

Sub-Fire Newsletter

Since 2003

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MARCH 2004

CALENDAR

Mar. 4—Association Business Mtg 7pm; EMS Drill

Mar. 10—Board of Directors Meeting 7pm; Mandatory Recruit Academy Orientation 7pm

Mar. 11—E-Boards & Chiefs Meet 6pm; Drill Night (Live Fire) 7pm

Mar. 15—Michelle Heater's Birthday

Mar. 16—Tim Heater's Birthday

Mar. 17—St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 18—Drill Night (HAZ-MAT Refresher-REQUIRED) 7pm

Mar. 19—Gary Rychar's Birthday

Mar. 20—Stayton Fire's Annual Banquet

Mar. 21—Jim Heater's Birthday

Mar. 22—Officers Meeting 7:30pm

Mar. 24—Fire Department Orientation 6:30 pm

Mar. 25—Drill Night (NFPA Forcible Entry)

Mar. 31—Intro to ICS & Accountability 6:30 pm



Oh, What a Night: 2004 Banquet Highlights

Each year, the members of the Sublimity Fire District and their significant others get together for a night filled with laughter and good times. This year was no exception.

With some special guests and a Casino Night theme, the annual awards banquet went in a new direction this year. The evening began with a cocktail hour, many of the drinks chosen or provided by Gene Ditter. It was followed by a slide show of highlights from 2003 put together by Micheal Patrick.

Dinner was catered by Papa Joe's and was served promptly at seven, followed by the presentation of awards, led by emcee Joan Merrell. Before the awards began, special guest Lars Larson, conservative radio talk show host from KXL, made a speech on the importance and value of volunteer service in firefighting.

After the awards were doled out and dessert was served, it was time for the

gaming to begin.

Each guest was provided with \$500 in scrip (play money), which could be cashed in for chips used to play at one of the blackjack or roulette tables. It could also be used to purchase raffle tickets to place into drawings for a wide variety of items raffled off throughout the evening.

One of the highlights of the event was when super-secret special guest Elvis appeared. He performed a couple of his classic tunes, then wowed the audience with his dance moves. He also worked his charm on the ladies, handing out a few handkerchiefs, undoubtedly an unforgettable treasure to those lucky few.

Many people don't realize how much work goes into putting such an event together. There are people who organize it, set-up, clean up, and make sure that everything runs smoothly. These people don't always get the recognition they deserve for their hard work.

This year, we'd like to recognize the following people for their efforts:

- Set-up/Decorating:**
 Jess & Karen Lienemann, Carol Ditter, Steve Garelli, Josh Williams
- Blackjack/Roulette:**
 Colleen Arient, Jess Lienemann, Tim Gardner
- Clean-up:**
 Gene & Carol Ditter, Jess & Karen Lienemann

Award Winners

- Length of Service-10 years:**
 Josh Williams, Troy Tallman
- Assoc. President's Award:**
 Amy Patrick
- EMS Responder of the year:**
 Gene Ditter
- Rookie of the year:**
 Gene Ditter
- Most Improved Firefighter:**
 Cullen Whisenhunt
- Aux. Member of the year:**
 Karen Lienemann
- Aux. President's Award:**
 Joan Merrell
- Officer of the year:**
 Brandon Hamilton
- Firefighter of the year:**
 Amy Patrick

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“This one time...at (bomb) camp”

From February 22nd-February 26th, Captain Williams and Chief McMahan attended the “Emergency Response to Terrorist Incidents” Course at the Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, New Mexico.

The course is a technical level class dealing with explosive devices: how they’re

constructed, how to recognize them, the potential damage based on materials, and how to safely mitigate an incident involving them.

There were several talented instructors: Shaun Kelley, assistant Chief,

Arlington County Fire Department, Arlington, Virginia, who served as the Incident Commander the first seven days of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the Pentagon. and is also a nationally known explosive

ordinance expert; Frank Lee, retired director of explosive devices for the ATF; Jim Galloway, a bomb squad leader for the Albuquerque, New Mexico bomb squad.

Each morning started at 7am and consisted of lecture and demonstrations relating to commercial, military, and improvised explosive devices. Each afternoon, all students visited the on-campus detonation grounds, where they were able to participate in the construction of live explosives, witness the detonation of these explosives, and then conduct post-detonation investigations and forensics.

Upon completion, Capt. Williams and Chief McMahan received certification at the technical level for first response to terrorist incidents, and are certified to deliver awareness-level training to local emergency responders as adjunct instructors of the New Mexico Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center.

Recipe of the Month

Original Irish Cream

- 1 cup light cream
- 1 (14oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 2/3 cup Irish whiskey
- 1 teaspoon instant coffee
- 2 tablespoons Hershey’s chocolate syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

Combine all ingredients in a blender set on high speed for 30 seconds. Bottle in a tightly sealed container and refrigerate. Be sure to shake bottle well before serving. *The liqueur will keep for at least 2 months if kept cool.*

2004 Alarms

(as of 02/27/04)

EMA	55
Fires	1
False Call	17
MVA	4
Service Call	5
Good Intent	6
Hazardous Cond.	1
TOTAL	89

A New Addition

Josh and Mary Williams welcomed their second child into the family, a new baby girl, born on February 3, 2004, at 7:50pm. Vivian Mae Williams weighed in at 8 lbs, 5 3/4 oz, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Bits and Pieces

- ◆ A big thanks goes out to Micheal Patrick for securing two free Glucometers for the District.
- ◆ Dusty Thomas and Brandon Hamilton passed the 1st Responder test, with scores of 100% and 98%
- ◆ Former Sublimity Firefighter and lifetime Stayton Fire District member Phil Garelli (twin brother to our own Steve Garelli) will be coming home from Iraq within the next two weeks. Phil has been gone on active duty for over a year in the Oregon National Guard 52nd Engineers out of Albany.
- ◆ Engine 50 is headed to Portland to be repaired and will be out of service for hopefully only one day.
- ◆ Brush 51 is going to be updated with some changes—possibly adding foam, and fixing a plumbing problem.
- ◆ Recruit Academy begins on March 10th. See calendar for dates & times.
- ◆ The District was turned down for a FIRES Grant, which would’ve been used to acquire a new engine at Station 52.
- ◆ There are currently still two Resident Internships available. The District is seeking highly motivated individuals who are currently in the fire program to fill these positions.
- ◆ Lieutenant/Safety Officer Kevin Thiel attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsberg, Maryland from Sunday, February 22nd to Thursday, February 26th.