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January 1, 2005

JANUARY 2005 CALENDAR

Jan. 1—New Year's Day

Jan. 6—Officers Mtg. 6pm;
Drill Night 7pm

Jan. 8—Academy (*Fire Control*) Station 950 8am-5pm

Jan. 9—Academy (*Forcible Entry*) Station 51 8am-5pm

Jan. 12—Board Mtg 7pm;
Academy (*Ropes & Knots*) Station 80 6:30-9:30pm

Jan. 13—Drill Night 7pm

Jan. 17—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 19—Academy (*Sprinklers*) Station 80 6:30-9:30pm

Jan. 20—Drill Night 7pm

Jan. 22—Academy (*Ventilation*) Station 51 8am-5pm

Jan. 23—Academy (*Practical Skills*) Station 51 8am-5pm

Jan. 24—Amy Thomas' Birthday

Jan. 25—Chief McMahan's Birthday

Jan. 27—Drill Night 7pm

Jan. 28—Brandon Hamilton's Birthday



Chief Announces Retirement Plans

As you all should have heard by now, I have announced my target date for retirement as September 1, 2005. Many things can influence this, such as changes in the legislature that will be in session starting in January that could affect the benefits, or a variety of other unforeseen life changes.

So, it is still TENTATIVE, but at this point, I am 90% sure that will be the date.

I have not given formal notice to the Board, but am making this known as more of a heads up, so that as we move into 2005 and the FY 05/06, the Board and the members can take my leaving into consideration when evaluating options for the District's future.

What options, you might ask? Well, the Board could advertise and replace me as of my retirement; they could look at bringing on the replacement several months early to allow for a transition period (there is some funding

to allow this); visit the option of a merger or consolidation with one of our good neighbors; Assistant Chief Heater might want to take over again (but I doubt it); it may be possible to hire a firefighter or two and go back to a volunteer or part-time Chief as an option. There are several possibilities, but



they need careful evaluation and that takes time.

So, please be sure to join us on January 15th for the planning session. I'm certain the Board Members in attendance will want to hear your ideas and concerns. But please keep in mind that this is not a matter of what's the most popular, its a matter of what's the most effective course to take (hopefully they will be the same).

So the next question you might be asking me is: Why Retire? Well, my answer to you is...Why Not? My retirement income is about as good as it can get. Working longer won't really improve it

much (only pay raises will help that). I have enjoyed my time here, but I'm not really leaving the district, as I plan to remain a volunteer (Engineer if I can pass the probation and training), so it's more of a transition than anything else.

What will I do after I retire is another question I hear often. There are so many things I could do. I have visions of driving the City John Deere lawn mower at Early Settlers Park & waving at Josh as he toils at his desk; traveling with my family sounds good (my brother who lives in Canada has cancer with not much time left, so I really want to visit him ASAP); getting that honey-do list that has been growing for the past 30 years whittled down; putting in that hobby shop I've never gotten to; I might take up bird watching instead of girl watching...Mary would like that; maybe I'll start my new career as a Fuller Brushman or Hoover Vacuum salesman. I'm pretty certain I will be able to keep myself entertained. Most of all.....I'm gonna LIVE !!

Chief Alan W. McMahan

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EMT Class to be Held at Station 51

Beginning January 3, 2005, the first of the two term EMT-Basic course will be held at the Sublimity Main Station (Station 51). It will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30, with several additional Saturday labs.

The new format for EMT training delivered at the satellite campuses will include an in-class instructor at all classes, rather than the past. Our own Training Captain Josh Williams is the class instructor.

In order to be certified as an Emergency

Medical Technician, a person must be at least 18 years of age, be physically and mentally qualified to perform the duties of an EMT, be free from addiction to controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, or currently rehabilitated; free from epilepsy

or diabetes or, if not free, has been free from any lapses of consciousness for a period of a least 180 days.

An EMT-Basic course consists of 140 hours of classroom instruction, along with a minimum of 8 hours of clinical training to be completed by the individual in a hospital emergency department. Upon successful completion of these EMT course requirements, the student is eligible to participate in the certification process through the National Registry, which includes both a written and practical exam.

We currently have one volunteer enrolled in the course and certainly encourage anyone else to do so. Those completing the course and exam successfully will have their tuition, fees and books, including the State exam fee paid for by the District.

For more information about EMT programs, log on to the Emergency Medical Services website: www.dhs.state.or.us/publichealth/ems/

Gene's Cooking Corner

Sticky Pull-aparts

Guest contributor:
Chief McMahan

Ingredients

1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup water
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 tubes Pillsbury regular biscuits, cut into fourths

Instructions

Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees. Bring sugar, butter, and water to a boil in 2-qt saucepan. Remove from heat. Add cinnamon. Stir biscuit pieces into sugar mixture, then pour into greased bundt pan or two loaf pans. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and turn out onto serving plate. Taste best when eaten warm.

2004 Alarm Totals

EMA	347
Fires	25
False Call	55
MVA	37
Service Call	41
Good Intent	33
Hazardous Cond.	8
Other	4

Bits and Pieces

- ◆ 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!
- ◆ The District is participating in a food drive for the Union Gospel Mission. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the donation barrel in the District office and help make a difference.
- ◆ Engine-51's Governor still has a problem. We have identified why it does what it does and are now seeking a solution. Operators—please check with Lieutenant Ditter to make sure you know how to operate it for now.
- ◆ Intern Hansen has suffered an injury this holiday season and will be laid up for some time. Although he cannot respond, he will remain an intern and will work on various projects such as mapping during his shifts.
- ◆ The new Fire District patches are here and look great! Each member will receive 1 patch per uniform shirt, in addition to two extra patches he/she can keep, give away, or trade with another district.