

# CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1



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### **Burn Ban in Fire District**

The Clackamas County Fire Defense Board (CCFDB) agencies have moved to a Burn Ban within the county. Controlled fuel source appliances such as propane, charcoal, or wood pellet devices and natural gas or propane flame pits are not regulated under open burning rules. Any wood burning exterior fires are banned until further notice, including burning in a chiminea, terra cotta, or metal fire pit device. Please be safe.

### **Fire District Awarded Re-Accreditation**

The Fire District was unanimously approved for re-accreditation by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) at its semi-annual meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2010. The District officially received its accreditation award at the CFAI awards dinner on Thursday, August 26 at the Fire Rescue International Conference in Chicago. Thank you to Accreditation Manager DC Jim Syring for his leadership and tireless energy in this process and to the many employees who helped with the Strategic Business Plan, Standards of Cover document and the Self Assessment Manual. An Annual Compliance Report will now be submitted every year with the Accreditation process completed every five years.

### **National Night Out**

Crews from Clackamas Fire District #1 visited neighborhoods and local parks throughout the District for National Night Out, which was observed on various nights during the week of August 2, 2010. Over 900 residents gathered in 19 locations in an effort to bring neighbors and neighborhoods together. This event is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; and strengthen neighborhood spirit. Many of the neighborhood groups in the area held gatherings with a variety of events for members to enjoy and provided an opportunity for neighbors to get acquainted.

Clackamas Fire District #1 is always involved in this incredible event. Our firefighters, battalion chiefs, division chiefs, and volunteers attended many neighborhood gatherings throughout the Fire District, including many events in Happy Valley, Oregon City, Oak Grove and Milwaukie. These appearances give the citizens a chance to get up close and see many different types of firefighting apparatus. Our community fire stations are very involved in their neighborhoods and citizens should know they can come by and visit anytime.



Truck 15 had the attention of the neighborhood!



Jackson is ready to respond as a Support Volunteer.



Support Volunteer Shane Meisel handing out helmets and stickers while a Mom listens to Support Volunteer Michelle Chapin.

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### Oregon City Mayor Norris Scales Firefighting Ladder

Oregon City Mayor Alice Norris had the opportunity to realize a “life-long dream” with the help of the Fire District. She had always wanted to scale a fire truck ladder. During a National Night Out event at the South End Fire Station, she got the opportunity to live her dream. After receiving instructions from firefighters and getting geared-up, she quickly scaled a 105-foot fire truck ladder. Good job, Mayor Norris!



AO David Slegers helps prepare Mayor Norris for her ladder climb.



FF Steve Hazelton, FF James Yochum and AO David Slegers observing Mayor Norris scaling the ladder.



FF Steve Hazelton, Mayor Norris, FF James Yochum and AO David Slegers after the dream was achieved.

### Volunteer Association Update

After many decades of holding volunteer drills and association meetings on Tuesday nights, the majority of the members of the Volunteer Association voted to move drill nights to Wednesdays. Currently, all of the neighboring fire agencies have their volunteer drill nights on Wednesdays. Moving the drill night will enable many opportunities to drill and interact with neighboring volunteer agencies. The first Wednesday night drill will be October 1, 2010.

At their meeting on July 27, 2010, the Volunteer Association elected new officers. Their term in office will be until June 2011 when the next election will be held. Congratulations to the new officers:

President – Eric Shoop  
Vice President – Josh Traff  
Treasurers – Brian Hankins and Blake Meyer  
Secretary – Jesse Lyons  
Sgt. at Arms – Jack Tanz

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### Art a la Carte First Friday

The Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association hosted "Art a la Carte First Friday" in Downtown Milwaukie on Friday, August 6, 2010. The Fire District was represented at this event with the 1949 Ford, "Old Red," Rehab 2 and Rehab 7. A big "Thank You" goes to Station 16 Lt. Jed Wachlin for making the needed phone calls to ensure we had vehicles at this event.



Rehab 2 provided several tours. The bus was "cool" with adults and children once they realized it had air conditioning inside.



Old Red in Downtown Milwaukie.

### Life Saving Awards Presented

On August 17, 2010, Chief Ed Kirchhofer and DC Fred Charlton attended the Happy Valley City Council meeting in order to present life saving awards to Encompass Urgent Care and Premier Sport & Fitness employees. These awards were presented for the quick actions performed by the employees of these two businesses following a cardiac arrest save on July 28, 2010 at Premier. Encompass Urgent Care emergency medical technicians used a defibrillator and revived the patient twice before the arrival of Fire District crews. The quick actions of the employees (recognition, intervention, and appropriate action) clearly resulted in the recovery of the patient, Laura Rollins.

