



Siletz Valley Fire District

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FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Well, spring has finally arrived and with it comes lots of backyard burning. Please remember back yard burning is only allowed from daylight to 30 minutes before sunset. NO burning of trash or painted lumber. Please be mindful if the smoke is blowing towards your neighbor, and do what you can to stop it. Lots of folks are sensitive to smoke and it's an unneighborly thing to do. You can always get more information on our website where you can also fill out a burn permit free of charge.

With spring activity, we see folks who haven't been doing much during the rainy winter and we urge you to take it slow and try not to do everything in a day or two. There will be lots of warm days ahead, so be cautious. If you feel winded or tired, take a break, enjoy the moment, and stay healthy.

We are excited to announce we received a FEMA grant to hire a Volunteer Coordinator who is also a Firefighter / EMT. Daniel Morford assumed the role in January and has been reaching out to prospective volunteers. See his article further in this issue.

OPEN HOUSE!! – We have two **OPEN HOUSES** - the first is on **April 27th** and is primarily for the Firewise Community in the Logsdan area but the public is invited. There will be information on fire prevention and how to make your home Fire Safe from wildfires. Please join us anytime between the hours of **11:00 AM and 3:00 PM** at the Logsdan Community Club.

The other is our primary Fire District Open House - Be sure to mark your calendar for

Saturday June 8th 11:00-3:00 PM

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Demonstrations, Events for Children and representatives from all Public Safety Agencies will be present. *We hope to see you there!*

Please remember we offer free **CPR & First Aid** classes—look for more information in this newsletter on how to register. The more citizens who know CPR the better chance of survival.

We wanted to share some data with you—for January, February and March your volunteers responded to **123 incidents: of which 87 were medical related, 16 were fire related and the 20 were miscellaneous or false alarms.**

Thank you again for trusting us and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions we may answer. Thank you for your support!

Dave Lapof, Fire Chief

541-444-2043 Station

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ARE YOU READY TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

We are seeking dedicated individuals to join our volunteer fire department!

As a volunteer firefighter, you will:

- * Respond to emergency calls and help protect lives and property
- * Receive comprehensive training and equipment
- * Be part of a tight-knit team and community
- * Gain valuable skills and experience

No experience is necessary – we will provide all the training you need!

Benefits of joining our volunteer fire department:

- Sense of purpose and fulfillment
- Opportunities for advancement and leadership
- Access to state-of-the-art equipment and facilities
- Camaraderie and friendships that last a lifetime
- Life Insurance
- Expense Reimbursement for calls and travel
- Participation in our retirement program
- College Tuition reimbursement
- Opportunity to attend training around the country

If you are:

- * 18 years or older
- * A resident of Siletz or Logsden
- * Willing to commit to regular training and emergency responses

Then we want you to join our team! Contact us to learn more and apply:

DANIEL MORFORD, CAPTAIN - VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

DLMORFORD@SILETZFIRE.COM

(541) 444- 2043

Join us in serving our community and making a difference! Become a volunteer firefighter today!



COMMUNITY WILDLAND FIRE RISK REDUCTION (CWRR)

Do you worry about wildfires? Is your home safe? Are you prepared? We are offering to come to your property and do a risk assessment, all free of charge. We'll discuss the options with you, and if needed, we have funding to cover the cost of tree limbing, roof and gutter cleaning, and chipping. Our primary area is our Firewise Community in the Logsden area, but all members of the district are encouraged to have a home assessment done.

If you would like more information or to schedule a survey of your home and gain insight into maintaining defensible space, or begin a defensible space plan, contact the Fire District or online at

OregonDefensibleSpace.org

Funding provided by the Oregon State Fire Marshal



YES!!! WE OFFER CPR & FIRST AID CLASSES

The fire district offers community CPR & First Aid classes. We are going to be scheduling these classes starting in May every other month. The cost will be \$25. You will receive a American Heart Association CPR card. All ages are welcome.



If you want to get your name on the list, or if you have any questions or want to learn more about these and other prevention programs, please email us at office@siletzfire.com or call the station at 541-444-2043.

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS



It's Budget time again. The Fire Districts five-member board along with five members of the community comprise the Fire Districts Budget Committee. The public is invited to attend this annual meeting. This year's budget meeting will be held at the fire station at 149 W. Buford Ave., Siletz, on May 14th at 7:00 PM

The regular Fire District Board meetings are also open to the public and are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at: the Siletz Station at 6:00 PM



FROM THE SILETZ VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION (SVFA)

Captain Morford has challenged us to find more members. All of the current volunteers will be asking everyone we know if they are ready to help serve your community. Along with responding to emergencies, we have lots of exciting projects on the horizon. The Volunteer Association Business meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please come on down to learn more!

HOME ADDRESS MARKERS

YES! We still have address markers and are more than happy to make one for you. All you need to do is call the station at **541-444-2043** or email us at **office@siletzfire.com** and we'll get one set up for you. The cost is FREE, and the value is priceless when we are responding to your emergency.

Here is a test to know if **you** or a **neighbor** need an address marker. The next time you are driving home in the evening look and see if you can spot your or your neighbor's address. Is it clearly visible? Can you see it at night from a distance? Is it visible as well during the day? If you answered no to any of these questions you need to contact us to obtain an **Address Marker**. Reflective address markers out by the road are truly a life saver. We can't begin to describe what a sickening feeling it is to be responding to a medical emergency and not seeing house numbers to get us there quicker and render the care you need. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and Pacifica West Ambulance also relay on this address to get to your home quickly. *Please, your life may depend on it!*



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

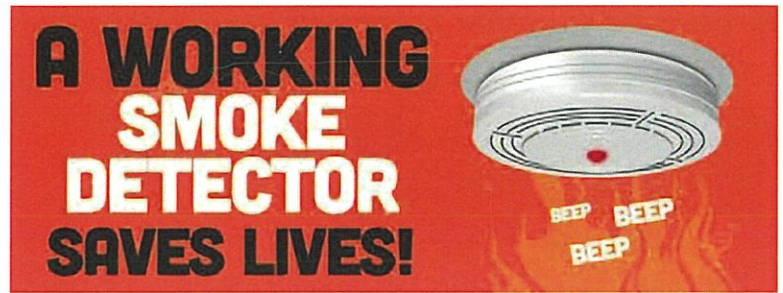
It's been a few months since our Severe Weather Event back in January. Do you remember not having any electricity or heat? What about a way to cook? This was an excellent short test to see if you were prepared. Emergency Preparedness isn't limited to wildfires or earthquakes. You can find yourself without resources at any time.

One of the best ways to prepare is to make an Emergency Kit for your home and car. In our community it's too easy for you or your neighbor to get stranded and have to be self-sufficient. FEMA and your local emergency management used to say be prepared for 72 hours but now, with the threat of earthquakes and tsunamis and even ice storms, the recommendation has been updated to being prepared for at least five (5) days and possibility up to multiple weeks before outside resources will be available.

We are also doing a survey on those citizens in our community that use oxygen at home.

**If you or someone you know uses oxygen,
please call or email the station so we can plan ahead.**

SMOKE ALARMS – The Siletz Valley Fire District has partnered with the American Red Cross to distribute free smoke alarms to our community. Did you know all smoke alarms are to be replaced every 10 years? Oregon also requires all smoke alarms to be equipped with a tamper proof-10-year battery with a hush feature upon replacement. If you need one or would like us to check to make sure yours is working properly, schedule an appointment by contacting the fire station at **541-444-2043** or office@siletzfire.com. We also have access to specialized devices for those that are hard of hearing.



It's a sound (or light) that will save your life –