

SUBLIMITY FIRE DISTRICT
Volunteer Interest Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone: () - _____ Alternate/message phone: () - _____

E-mail address: _____

Are you over the age of 18? ___ yes ___ no

Best time to contact: _____

Please indicate your interest: ___ Volunteer Firefighter ___ Fire Corps (area of interest: _____)

* If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information, please fill out this form and return it to the Sublimity Fire District, 115 NW Parker St., or mail it to P.O. Box 911, Sublimity, OR 97385.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Answers From Fire Chief Tim Frost

The district office receives many questions during the week on various issues. I thought I would answer some of them in this newsletter and maybe save someone a call.

1. Why can we burn on some days and not on others?

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regulates the burning times and dates based on air sampling in the Willamette Valley. If conditions are not suitable for smoke escapement from the air shed, then burning will not be allowed. Conditions change daily, so you must call (503) 769-3400 to see if you can burn.

2. Why can't I burn my yard debris year-round?

The Willamette Valley is in a special control area established by DEQ several years ago. To improve air quality, two open burn seasons were established, March 1–June 15 and October 1–December 15. The fire chiefs in this area have changed the effective start date of the fall open burning season to October 15 to better correlate with fire season and fall rains. Agricultural burning that takes place in the summer is

regulated by the Department of Agriculture and is done to cleanse fields of debris and insects.

3. Can I burn garbage?

DEQ prohibits the burning of garbage; only yard debris is allowed.

4. Can I use a burn barrel for burning?

The answer is yes, but you must understand that a burn barrel is considered open burning and falls under the same regulations as any other burning.

5. Why doesn't the fire department do something when I call in a complaint?

Remember that violations of open burning regulations are controlled by DEQ. The local fire district has no enforcement authority to ticket or fine offenders. The district can only ask that the fire be extinguished or assist the violators in extinguishing the fire and turn over violators' information to DEQ for action. The district can enforce fire safety issues.

6. My smoke alarm is making an occasional chirping sound, should I replace it?

No. Smoke alarms are made to make noise when the battery needs replacing. You should establish a battery replacement schedule, such

as during the time you need to change your clocks, to make sure your alarm will work when you need it.

7. Where should I put smoke alarms?

Inside every sleeping area and on every level of your house. Nationally, only 58% of households have working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms save lives and should be kept in working condition. If you need assistance in installation of smoke alarms, contact the district office.

8. I get calls from various groups asking for donations to help out our local fire district. Are these calls made by the Sublimity Fire District?

No. If you ever get one of these phone calls and are not sure about donating, tell them to call back. Check out the organization by calling our office. There are organizations, such as the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, that solicit funds that help volunteers in Oregon, but to be sure, call us and find out.

I hope that some of your questions have been answered. If you have more, remember the district office is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. or call us at (503) 769-3282.

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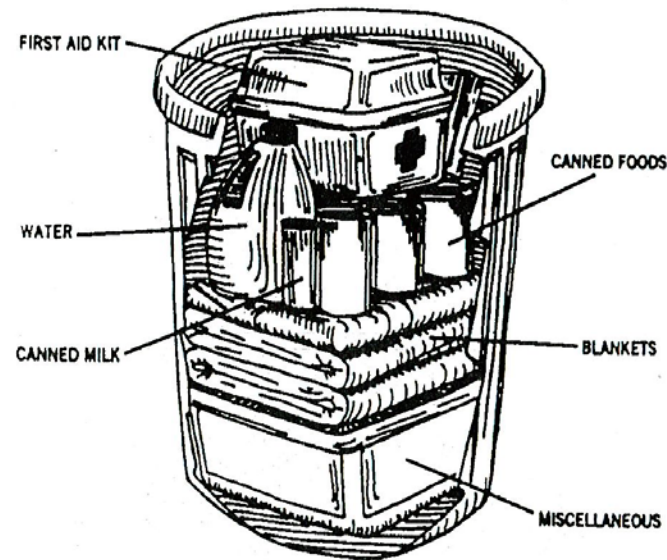
Chief Tim Frost
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Preparing a 72-hour Kit for Your Home in Case of Emergency or Disaster

Source: Washington County Fire District No. 2

It's never too early to prepare! Disasters seldom give warning and are often devastating to their victims.

Prepare yourself for a minimum of three (3) days. Due to overwhelming need or no road access, emergency services may not be available for up to 72 hours after a major disaster.



Storing Emergency Supplies

Choose a location, such as a closet or "safety corner" in the garage, where it is cool and dark. If you live in an apartment or have limited space, be innovative. Other possible storage locations include under the bed, under stairways, or even in a large box or plastic tub that can be covered with a tablecloth and used as an end table.

Layer supplies as shown, and keep them together in a container such as a plastic garbage can with wheels. Check every 6 months for food expiration dates, children's clothing sizes, etc.

Start with what you already have. If you're a camper or backpacker, you've got a head start. Your tent, cook stove, and other gear can double as emergency supplies.

Being prepared is another form of insurance.

FOOD:

-Use canned foods for easy storage and long shelf life. Choose ready-to-eat canned meat, fruits and vegetables that your family likes. (During a disaster is not the time to try new menu items. You're under enough stress!) Keep food fresh by checking dates and replacing it every year.