Receiving lifesaving awards at Happy Valley's City Council meeting are (from left to right) CFD1 Chief Ed Kirchhofer; Premier Sport & Fitness managers Chadd Westwood and Leanne Gillies; Laura Rollins; Encompass Urgent Care providers Olga Megedyuk, Kerry O'Leary and Annette Byrd; CFD1 Deputy Chief Fred Charlton.



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### **Competency Recognition Certificate Received**

Deputy Fire Marshal Dave Jones from the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal presented Lt. Deputy Fire Marshal Kari Shanklin her Fire Marshal Competency Recognition Certificate. The award came from the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal with the ICC Fire Plan Review endorsement.

The Fire and Life Safety Competency Recognition Program defines competencies, provides education and recognizes commitment and scope of practice among fire and life safety professionals in Oregon. The Competency Recognition Program is a joint effort between the Office of State Fire Marshal and the Oregon Fire Marshals Association.

This program focuses on fire and life safety training and technical certifications. These certifications include Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Fire Inspector Task Books, which are based on the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) 1031 Professional Standards for Fire Inspectors, as well as International Code Council (ICC) certifications.



**Lt. Deputy Fire Marshal Kari Shanklin receiving her certificate from Deputy Fire Marshal Dave Jones .**

### **Program Highlight** – Public Education Program

*By DFM Kari Shanklin*

Clackamas Fire District #1's Public Education Program has many components, which serve the diverse needs of the community, including our most vulnerable populations of children, low income, and the elderly.

A major program focus is smoke alarms. In March, we were awarded a FEMA/DHS Fire Prevention Grant to distribute and install smoke alarms for elderly residents, and have one year to install approximately 1,700 smoke alarms. To date, we have purchased over 500 smoke alarms and have partnered with civic groups in campaigns to identify recipients and install the alarms. Two of the District's largest Senior Centers, Milwaukie Center and Pioneer Center in Oregon City have been identified as partners. Activities have included distribution of an article and smoke alarm request form to 2,300 District residents, a contest for Meals on Wheels drivers to check smoke alarms on meal delivery routes, and working with the media on message delivery. On July 17, 2010, we kicked off the Westview Manor smoke alarm installation campaign. On September 11, 2010 we have another campaign scheduled at Royal Mobile and Royal Terrace Courts in Milwaukie, which will be coordinated by DFM Doug Whiteley in partnership with the Rotary Group of Clackamas. Please contact DFM Kari Shanklin (503-742-2672) if you know of any civic groups that might be interested in helping install smoke alarms or if you are interested in helping with a smoke alarm installation campaign.

In other activities:

- This summer, we finished another successful Safety Town series for an estimated 195 Kindergarten and first grade students. Safety Town is an injury prevention program coordinated with the North Clackamas School District. Several agencies participated in the program, including CFD#1, Clackamas County Marine Patrol, Metro West, Tri-Met, PGE, and others. Clackamas Fire District #1 brought the fire safety trailer to three sessions of Safety Town held at Sunnyside Elementary School and taught fire prevention, home escape planning and the benefits of working smoke alarms.

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Thank you to all who helped make Safety Town a fantastic event:

Engine 6 crews- Lt. Jeff Smith, AO Tony Clasen, FF Amy Jo Cook, Capt. Mike Temple, AO Dennis Douglas, FF Travis Hinkle, Lt. Roger Thompson, AO Chuck Karlik, and FF Bob Atiyeh, AO Rick Wilcox, Administrative Assistants Kasey Delair and Alexis Pluchos, and Support Volunteer Beth Dudley.



Safety Town participants practice escaping from the fire safety house.



AO Dennis Douglas shows how to "be cool" about fire safety."



AO Rick Wilcox helps children try on firefighter's protective clothing

- This summer CFD#1 took the Fire Safety trailer to some of our larger apartment complexes to get our fire safety message out to those who might not ordinarily get it. Apartment managers from Lake Crest, Monterey Springs, Sunnyside Park, and Willamalane apartments were enthusiastic about CFD1's visits and even hosted barbecues to encourage attendance by residents. Bicycle helmets, other safety items and information were given out to help increase safety knowledge and behaviors. AO Rick Wilcox and FF Jessica Johns even had the opportunity to extinguish a barbecue fire at one of the complexes during our visit.

