

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 Winter Safety

Falls are a major cause of injury in the winter. Older people can be severely injured and children are at high risk too. Look over your home and outside walkways/steps to be sure your home is safe for your loved ones.

Think Safe this winter.

2006...A Great Year for the Safety Learning Center

2006 was a year filled with exciting changes in the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum at the Belmont Firehouse. Most notable was the infusion of new exhibitry into the facility.

The Firehouse was closed most of August as the new, enhanced exhibits were installed. The overall project was almost three years in the making and cost approximately \$230,000. Funding was the combined effort of fundraising by the Jeff Morris Foundation, federal grants, and the budget of the Public Education Office of

Portland Fire & Rescue.

Formations Inc. was the company contracted to develop the story line. Using photos and graphic images of Portland Fire dating back 125 years and historic artifacts as old as 150 years, a compelling story has been assembled to share the history and heritage of Portland Fire & Rescue.

As word has spread about the facility, so has visitation. In total, 5,744 people came to the Belmont Firehouse for one reason or another. As for visiting groups, 93

groups of youth came for tours and lessons. Meetings and other Firehouse events rounded out the activity for the year.

Helping to make this work were the 1,401 volunteer hours contributed at the Firehouse or other fundraising events.

2007 has begun where 2006 left off. If you haven't been to visit, consider this your invitation to see Portland Fire like it hasn't been seen before.

Think Safe!

Fundraiser Will Benefit the Safety Learning Center But Hurry...

The Jeff Morris Foundation is holding a fundraising raffle. The lucky winner receives 12 tickets to the March 31st Trailblazer game against the LA Clippers.

A Blazer Box, which consists of 12 tickets, is a great way to see a Blazer game. Your exclusive suite offers the option to order in food (not included in the raffle prize) and have all the space

you need to enjoy the game without the usual cramped seating. Monitors throughout allow you to enjoy every minute of the game.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or five tickets for \$20.00. You can purchase tickets by contacting Don Porth at 503-823-3615 or Earl Diment at 503-823-3741. The drawing will be held on January 31, 2007 so get your tickets soon.

There's more! Every ticket

has a \$5.00 coupon for the 1st and Oak McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant.

All proceeds support the Jeff Morris Foundation.



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Remember This???

This amazing artifact was recently donated by Norman Calvin, a retired Portland firefighter. However, this wasn't his helmet. Rather, it belonged to his father, F.W. Calvin, also a Portland Firefighter, having served from 1915 to 1952. He retired out of Engine 17 as a Senior Captain. This is a wonderful artifact in itself, but knowing the history and owner make it even more valuable.

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 Merchandise At Belmont

FIREFIGHTER BEARS

A new item has been added to the gift shop of the Belmont Firehouse and it's been pretty popular with the kids. These beany-baby type bears are cuddly and clad in firefighter turnouts. Kids love them.

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.

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Coming Soon... "The Fire Engine Experience"

The much anticipated arrival of the "Fire Engine Experience" is close at hand. For those of you who have visited the Belmont Firehouse, you no doubt saw the American LaFrance fire engine cab as a central exhibit feature. It's been patiently waiting for it's makeover. Well, the time is almost here.

The Fire Engine Experience will be arriving in January and be one of the most sophisticated and technological fire safety exhibits in the country. Riders will have a chance to respond to a real emergency scene but never

leave the Belmont Firehouse. Video and audio technology provide an amazingly real experience from the jump seat of a fire engine.

This virtual Engine 9 was made possible through the help of many, including the real Engine 9. Special thanks also go out to AJ Jackson, Earl Diment, Dave Centers, and the Public Education Office Staff. This one-of-a-kind experience should not be missed. Plan a visit to the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum soon.

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