

Applegate Fire District #9

News @ 9

From the Chief.....

June 2010

After a fairly dry winter, we certainly have been playing catch up in the rain department. Although it seems like the rain will never end, it will add fuels when it begins to dry out. A situational awareness thing for us is that when it starts to heat up, fuels will dry quickly and with an above average amount of grass growth this year, there is a high potential for fires to grow rapidly in places where these finer fuels exist. Tactically, in heavier than average grass one should consider the use of 1.5" lines over the normal 1" lines. The long term forecast is for hotter than normal temperatures, so when things get dried out and we get into those dryer & hotter days, let's make sure we are paying attention.

Switching gears a little, I found myself watching a debate over loading hose at our recent supply hose testing event and the crew was debating what to do when they had one more section of hose to load. The top layer was getting pretty tight and had one section to go. A couple of options here – 1, squeeze it in which would have been ridiculously tight or 2, pull the top layer and squeeze more hose in the second layer. After some deliberation, Firefighter Symonds stepped up and convinced the group to pull the top layer and do it right. The point here is – my attempt to catch people doing the right thing and make a big deal out of it. Thanks Jason for providing some leadership. Doing things right is always the easiest way.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Friends for helping us purchase (10) additional firefighter locators for those primary units that did not have any – 8533, 8506 and finishing off the packs on 8512, 8515 & 8503. These will be going into service shortly once we receive the pouches for them. The new Oxygen Kits were also purchased courtesy of the Friends. These kits combine the Oxygen Kits and the Airway kits into one and allow more room for the new King LT's.

As we head into summer, lets have fun and watch out for one another.

Seasonal Firefighters start June 14th

The Seasonal Firefighter responds to the emergency needs of the district during our busiest season while the secondary duties include the activities involved in maintenance and support functions. Many projects are planned out and completed during the summer with the support of our Seasonal Firefighters. We had a lot of interest in these positions this year. The following applicants were chosen for the following shifts, so please give them a hand of gratitude when you see them.

A shift— TaiLese Goodnough & Jason Symonds

B shift— Mike Kuntz & Lindsey Evertt

C shift— Greg Gilbert & Bill Dunlap

Upcoming Events

Safety Committee
Sta 1—June 7th

Association Meeting
HQ— June 7th

Officers Meeting
HQ—June 9th

Seasonals Start
June 14th

Friends Meeting
HQ— June 15th

Board Meeting
Sta. 1 —June 16th

Friends Picnic
Cantrall Buckley Park
June 27th

**The wonderful world of
Training, Uniforms & Supplies Too!**

Well it's been busy in my office since the last News@9, primarily with training and certifications. So lets get started and congratulate the following for their full completion of Wildland Interface Firefighter (S130/190):

Lucas Asman

Lindsey Evertt

Dustin Jacobs

David Karnes

Teva Karnes

Thomas Mangin

D.J. Titus

Pete Winship

	May	YEAR TO DATE
FIRE	14	38
MEDICAL	18	117
MUTUAL AID	10	31
TOTALS	42	186

And to Anthony Ryan and Jason Symonds, for completing Category 1 Operator, NFPA Driver and Wildland Fire Apparatus Operator.

Also to Lieutenants Rob Underwood and Jeff Hoxsey and Firefighter Jeff Vinyard for the completion of their NWCG & NFPA Engine Boss requirements, and Lieutenant TaiLese Goodnough for Category 3 Operator and NFPA Mobile Water Supply Operator.

Have fun, stay safe and keep'em small, Greg

NFPA Water Rescue Technician task books and training for the Technical Rescue Team members; Saturday the 26th of June we will be conducting a training exercise at H.Q. Training will commence at 0800 hours. My plan is to rotate personnel through stations here at headquarters to facilitate the signing off of task books for D.P.S.S.T. Surface Rescue Technician. We may not be able to sign off all of the tasks at this time but it should be a good start. This will also be a good review for those of us who are already certified at this level. We should be done around noon and lunch will be provided.

Divisions Chief, Brad Barnes

Smoke Alarms save lives!!!! Protect Yourself and Your Family Today!!!

Do you need a new smoke alarm or know someone who does?

The presence of a working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving a fire. The Applegate Fire District is conducting a community based Smoke Alarm campaign through June. We have received a limited supply from a grant from the State Fire Marshal's Office. Please let Carey know if you or your neighbor is in need of a new smoke alarm. Let one of our staff install a new dual sensor smoke alarm for you. These are a limited supply...First come,..first serve.....



Oregon Fire Service Meritorious Award

On May 22nd, 2010 eight of our personnel, representing the Applegate Fire District were present to receive a Meritorious Award for their rapid response and effective actions taken on September 29, 2009. These Applegate Fire District personnel and the other seven members from this alarm, were invited to attend the 9th annual Oregon Fire Chiefs Meritorious Awards Banquet in Salem. They were given recognition for their outstanding live saving efforts performed by our team of personnel in the successful rope rescue of a critically injured patient from the Applegate River gorge. The award was a Unit Citation Award given to two or more individuals coming together for a common goal and going above and beyond to achieve a life saving effort. This award is voted on by a board of our peers representing fire agencies from all over the state. Good Job!, "Applegate Firefighters".



All being recognized for their effective actions;

Fire Chief Brett Fillis
Div. Chief Brad Barnes
BC Richard Goodnough
BC Bob Zeigler
Lt. Jeff Hoxsey

Lt. Gary Sciocchetti
Lt. Rob Underwood
Lt. Tim VanLeeuwen
Capt. Mike Kuntz
Engineer Tailese Goodnough

FF Brad Kush
FF Bill Dunlap
FF Daniel Boyajian
FF Brett Bitney
FF Hersch Wright

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 RescueVehicle Extrication

Fire ScienceFire InvestigationHigh 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/>

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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.



PICNIC IN THE PARK

APPLEGATE FIREFIGHTERS.....

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL PICNIC !!!

In a NEW Location!

CANTRALL-BUCKLEY PARK

(Upper Large Covered Picnic Area)

SUNDAY - JUNE 27TH - 1 PM