

# ◆ Sub-Fire Newsletter ◆

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## **AUGUST 2004 CALENDAR**

- Aug. 3—*Joan Merrell's Birthday*
- Aug. 5—Safety Committee Mtg. 6:45pm; Drill Night (*Association Mtg. & EMS Drill*) 7pm
- Aug. 7—Santiam Stampede Cowboy Breakfast 7am-noon @ Station 51
- Aug. 11—Board of Directors Meeting 7pm
- Aug. 12—*Amy Patrick's Birthday*; Drill Night (*FF II-Communications & Incident Reports*; *All others-Basic 5-Equipment location & District Address familiarization*) 7pm
- Aug. 16—*Eben Ray's Birthday*
- Aug. 19—Drill Night (*Basic 5—SCBA & Pre-connects*) 7pm
- Aug. 22—*Jeff Schmidt's Birthday*
- Aug. 23—Officers Meeting 7:30pm
- Aug. 26—Drill Night (*Basic 5-Ladders/hose evolutions*) 7pm
- Aug. 29—*Steve Garelli & Ralph Fisher's Birthdays*



## ***Serial Levy to be Re-Submitted to Voters***

The Board of Directors, with the clear support of the Sublimity Firefighters Association, has approved submitting to the voters a serial levy to improve the program benefits for the volunteer firefighters and to hire two Firefighter/EMTs. This will be placed on the November 2004 Primary Election Ballot.

As many of you may recall, the voter's pamphlet this past May contained an argument opposing the levy. In the argument, it indicated that with the large increase in population from 1990-2000, the pool of eligible volunteer firefighter candidates should've also increased proportionately.

While that appears to be a fair conclusion, the comparison between the 1990 and 2000 censuses paints a more accurate portrayal of what the situation is really like.

In 1990, Sublimity had a population of 1491, which grew to 2148 in 2000, a 44% increase. It seems only logical that the number of volunteers would increase, too.

Let's look at the numbers. The National Volunteer Firefighters Council indicates that new volunteers generally come from the 18-34 year-old age bracket. In

1990, Sublimity had 295 citizens in that bracket, while in 2000 that number decreased 25% to 236. While the population increased, the potential volunteer pool actually decreased.

Another factor in becoming a firefighter is gender. While it is not always the case, generally speaking, firefighters are male. Sublimity's population is only 45% male, reducing the number in the potential pool from 236 to approximately 106.

Finally, to be a volunteer,

you must have the desire, which is something I don't even know how to begin to measure. And even then, the desire itself isn't enough--you need time, physical ability, commitment, ability to refrain from substance abuse, and too many other things to name. You have to go through Recruit Academy and maintain your skills--be willing to leave your house at oh-dark-thirty for alarms.

Hollywood's sensationalized portrayals of firefighters haven't helped recruiting efforts either. They rarely show calls that don't look extraordinarily dangerous and paint an unrealistic picture. In reality, there are some calls that require a solution as simple as helping a person back into bed.

The bottom line is, we need more people. We'll continue to try and recruit, but the numbers just aren't there.

Next issue, I'll explain how & why this levy will help us.

Chief McMahan



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## Association to Host Cowboy Breakfast

The Sublimity Firefighters Association is hosting this year's Cowboy Breakfast on Saturday, August 7, 2004, from 7am-noon at Station 51.

The breakfast is all you can eat pancakes, sliced ham, and eggs. It's part of the Santiam Canyon Stampede annual celebration.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children 12 and under.

Proceeds from the breakfast will go toward purchasing equipment for Ladder-51.

If you'd like to help out, please contact Captain Williams at 503-769-3282. Hope to see you there!

On Saturday, July 17, the District

## In-Service Training a Success

held its first quarterly in-service training day, as well as the summer picnic.

Chief McMahan cooked breakfast for all the trainees, then Lieutenant Ditter and Captain Williams gave a presentation about Ladder-51 (L-51). The group had just started hands-on training with L-51 when it blew a hydraulic hose, so they headed over to Chemeketa Community College (CCC), where they did multi-company evolutions with all apparatus.

After the morning training at CCC, the District provided a lunch of Sub-Town sandwiches. The trainees then took a tour of Doerfler's Grass Seed Farm and the Brucepac Facility.

The day was completed with a family picnic at the Station, featuring a tasty dinner, lots of games, and ice cream.

## Recipe of the Month

### Apple Washington

1 cup Bisquick Baking Mix  
 1 cup brown sugar, packed  
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened  
 5 cups sliced, pared apples (about 5 medium)

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Mix all ingredients except apples. Set aside. Place apples in ungreased square 9 x 9 x 2" pan. Sprinkle sugar mixture over apples. Bake 30 minutes or until apples are tender. Serve warm. Makes approximately six servings.

*Serving suggestion: Try it with a little vanilla ice cream and caramel syrup on top!*

### 2004 Alarm Totals

EMA	209
Fires	11
False Call	40
MVA	21
Service Call	24
Good Intent	15
Hazardous Cond.	3
Other	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>324</b>

## Bits and Pieces

- ◆ Two of the available Resident Intern positions have been filled. There is still one available spot, as well as another anticipated opening in mid-August. For more information, check out the District website:  
[www.sublimityfire.com](http://www.sublimityfire.com)

- ◆ With all this heat and dry weather, it's prime time for fires to start, so make sure to practice good fire safety. Always obey the recommendations set by the Department of Forestry on campfires. In an area where campfires are allowed, remember to keep a bucket of water handy, as well as

a shovel. NEVER use gas or flammable liquids to get your fire started. NEVER leave your campfire unattended. When it's time to put it out, completely extinguish the fire with water, then cover the area with dirt.



- ◆ Engines 50 and 51 have been equipped with new low-level strainers that do not require adapters.

- ◆ The District's engines will be gone to Stayton during the first week of August for pump testing. Hose testing is scheduled for August 12.
- ◆ The Santiam Dispatch Center's planning committee has recommended building a new dispatch center. Mike Fletcher, Communications Manager, has identified two sites to consider, one located behind Stayton Fire's Station 80, and the other behind Sublimity's Station 51.