-Also recommended are canned or dried juice mixes; powdered or canned milk; high energy food (peanut butter, jelly, crackers, unsalted nuts and trail mix); cereals and rice.

-Store foods in single or family meal-size packaging. Unrefrigerated leftovers can lead to food poisoning.

-**Don't forget your pets.** Store canned and dry pet food along with an extra collar and leash. Pets are not allowed in most shelters. If evacuated, you may have to leave them behind with extra food.

-Add a manual can opener, cooking and eating utensils and basic food seasonings.

WATER:

-Store a three-day supply of water for each family member. One gallon per person per day is recommended for drinking, cooking and washing. Remember to include water for your pets. Write the date on the water containers and replace them every six months.

-Learn how to remove the water from your hot water heater just in case you need it. Be sure to turn off the gas or electricity to the tank before draining off water for emergency use.

-Purify water by boiling it for 5-10 minutes or by adding drops of pure, unscented household bleach containing 5.25% hypochlorite. FEMA recommends 16 drops (1/8 tsp.) of bleach per gallon of water. Let stand 30 min before drinking. Water purification tablets or a filter system such as those designed for campers and backpackers also work.

OTHER ITEMS:

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| -First aid kit | -Fire extinguisher |
| -Blankets | -Trash bags |
| -Battery-powered clock | -Medications |
| -Candles | -Copy of prescriptions |
| -Flashlights | -Extra eye glasses |
| -Battery-powered radio | -Hearing aid batteries |
| -Extra batteries | -Cook stove w/fuel |
| -Matches | -Heavy gloves |
| -Money (coins) | -Duct tape |
| -List of insurance policy #s | -Sturdy shoes for each person |
| -Ax, shovel, broom | -Pliers, wrench, pry bar |
| -Household bleach | -Map of area (for identifying
evac routes or shelter locations) |
| -Diapers, baby formula | -Vaccination records |
| -Hygiene products | -Warm clothes for each person |

GET YOUR NEIGHBORS INVOLVED:

-Working through your Neighborhood Watch Program or homeowners' association, arrange to share expensive equipment items such as chain saws, generators and 4-wheel drive vehicles. (If no Neighborhood Watch in your area, start one!)

-Start a "buddy squad" to check on elderly or disabled neighbors during and after disasters such as extended power outages or winter storms. Also, check on children who may be home alone.

-Turn your organizing efforts into a neighborhood social event, such as a block party. (Draw them in with food, then make your presentation!)

Volunteer Opportunities for Non-Firefighters

Do you have skills that don't relate to firefighting but still want to help out the fire department? You don't have to be a firefighter to be a member of the Sublimity Fire District.

We have a need for community members who want to help but may not have the physical strength or desire to combat fires or move patients. You can become a member of the Fire Corps, established to help fire organizations in non-combat positions.

- Promote fire safety and community education
- Help write grant applications
- Develop Web sites and computer programs
- Provide backup support during major events

- Assist with incident reporting and data entry
- Assist with public relations
- Organize fundraising initiatives
- Assist with canteen services at major incidents
- Assist with informational newsletters
- Serve as a member of the support team
- Be the department photographer
- Be the department historian
- Assist with community food drives, Christmas boxes, toy collections, pancake breakfasts, etc.

If you have a skill, talent or interest, we have a position for you. Return the enclosed interest form to the fire district, indicating your area(s) of interest and we'll contact you.

Board of Directors

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Sublimity Fire District Receives Assistance to Firefighters Grant

In February of this year, the Sublimity Fire District received a grant from the federally-funded Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program.

The grant program assists fire departments nationally to obtain equipment that might not otherwise be within budgetary reach.

The program requires the receiving department to match 5% of the grant funds. Sublimity was awarded \$162,719, so the match amount was \$8,135.

The fire district acquired new high-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), a ventilation saw, fire hose, nozzles and a new station generator to assist the district during power outages.

"This is a great program," Sublimity Fire Chief Tim Frost said.

Without the grant, the district would not have been able to make these upgrades from within its budget. The grant program has helped many agencies nationwide to procure needed basic fire

fighting equipment.

The district has already applied for a 2007 AFG grant that would allow for improvements to rescue equipment ("Jaws of Life").



Public Safety Open House

On Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sublimity will be hosting its first annual Public Safety Open House.

Come check it out and get a free lunch—the firefighters will be giving away hot dogs, chips and drinks.

A wide variety of public safety agencies will be in attendance. Have questions about emergency preparedness? Ask the Red Cross. Need to have your boat inspected? The Marion County Sheriff's Marine Patrol will do it at the open

house for FREE—Plus, you won't have to wait in line at the dock.

Want to look at a helicopter? Life Flight of Oregon and REACH Air Medical will be landing at Early Settlers Park (across from the fire station).

The fire department will hold a demonstration of its extrication equipment ("Jaws of Life"), as well as other equipment demonstrations. There will be turnout races and other activities for kids.

Maybe you're just interested in seeing the inside of a fire station or a fire engine. Now's your chance to come check it out! Equipment/apparatus will be on display and you can go on a guided tour of the station.

Other agencies attending: Marion County Search & Rescue, Oregon State Police, Santiam Ambulance, Karate for Kids/Slingers TKD, Oregon Department of Forestry.