

National Fire Prevention Week 2008: Oct 5-11

Fire Prevention Week is observed annually throughout North America and Europe and commemorates the Great Chicago Fire in 1879 which killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed most of the city.

This year the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), members of the Oregon Life Safety Team and fire safety advocates around the state are encouraging residents to prevent home fires by conducting home fire safety inspections.

Check out the OSFM Web site to access safety tips for all the leading causes of home fires in Oregon.

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/FPW_2008.shtml

This year, the OSFM has added a new Home Fire Safety Checklist. *Keep you and your family safe by*

reviewing this checklist of potential home fire dangers and safety tips.

☐ **Cooking safety:** never leave cooking food unattended; keep your cooking area clean.

☐ **Smoking safety:** always discard smoldering and spent cigarettes properly; use large, deep and tip-resistant ashtrays.

☐ **Candle safety:** never leave a burning candle unattended; keep candles away from things that burn.

☐ **Electrical safety:** check electrical cords for signs of cracking and fraying; don't cover electrical cords with rugs, carpets or other material.

☐ **Keep what's hot away from what's not:** be alert to sources of heat such as candles, fireplaces, portable heaters, etc., and keep things that can burn away from these heat sources.

☐ **Messy home fire dangers:** a messy home is not a fire-safe home; remove clutter from escape routes and sources of heat, keep your dryer lint trap clean, have chimneys and woodstove flues inspected and cleaned yearly.

☐ **Kids and fire safety:** talk to your kids about fire safety and the dangers of fire; if your child is involved in misusing fire, contact your local fire department. They can help.

☐ **Smoke alarms save lives:** do you have a working smoke alarm? Install smoke alarms near each sleeping area, on every level of your home and in each bedroom. Test alarms regularly.

☐ **Home fire escape plans:** home escape plans are critical to survival; plan two ways out of every room, designate a safe family meeting place and practice your plan.

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From the Chief's Desk

Memories!

August 14, 2008, is a day I will never forget. I had already left for the weekend because I was going out of town with my family. I had picked up one of my sons and then realized I hadn't turned off my computer. I swung by the station to turn it off for the weekend when, with the sound of our tones, we were dealt a hand that I hope to never be dealt again.

We were quickly off to one of the largest fires ever to face the Sublimity Fire District. We had two simple objectives with this fire; #1 was to save the house, and #2 was to keep the fire contained to what was already involved. We did this, and I want to thank

everybody for all your hard work and a job well done!!

We had everyone on scene from our organization, with the exception of those working or out on medical leave (three people total). I want to take a minute and give credit where credit is due. E52 did an outstanding job with two people defending the house and, if not for their actions the first few minutes on scene, we could have lost the house. GOOD JOB TIM AND TROY!

Shortly after arrival, a 2,000-gallon diesel tank exploded. The end flew approximately 1/4-mile up into the air and landed approximately 300-400 yards to the east across Victor Point Rd. We have this piece of the tank at the

station and have plans to put it on permanent display as a reminder that we never know completely what is going to happen on scene. Someone was watching out for us that day and especially E51's crew, who were within several yards of the explosion when it occurred. I want to thank all agencies (17 total) who assisted us with this fire. It would not have been possible to handle it by ourselves.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED!



Chief Hamilton

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FIRE FACTS

Location: 4705 Victor Point Rd. SE, Sublimity
Date/Time: Thursday, August 14, dispatched at 16:17 hrs
Type: Structure Fire
Alarms: Five
Cause: Accidental
*Over 100 firefighters responded from 17 agencies, with Newberg traveling the farthest to get here

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Halloween Open House: October 31st from 5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. at Station 51.

- ◆ District pumpkin carving contest (pumpkins provided at the station October 27-29)
- ◆ Family-friendly movies
- ◆ Cocoa, coffee, cider & CANDY
- ◆ Fun games & family activities

We're on the Web!
www.sublimityfire.com

Meet Your Newest Intern: Will Newman

Will Newman is a busy guy. When he's not attending school full-time in the Chemeketa Fire Program or being Sublimity's sole representative in Recruit Academy, you'll find him playing guitar, working out, skateboarding, rock climbing or competing in (and winning) golf tournaments. He's into pretty much all sports and anything outdoors.

Will was born in Washington and lived in Idaho and California all before the age of eight. At eight, he moved to West Linn and lived there until graduating from West Linn High School in 2006. After that, he moved to Eugene for college.



Before making the choice to attend Chemeketa, Will spent two years at the University of Oregon and completed most of the requirements for a minor

in Business. Deciding to go through the fire program proved to be a major turning point in Will's life.

Future goals for Will include finishing college, getting a Bachelor's degree and becoming a career firefighter somewhere on the West Coast.

Some interesting facts about Will are that he's a triplet, with two sisters; he had 10 haircuts before his sisters could grow hair; he doesn't like pie!; he also had a bad experience with apples.

Will's most prized possessions are his family, his friends and his good health. We are happy to have such a positive and active person on the department.

