

## Historic Belmont Firehouse

# Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum News

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### **“Straight Tips”**

#### **On Winter Safety**

*With the onslaught of cold weather, space heaters come out of the closets. Give space heaters, fireplaces, and heating stoves plenty of breathing room. Keep anything that can catch fire at least 3 feet away from these devices.*

*Think Safe this winter.*

## Grand Re-Opening A Big Success

The funds have been raised, the work has been done, and the ceremonies have taken place. The Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum at the Historic Belmont Firehouse can be considered complete...for now.

If you haven't visited the firehouse lately, you haven't seen what it has to offer. From the 1860 hose cart to the 2004 American LaFrance Fire Engine cab, it spans the range of Portland Fire & Rescue's history of service to Portland. Nearly all of the pieces

presented in the facility are real firefighting tools that have been in storage for years and are now arranged in interesting and informative displays.

Woven within the fabric of the facility is the underlying theme of safety. Firehouse visits from groups of all sizes and ages have begun scheduling visits and will most certainly be the benefactors of the personal responsibility messages offered. All of this intends to reduce the number of events in the community that injure, damage, and

destroy the lives and property of citizens.

Please plan a visit to the firehouse soon. Open hours are from 10-3 on the second Saturday of each month (Safety Saturday) or by scheduling an appointment by calling 503-823-3615



## Fundraisers Benefit the Safety Learning Center

The October 26th fundraiser with McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant (SW 1st and Oak) was a huge success. The entire days proceeds reached \$4,960!

M&S offers this fundraiser each year. They donate a percent of the total receipts for the day along with pledges associated with the oyster eating event, the Shuck and Swallow. This aligns a seafood chef with a firefighter and celebrity

counter to see who can consume the most oysters in 10 minutes. Teamwork is key, as was illustrated in this year's repeat champion Ted Cassinelli of the Fire Marshal's Office with Ryan Smith of McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant. They've proven unbeatable two years running.

The balance of the day found fire bureau employees assisting servers in the restaurant and generating a wealth of goodwill among patrons. Guests truly enjoy a chance to meet fire service professionals

and this translates into generous donations. Merchandise was also on sale at the event. Special thanks go out to the 25 volunteers who helped make it all possible.

Next up is a fundraiser offered by the Portland Trailblazers. The Blazers host a Fire/Police night on December 29th (vs. the Philadelphia 76ers). A raffle of a special item will accompany this event so stay tuned for more news. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Safety Learning Center.

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

# Remember This???

Ever wonder how water got to and from homes in the city before metal was common? The Belmont Firehouse shares this example of a wooden water main like those that plumbed the city for many years. These were apparently positioned near cisterns (brick-lined holes in streets). When drafting water, the main could be tapped to refill the cistern. Augers were carried for that purpose.

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](mailto:dporth@fire.ci.portland.or.us)



**Portland Fire History, Safety Learning Center Information, Foundation Background**  
Find it on the web at [www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org](http://www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org)

## FIRE SALE \*\*\* NEW Merchandise At Belmont



### RED CROSS FIREFIGHTER CALENDARS

The American Red Cross has once again developed a firefighter calendar, featuring all Portland Firefighters. These are available at the Belmont Firehouse for \$15.00. Proceeds support the American Red Cross.

### HENRY WEINHARD T-SHIRTS

A little known fact is that Henry Weinhard (noted Portland Beer Brewer) served as a volunteer firefighter in Portland. Now he's included on a T-Shirt offered for sale at the Belmont Firehouse for \$15.00. Proceeds support the Safety Learning Center.

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## Santa Saturday Coming in December!

An amazing thing was discovered in December of 2005, people will flock to have a child's photo taken with Santa Claus in a firehouse. And what better location than the Historic Belmont Firehouse?

The Belmont Area Business Association will again sponsor this popular event that brings kids of all ages to the firehouse for a photo on Santa's lap. Colorful displays in the firehouse create the perfect holiday backdrop for this event. Donations to the Safety Learning Center are generated through photo sales made on site.

Plan a visit on December 9th, from 10 AM to 3 PM on the regular Safety Saturday. It's a great way to kick off the holidays.



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