

## 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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**Belmont Firehouse**

900 SE 35th Avenue

(at Belmont Street)

Portland OR 97214

**Open the 2nd Saturday**  
**of each month 10 till 3**  
**or by appointment.**

### **“Straight Tips”**

*Spring has Sprung!*

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*With the onset of Spring, it's time to break out the lawn tools and gardening gear. Chemicals and fertilizers present a poisoning risk to you, children, and pets. Always use care in the application of chemicals and follow directions carefully. Protect the ones you love.*

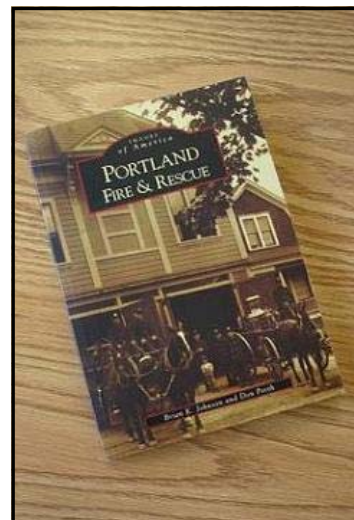
**Think Safe.**

## Portland Fire & Rescue History Book Debuts on May 29th

A pictorial history of Portland Fire & Rescue will go on sale May 29th at the Belmont Firehouse as well as area bookstores. This 126 page book contains over 200 photos, many rarely seen before, with captions telling the stories of days gone by. Chapters include: Volunteer Firefighting in Portland; The Early Era (1883-1920), The Modern Era (1921-1980); Unique Fire & Rescue Apparatus; Fireboats; Life in Portland Fire Stations; and Line of Duty Deaths.

With the help of Arcadia Publishing, who produces a series of similar books called their “Images of America” series, Brian Johnson (City Archivist) and Don Porth (Portland Firefighter) combined to bring the book to life. Through research and available information, many wonderful stories are now presented in this book.

The book sells for \$20 at the Belmont Firehouse and all proceeds support the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum.



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## Attendance Up For Fire & Life Safety Programs

Visits to the Historic Belmont Firehouse have been steadily on the rise in 2007. April posted the biggest single month visitation since programs began in 2004 (with the exception of the Belmont Street Fair and Santa Saturday months). Over 750 visitors came to the firehouse for safety education programs,

meetings, events, or other related activities.

To date, over 14,000 visitors have come to the firehouse since opening and it is anticipated that the 20,000th visitor will pass through the door by the end of 2007.

If you haven't had a chance to visit the Belmont Firehouse yet, plan a trip soon. The many

historic artifacts combined with interesting stories and images make for a great visit for all ages. The firehouse is also available for special events. Call for details.



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

# Remember This???

After the death of Jeff Morris and the formation of a non-profit organization in his name, a rhododendron was registered under the name "Fireman Jeff" in Jeff's memory. Registered as #773 by the American Rhododendron Society, the plants can be found at many nurseries in Portland and across the country. First planted in the gardens of the Central Fire Station, they apparently didn't survive at that location. Two are now on display at the Historic Belmont Firehouse.

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 \*\*\*



A full line of merchandise is available at the Belmont Firehouse gift shop. A new item in the inventory are Crest Spin Brushes, with the shape of a fire engine on the handle. These battery operated brushes also have flashing lights that blink when they operate. Help kids think safe while keeping their teeth clean.

Shop the Belmont Firehouse gift shop today or view all items on-line. All proceeds support the Safety Learning Center.

[jeffmorrisfoundation.org](http://jeffmorrisfoundation.org)

## Wal-Mart Supports Belmont Firehouse

The Wal-Mart Foundation has come on board as a major sponsor of the Historic Belmont Firehouse, Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum. They presented a check for \$5,000 to the Jeff Morris Foundation on May 22, 2007.

Sponsorship, such as this, is critical for the success of the Safety Learning Center. In the development of the facility, approximately one-third of the funding came from the budget of Portland Fire & Rescue, about one-third from federal grants, and the remaining third from community minded businesses like Wal-Mart.

If you know organizations or wish to provide support for the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum, contact the facility for details on how gifts can be received.



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