Thank you to all who participated in these worthwhile events:

Apparatus Operator Rick Wilcox  
Firefighter Jessica Johns  
Administrative Assistants Alexis Pluchos and Kasey Delair  
Support Volunteer Beth Dudley

Based on the great attendance and positive feedback from participants, the visits seemed to have improved safety awareness in these communities.

- We participated in a lunch program for low income children at five sites. We made safety presentations using the Sparky Hazard House, which is an interactive model of a typical house that helps children recognize and correct unsafe conditions. On-duty engine crews from the Happy Valley, Holcomb and Oak Grove Fire Stations also participated, providing engine tours and fire safety information.
- Fall brings our Kid's Safety Fair (September 18, 2010 at the Danielson's Hilltop complex), school presentations, as well as Fire Prevention week (October 3-9) and Fire Prevention month. This year we plan to hold at least three station open houses and conduct three to four smoke alarm installation campaigns on Saturdays in October.



AO Rick Wilcox and FF Jessica Johns

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- On an ongoing basis, we work with Juvenile Firesetters in partnership with the Clackamas County Juvenile Department, we teach senior fall and fire prevention utilizing the NFPA national program called "Remembering When", and this November, we will pilot with Head Start in a new preschool safety program called "Start Smart."
- Seasonal fire safety activities are another major educational effort, including summer safety and fireworks safety campaigns, and a Holiday Safety campaign in November and December.

The Public Education Program's effort to keep our residents safe is ongoing and multi-focused, but the payoffs and potential lives saved have been great.

### LOCAL STATION ACTIVITIES

*See Station Summary*

## **Clackamas Fire District #1 Station Summary Reports – July 2010**

### **Station 1 – Town Center Fire Station**

- Station 1 participated in a lunch for low income children and handed out fire hats and badges. A tour of the fire engine was also given.
- Several firefighters went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Camp to support the children on Harley Night and Firefighter Day. The children told us those two days are their favorite days at camp.
- Gave an interview to KPTV 12 for a story they were doing on the beginning of fire season.

#### **July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 1 in July = 199

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 150

Number of Fires = 10

Other = 39

Mutual aid given - 7

Mutual aid received - 1

### **Station 2 – Milwaukie Fire Station**

- Station 2 provided station/engine tours for four adults and two children.
- Assisted Milwaukie Police on duckling rescue that was stuck in storm drain.
- Participated in Hillside Manor Safety Team fire drill.
- Provided bicycle helmet fitting and donation to an eight year-old child.
- Participated in Milwaukie Days Parade.
- Provided smoke detector installations.
- Participated in community BBQ at Chaplain Wildermuth's church.

#### **July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 2 in July = 164

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 97

Number of Fires = 8

Other = 59

Mutual aid given - 8

Mutual aid received – 2

### **Station 3 – Oak Grove Fire Station**

- Station 3 participated in a public relations event with the Special Olympics at Rex Putnam High School.
- Visited a four year-old patient to check on injuries from a previous call. Crew delivered a gift and gave a tour of the fire engine.
- Installed a smoke alarm following an EMS call.
- Attended a community BBQ at Chaplain Wildermuth's church.

#### **July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 3 in July = 222

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 162  
Number of Fires = 9  
Other = 51

Mutual aid given - 2  
Mutual aid received - 5

**Station 4 – Lake Road Fire Station**

- Station 4 filled sand bags for New Hope Church.
- Conducted station tour for five adults and four children.

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 4 in July = 119

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 73  
Number of Fires = 5  
Other = 41

Mutual aid given – 1  
Mutual aid received - 1

**Station 5 - Mt. Scott Fire Station**

- Station 5 provided a deluxe station and apparatus tour for a group of seven.
- Attended a funeral at Willamette National for a retired Oak Lodge Fire Department Captain.
- Attended a public relations event for the YMCA at Eagle’s Landing Golf Course for fundraising.
- Attended a public relations event providing engine tours to 15 children at the Terrace at Mt. Scott Apartments.
- Provided three blood pressure checks.

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 5 in July = 106

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 88  
Number of Fires = 2  
Other = 39

Mutual aid given - 3  
Mutual aid received - 1

**Station 6 - Happy Valley Fire Station**

- Station 6 participated in Safety Town at Sunnyside Elementary School for a total of 128 children.
- Attended Relay for Life at Clackamas High School.
- Conducted two station tours for 15 people each.

