

## Applegate Fire District #9

# News @ 9

### From the Chief.....

March 2010

Overall the winter has been slow, with a few brief interludes of high activity – our cold spell in early December kept things interesting for a few days. So far it has been a mild winter with less than average snow pack which depending on the amount of rain that we may or may not get, could make things very busy this summer. We started into 2010 with a new engine at Headquarters which translated into a “new to them” engine for station #6. We began a recruiting drive in early fall and that has lead to recruiting nine new firefighters for stations 1, 2, HQ, 4, and 5. Welcome to the newest members of our family. Several of you have stepped up to the plate to mentor these new recruits. This is a very important part of transitioning from the academy to reality and with this new emphasis, we should be rewarded with better results in folding these new recruits into the fire service. Thanks to you mentors.

### Promotions

At the recent awards banquet we promoted Tailese Goodnough to Lieutenant and Firefighters Brad Kush and Fred Secco to Engineer. Congratulations and we look forward to what these promotions will mean.

### Residency at Station #5

Dan Moulin who has resided at Station #5 since we put in the mobile in 2003 has decided to move out of that position. Dan will be an Engineer and be on the Headquarters roster until such time as he finds a home back in the District. Thanks to Dan for all the years of service at Station #5. Engineer Kush and his family are moving into the residency position at Station #5 as you are reading this. Welcome to Station #5 Brad Kush.

### Equipment Updates

8545 has gone into service since the last newsletter as well as the cascade systems that have been put into service at Stations #1 & #4.

### Mayday, Air Management & Firefighter Locators

We are and will be spending more time on Mayday training. This training may seem boring at times or you may find yourself not being too excited about crawling around on your hands and knees during the practical sessions. This is important. This is very important. The only thing more important than mayday training is situational awareness. If you are paying attention to situational awareness, you will make better decisions about what it is you are doing and assessing the risk. This will keep you from needing to call a mayday and needing to use your locators. That being said, it is still very important that your ability to call a mayday becomes second nature. Your ability to work within the procedures that have been adopted for maydays, air management and the use of the locators could save your life or someone else's life. It is that important.

## Operations *By Chris Wolfard*

Keep your eyes open for new faces...

We have just completed the first half of our annual NFPA Firefighter I Academy. As a result, we have nine new firefighters to add to our roster:

Dustin Jacobs – Station 1, Pete Winship – Station 2 , Travis Cornelison – Station 4 , DJ Titus – Station 5

Headquarters—David Karnes , Teva Karnes , Lucas Asman , Thomas Mangin

Taylor Slack – Station 5 (Actually, Taylor has been on our roster for a while !!)

This is a highly motivated group of individuals that is already fitting in as part of our team. No doubt they will become a valuable asset to the Applegate Valley Fire District. So please, if you see a new face, make sure you greet them well and introduce them around.

I would like to thank the following for instructing and/or assisting in instructing the first half of this year’s academy: Fred Secco, Jim Wingo, Brett Bitney, Hersch Wright, Matt Durant, Ron Slack, William Schmidt, Anthony Ryan, Jason Symonds, Lindsey Evertt, Dan Moulin, Rob Underwood, Cody Goodnough, TaiLese Goodnough, Mike Kuntz, Greg Gilbert, and Brett Fillis.

### Mentorship Program:

As you may have seen in a previous email, we are working on developing a formal Mentorship Program. The overall purpose of the Mentorship Program is to promote the improvement and professionalism of fire district personnel. It is crucial that accomplished personnel help foster the growth of our developing members as a means to meet the ever growing needs of our organization and to set a high standard for our future.

The Mentorship Program will be available to two different audiences:

Personnel that are new to the fire district (**Recruit Mentoring**)

Current fire district personnel (**Personal Development Mentoring**)

If you have an interest in helping develop the program, please give me a call.



