

Historic Belmont Firehouse

Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum News

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The Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum is a cooperative effort between Portland Fire & Rescue and the Jeff Morris Fire & Life Safety Foundation.

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“Straight Tips”

On Water Safety

Waterways provide a great break from the summer heat. But they can be dangerous if safety is not considered.

Know the water where you plan to swim. Wear personal flotation devices when appropriate. Always supervise children.

Belmont Firehouse Closed in August

August is a month of big change for the Belmont Firehouse. It is the month that will see the installation of the new exhibits.

Formations Inc. has been working with the Jeff Morris Foundation and the Fire Bureau for about a year and a half to develop a series of displays for the firehouse. Ladders will be used to display Portland Fire’s timeline. Many artifacts will follow the story line as it shares the evolution of the fire service in Portland.

The firehouse will re-open in September in time to participate in the Belmont Street Fair on September 9th, which is also Safety Saturday. Special hours for the day will be from 10 AM to 5 PM. Along with the usual activities, a fundraising barbecue will be available for lunch and live music, featuring the band “Buried Youth,” will be offered throughout the day.

The firehouse will be

closed for the August Safety Saturday (August 12) due to the exhibit installation.



Jeff Morris Web Site Adds New Look, New Features

The Jeff Morris web site has received a major overhaul, thanks to the Center for Advanced Learning (CAL) in Gresham.

Students enrolled in the Graphic Arts program at CAL were contracted to make the improvements on the site. Among them are an on-line store for the purchase of merchandise. The site has an improved look and

function to it. It will grow as the needs for the Foundation develop.

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The Center for Advanced Learning is a unique charter high school that brings business and students together. Students from Gresham, Sam Barlow, Reynolds, Centennial, and David Douglas high schools are eligible to attend and alternate time between their home high school and CAL. For more information, visit www.thecenterforadvancedlearning.org.

Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum Event Line 503-823-3616



Remember This???

This Roster Board probably pre-dates any current members memory but estimates are that it served Multnomah Engine Company #2 sometime around 1870. Amazingly, it has survived all these years in pretty good condition.

The roster board, thanks to retiree Don Bancroft, now has a fresh look and a new home at the Belmont Firehouse. It will become part of the exhibitry being installed in August.

Notable names included on the board are Stephen Skidmore and Henry Weinhard. Yes, the namesake of Portland's own beer was once a volunteer firefighter for Multnomah #2. His first beer ever served was at Jake's in downtown Portland.

Do you have a memory to share for future issues? Submit them to Don Porth at the Belmont Firehouse for consideration. Contact can be made at 503-823-3615 or dporth@fire.ci.portland.or.us

Portland Fire History, Safety Learning Center Information, Foundation Background
Find it on the web at www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org

FIRE SALE *** New Safety Merchandise At Belmont (and On-Line)



The Jeff Morris Foundation has updated their web site with a complete firehouse store. Orders can be made on-line and credit/debit card payments are available. Check it out for all your shopping.

New to the store is safety merchandise to create a safer home environment. And remember, all proceeds support the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum. Thanks for shopping the Belmont Firehouse!

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Belmont Firehouse Volunteers Receive Recognition

Six volunteers with the Belmont Firehouse recently received recognition from the fire bureau for their contributions during 2005.

Volunteerism is a strong component of support for the operation of the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum. Much of the work involves research and organizing documents, photos, personnel files, etc. Assistance with tours, events, and other misc. jobs around the firehouse are also common. In most cases, volunteers are matched to the interests they have and the time they have to give.

In 2005, a total of 1,449 hours of volunteer time were contributed. At the top of the accumulated hours, and the 6 who received the recognition, were Dick Harris, Joe McCarthy, Trace Richard, Chuck Porth, June Porth, and Jeremy Little. Their efforts were recognized with the "Fire Chief's Certificate" at the April 26th Fire Bureau Awards Ceremony.

If you wish to volunteer your time or skills to the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum, please contact Don Porth at 503-823-3615.

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