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 6 in July = 81

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 55  
Number of Fires = 6  
Other = 20

Mutual aid given – 1  
Mutual aid received - 0

**Station 7 – Pleasant Valley Fire Station**

- Engine 7 installed a new smoke detector for a resident in Damascus.
- Checked smoke detector and relocated the unit to a more effective location.
- Interaction with a resident regarding the placement of a 100/100 sign.

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 7 in July = 19

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 13  
Number of Fires = 1  
Other = 5

Mutual aid given - 10  
Mutual aid received – 9

**Station 8 - Clackamas Fire Station**

- Station 8 conducted a station tour for five adults and four children.
- Participated in the Safety Fair at Kroeger Bakery. Distributed water safety material to employees of bakery during outdoor BBQ event.
- Provided a station tour for five adults and 15 children.
- WR8 and BT8 conducted a tour for AMR lifeguard personnel.
- Participated in the Damascus Days event. Participated in Public Safety Fair from 0800-1600. Crews made contact with over 100 children and their parents while distributing water safety material emphasizing life jackets and “swim with a friend’ messages.

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 8 in July = 118

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 84  
Number of Fires = 2  
Other = 32

In July, there were 10 activations for marine rescues:

- 3 marine rescues
- 3 marine assists
- 3 swimmer rescues
- 1 good intent

Mutual aid given - 11  
Mutual aid received – 5

**Station 9 - Holcomb Fire Station**

- Station 9 installed a smoke detector in a home after a small fire was extinguished.
- Installed a smoke detector in a local small business after learning that the business owner occasionally slept there.
- Hosted a “kid’s ice cream day.” 47 children came by for ice cream, some fire prevention materials, and a run through a makeshift sprinkler. Shift B funded the event with their own money. It was a successful event on a 100 degree day.
- Provided a tour of the fire engine and a photo with the firemen for a family with several children at the Milwaukie Safety store.

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 9 in July = 27

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 22

Number of Fires = 2

Other = 3

Mutual aid given - 5

Mutual aid received - 1

**Station 10 - Beavercreek Fire Station**

- Station 10 installed a smoke alarm at a residence.
- Fielded numerous walk-in and telephone requests for assistance during the month of July, such as directions, smoke alarm advice, and recreational burn advice.

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 10 in July = 32

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 14

Number of Fires = 0

Other = 18

Mutual aid given - 4

Mutual aid received - 0

**Station 11 - Redland Fire Station**

- Station 11 provided blood pressure checks.
- Provided burn information.
- Provided road directions.

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 11 in July = 32

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 18

Number of Fires = 0

Other = 14

Mutual aid given - 1

Mutual aid received - 0

**Station 12 – Logan Fire Station**

- Station 12 attended the re-opening of the Clarkes Fire Station.

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 12 in July = 1

Number of Medical Aid Calls =1

Number of Fires = 0

Other = 1

Mutual aid given - 0

Mutual aid received – 0

**Station 13 – Clarkes Fire Station**

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 13 in July = 2

Number of Medical Aid Calls =2

Number of Fires = 0

Other = 1

Mutual aid given - 0

Mutual aid received – 0

**Station 15 - John Adams Fire Station**

- Station 15 installed a smoke alarm in a residence.
- Attended a public relations event at Pleasant Valley Elementary School. Performed a fire safety talk to 14 children, eight teenage and adult helpers.
- Attended the Concert in the park and provided station tours for approximately 60 children and 40 adults.
- Performed a station tour for 17 Japanese foreign exchange students.
- Attended the Oregon City “First City Community Art Celebration.”
- Attended a public relations event at the United Methodist Church in Oregon City.
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**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 15 in July = 105

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 75

Number of Fires = 3

Other = 27

Mutual aid given - 2

Mutual aid received - 5

**Station 16 - Hilltop Fire Station**

- Station 16 attended the Farmer’s Market in Oregon City on multiple Saturdays during July.
- Provided station tour for 35 children and adults.
- Attended/assisted at the Oregon City High School dance team car wash.

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 16 in July = 143

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 101

Number of Fires = 3

Other = 39

Mutual aid given - 3

Mutual aid received - 1

**Station 17 – South End Station**

- Station 17 attended the United Methodist Community Picnic. Good turnout from the neighborhood. The highlight was watching Mayor Norris climb Truck 15’s ladder.

**July**

Total Number of Responses for Station 17 in July = 26

Number of Medical Aid Calls = 14

Number of Fires = 3

Other = 9

Mutual aid given - 8

Mutual aid received – 0

**District-wide**

	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
Total number of calls during July	1,504	1,422
Total number of calls January – July	9,272	8,751