance at the banquet, which included employees and family members. The awards banquet is held every year to recognize Fire District employees who perform above the regular call of duty. This year the Fire District recognized 19 people for outstanding performance and achievement.

Firefighter Steve Hazelton was awarded the Firefighter of the Year for 2009. Steve received more nominations than any other firefighter for this award. He is a highly skilled and experienced firefighter who takes his job very seriously. Steve is a key player at the John Adams fire station in Oregon City and is often looked to for managing special projects. He is always the first one to work, the first one in his uniform and the first one to make sure coffee is made for his fellow firefighters. Steve is always the first one to volunteer or step up for a dirty job. He is extremely humble and generous and is one of the most respected firefighters in our organization. Steve is a model firefighter for new employees to mentor.



Chief Kirchhofer, Career FF of the Year Steve Hazelton, IAFF President/Capt. Karl Koenig



Volunteer Firefighter Josh Traff was nominated by the Volunteer Association to receive the 2009 Volunteer of the Year. Josh is a proven leader in the Volunteer Association and continues to be an active player in the association. Josh works closely with other volunteers to help them succeed and takes his role as a volunteer very seriously. He is highly respected and is a key player in the group.

Volunteer FF Josh Traff and Chief Kirchhofer

Other awards presented that night and the criteria for each include:

- **Award of Appreciation:** Awarded to a member of the District in appreciation for efficient and effective work that has been accomplished over a period of time. Appreciation recognition includes activities, programs or plans that improve fire service operations, improve time efficiencies or saves money.

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- **Meritorious Service Award:** Awarded to a member of the District who demonstrates valuable service, continuous professionalism, and dedication to the service of the community and to the goals of the District. Awarded to a member who develops a program, system or procedure that is accepted by the District and results in improved performance, reduced costs or improved use of time.
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Awards Received

Career Firefighter of the Year
Steve Hazelton

Volunteer Firefighter of the Year
Josh Traff

Award of Appreciation

Apparatus Operator Todd Gago

Volunteers Gerard Kearney, Brian Hankins and Josh Traff

Suppression Volunteer Eric Shoop

Fire Fighter/Paramedic Bob Atiyeh

Lieutenant Will Weatherly

Deputy Fire Marshal Doug Whiteley

EMS Committee members – Captain Karl Koenig, Lieutenant Spencer Lambing, Apparatus Operators Josh Santos, Don Zirbel, and Bryan MacKender

Meritorious Service Award

Deputy Chief Jim Syring

HR Program Manager Thia Barth

Chaplain Dave Wildermuth

Executive Assistant Karen Strejc

Years of Service Recognition for several employees – 5/10/15/20/25/30 years of service

Introduction of Recruit Academy

Our current Recruit Academy consisting of seven individuals has been working hard since March 1st to meet the high standard the District requires of our firefighters. They bring with them knowledge and experience, which will help them become great firefighters. They are all doing well, working and studying hard to accomplish this requirement. Training Staff has been pleased with their results. They will begin their Field Training Evaluation Program (FTEP) on May 1st and as fulltime probationary firefighters beginning June 1st!



Justin Colvin

I have been a resident of Clackamas County for eight years. I volunteered with Gladstone Fire Department for five years, worked for AMR for nine years and have been teaching EMS in various capacities for approximately three years. I am married and have 2 ½ year-old twins, one boy and one girl. The rest of my family lives in Seattle Washington where I grew up.

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I am 21 years old and have lived in Hood River most of my life. I began volunteering as a student firefighter in high school. After high school, I went to Columbia Gorge Community College for my pre-requisites for paramedic school. I graduated from OHSU's 35th paramedic class in August 2009. I am excited to be here!

Trevor Cooper



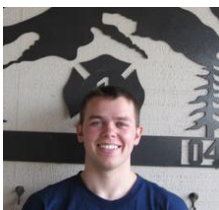
I was born and raised in Oregon. I grew up in the Oregon City area where I attended Canby School District. Currently, I reside in Molalla. I have been a resident volunteer with Clackamas Fire District #1 for just over three years and have worked as a paramedic with AMR in Multnomah County for the last 1 ½ years. My hobbies include spending time with friends and family, fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, 4-wheeling and just about anything outdoors. I am very excited to be in my position right now. It is my dream job. I feel very lucky and proud for the opportunity to be a part of the Clackamas Fire family.

Mike Hess



I am excited to be a new member of the District. I was born and raised in the Portland area and for the most part I grew up near Mt. Tabor in Southeast Portland. Before being hired by the Fire District, I was a volunteer with the District for approximately 2 1/2 years. I also worked at AMR as an EMT-B and before that worked as a carpenter for a residential remodeling company. I grew up playing a lot of basketball and I still like playing whenever I can. In my free time, I also like spending time with my brothers, camping, fishing, snowboarding, and working on cars. I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone.

Matt Job



I was born in Portland, Oregon and have lived in Clackamas County my entire life. I was a Suppression Volunteer Firefighter with the District for three years prior to getting hired. I attended Chemeketa Community College for both my Fire Science and Paramedic degrees. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends and staying active. I love to hunt, fish, go camping, ride snowmobiles, ATVs, snow ski, snowboard and anything else outdoors. I am honored to have the opportunity to be a part of this awesome organization and look forward to the years to come.

Shawn Lahodny



I have grown up in the area and currently live in Milwaukie with my wife and son. For the past three years, I have been a volunteer with Clackamas Fire and have also worked as a paramedic in Multnomah County for 1 ½ years. I feel so privileged to have been given this opportunity to join the full-time family here at the Fire District.

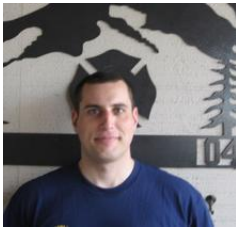
Matt Rouse

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I am an Oregon native. I spent much of my 20's living and working in New York and London. In 2002, I moved back to Oregon to be closer to family and friends. Over the last few years, I have been working at Clark County Fire Rescue. I am honored to have the opportunity to make a difference in other people's lives. I look forward to serving the community and becoming part of the Clackamas Fire District #1 family.

Harrison Zieverink

LOCAL STATION ACTIVITIES

See Station Summary