### Alarm Statistics 2010

	Feb	YEAR TO DATE
FIRE	3	7
MEDICAL	17	38
MUTUAL AID	4	11
TOTALS	24	56

## Medical Equipment & Weekly Checks

As of March 1st we changed the order of what we check on weekly checks. Specifically, we moved the EMS kits to the first Monday rather than the third Monday to facilitate getting the information on drugs and their expiration dates earlier in the month. Once the detailed inventories are completed they should be sent to Headquarters rather than waiting until the end of the month. This change was outlined in the policy we had for “Inspection of Apparatus & Equipment” and a new policy called—”Medical Supplies Management”. In the new policy the following items are covered:

1. Drugs dated with a specific date need to be replaced on or before the expiration date. Those that have a month and a year date are to be replaced on or before the end of the month
2. If it is not possible to restore any of the kits to within 100% of their listed inventory immediately following an alarm, you need to notify the on duty shift officer
3. If you are getting supplies out of the Station #1 EMS locker, record what you take on the sheet and if you take the last one, fill out a requisition for that item or if it is a critical supply, call HQ.

## Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association Annual conference...

**June 23-26, 2010 in Hermiston, OR**

Great opportunity for classes and training offered such as:

Apparatus Skid Avoidance.....Wildland Practical/Practices

Farm/Industrial Machinery Rescue .....Vehicle Extrication

Fire Science .....Fire Investigation .....High Angle Rescue

Health & Wellness Workshop

There is also a Vendor and Apparatus show and silent auction as well as awards ceremony! See it all at <http://ovfa.org/>

If you are interested in attending, please contact your Association President, Rob Underwood as soon as possible!!



The wonderful world of  
Training, Uniforms & Supplies Too!

## 2009 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Hall of Flame— Joellen Penner & Walt Eaton

Spirit Award—Ron Slack

Rookie of the Year—Jason Symonds

Firefighter of the Year—Greg Paneitz

1st Responder of the Year—Jeff Hoxsey

EMT of the Year—Cody Goodnough

Activity Awards—Alarms over 100

Bob Ettner, Jeff Vinyard & Fred Secco

Activity Awards—Drills—Over 90%

Jeff Vinyard, Jack Lynch & Bill Dunlap

Spouse of the Year—Marilyn Secco

Length of Service Awards-

5 yrs—Cris Usher, Jim Wingo, Tom Carstens,

Matt Durant & William Schmidt.

25 yrs—Ron McKay, George Butcher &

Wim Roeloffs.

30 yrs— Bob Ziegler

District Employee of the Year—TaiLese Goodnough

Officer of the Year—Jeff Hoxsey

Maintenance Awards—Bob Ziegler & Hersch Wright

Instructor of the Year—Mike Kuntz

Safety Award—Nina Kiskadden

Chief's Award—Jeff Vinyard

Congratulations to the following for their full completion of NFPA Firefighter I:

Brett Bitney

Daniel Boyajian

Jason Symonds

Casey Vandenburg

Sue Chenault

Lindsey Evertt

They all did great in their testing/tasking performances!

Also to Lieutenants TaiLese Goodnough and Tim VanLeeuwen, for completion of their NWCG & NFPA Engine Boss requirements. That's S-131, S-215, S-230/231, S-290 and a completed task book.

Hard work and persistence pays off.

Heads up, the Summer Uniform Order has been posted at a fire station near you. It will be posted until March 15<sup>th</sup>, after that I will place the order. The next uniform order will be posted in August. If you have any questions regarding the order, feel free to call.

Just a reminder to all in regards to station supplies. Please do not throw away the small handheld spray bottles (Windex, Simple Green, Lysol), because I have larger containers at HQ that I am refilling the smaller ones with, it's more cost efficient. So fill out a requisition for the supplies you need, just let me know if it's a refill or a new bottle that you need.

Have fun, Greg

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*It is our mission to respond to the needs of our citizens in a professional manner by those dedicated to making the Applegate Valley a better place to live.*

*It is our vision to be recognized by our community as a group that is focused on teamwork, leadership, integrity, pride, professionalism, compassion, respect and functions as a highly reliable organization that consistently capitalizes on our number one asset—people.*



INSTALL—INSPECT—PROTECT

CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES AT LEAST  
ONCE A YEAR

ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY IS TO HAVE A  
WORKING SMOKE ALARM.

PLACE SMOKE ALARMS ON THE CEILING OF EVERY LEVEL OF YOUR HOME AND OUTSIDE EACH BEDROOM



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 14TH

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS AND CHECK YOUR BATTERIES