Recent Photos by R.A. Gunn



Above: Intern Firefighter Eric Leonard directs traffic after a motor vehicle crash at Golf Club Road and Sublimity Road on Saturday, September 27th.



Left: New member Michael Dayton, a fire-fighter/paramedic, prepares for a live fire drill in the DPSST Mobile Fire Training Unit on Saturday, September 27th.



Right: Fire Chief Brandon Hamilton holds his youngest son, Myles, as they prepare to ride in the fire engine during the Sublimity Harvest Festival Parade on Saturday, September 6th.

The Cooking Corner: October Apple Pie

Source: allrecipes.com

Ingredients

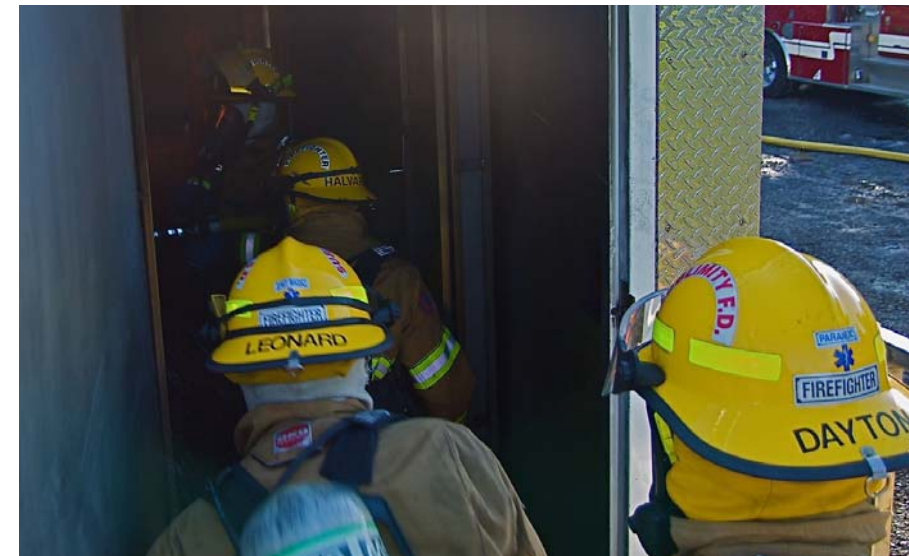
- 1 recipe pastry for 9-inch double crust pie
- 6 cups thinly sliced apples
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 4 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup butter, chilled and diced
- 9 caramels, quartered
- 1 Tablespoon granulated sugar

Instructions

1. In a large bowl, combine apples, lemon juice, sugars, spices, flour, butter & caramels. Stir to coat fruit evenly.
2. Roll out dough into two crusts. Line a pie plate with one of the crusts. Spoon filling into the bottom crust and cover with the top crust. Crimp or flute the edges as desired. Place the pie on a baking sheet covered with foil. Poke fork holes over top. Sprinkle lightly with granulated sugar.
3. Bake at 375 for 50 min. If you notice over-browning after 30 min, reduce heat to 350.

Photo of the month

Photo taken by R.A. Gunn of DPSST Mobile Fire Training Unit on Saturday, September 27th



Bits & Pieces

• Firefighter Safety & Survival Symposium

Oregon Fire Instructors Association is hosting "The Art of Survival," a multi-tracked symposium with nationally recognized instructors. The training will be held on January 9-11, 2009 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy on the DPSST campus. If you're interested in attending the training contact Chief Patrick or Chief Hamilton for more information. Classes will fill up quickly.

• Sublimity FD awarded 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

No, that's not a typo. The federal government's fiscal year is over in October, they had money left over, and we were one of the departments chosen to receive the last of the 2007 grant money. The grant award is \$47,665 for extrication equipment. This grant will allow the district to purchase a full set of Hurst extrication tools, compatible with Stayton and our current tools.

October Calendar

2 — TB Testing/Flu shots, 6:00 p.m., Dinner/Business Mtg., 6:30 p.m., EMS Drill, 7:15 p.m., Station 51

8 — Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m., Station 51

9 — Drill: Hose: Pre-connects, 7 p.m.

13 — Columbus Day (obs.)

16 — Drill: Hose: Pre-connects, 7 p.m.

23 — Drill: Multi-company drill with Stayton, 7 p.m.

26 — Daylight Savings Time ends

30 — Drill: Hose Evolutions, PPE Inspections, 7 p.m.

31 — Halloween Open House, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

October Birthdays

- 8 — Nick Lane
- 9 — Fred Sutter

September Birthdays

- 16 — Mike Perkins
- 23 — Michael Dayton

August Birthdays

- 3 — Joan Merrell
- 12 — Amy Patrick
- 16 — Eben Ray
- 29 — Ralph Fisher

2008 ALARM TOTALS

EMA	156
Service Calls	59
Fires	56
MVA	26
False Calls	18
Good Intent	14
Hazard. Cond.	5
TOTAL	334