



Siletz Valley Fire District

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With summer behind us and the winter weather just around the corner, we wanted to share some preparedness information with you. It was just two years ago that we had the severe weather event that caused much of Siletz to be without power for three days. Lessons learned from that event should make us all better prepared. Enclosed in this issue is a list of items you'll want to stock up on.

The Fire District Volunteers have been extremely busy. Our four cadets completed their Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class and Jacob Barnhard and Lillie Boada receiving their State of Oregon License. Lennon Barnhart and Samantha Wheeler will receive theirs when they turn 16. Gail Johnson and Marcy Sanning also taught a second EMR Class with five volunteers from both Siletz and Toledo completing their training in November, and are in process of receiving their Oregon EMR Licenses as well. Congratulations to both the instructors and the students on your commitment to the community. This past year also saw Gail Johnson and Marcy Sanning receiving their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Licenses, where EMR training is approximately 55 hours, EMT training is over 155 hours. This significant accomplishment is an invaluable addition to the Fire District and our community as a whole.

THANK YOU both for your continued dedication.

We have also recently been the recipient of several grants: The Roundhouse Foundation granted us \$25,000 to install a septic system at the Logsdan Fire Station. This is part of the long range plan your Board of Directors determined last summer to allow for housing at the station to provide better service to our eastern area of the District. We have also been informed that we should be receiving almost \$1,000,000 in Federal funding to build an addition to the Siletz Fire Station. We are deeply grateful to both Congresswoman Hoyle and Senator Merkley, and their staff, for pursuing this funding and keeping it moving forward during difficult times back in D.C.

THANK YOU!!

One of our most recent awards was a State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment (SPIRE) Grant from Oregon Emergency Management for our Drone. This piece of equipment will be invaluable to not only citizens of our District, but to the entire county. Whether it is helping the Lincoln County Technical Rescue Team, or the City of Toledo looking for a stranded boater on the Yaquina River, with DC Morford as a certified Drone pilot, we will be asked to make him and our Drone available in emergency situations and has already been put to use following the mudslide on Highway 229.

We are always taking applications for responders, and there is no better time than now to learn about what we do. We have a Firefighter I class scheduled to begin in February. As with all our programs, we provide the training, equipment, and clothing at no cost to you. We only ask in return for your investment in YOUR community – isn't it time you gave back and helped your neighbor?

Have a Very Safe and Happy

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WHAT DO YOU NEED IN A SURVIVAL KIT?

At a minimum, you should have the basic supplies listed below.

1. Water: one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
2. Food: non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
3. Flashlight (including spare batteries)
4. Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
5. First aid kit
6. Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
7. Multi-purpose tool
8. Sanitation and personal hygiene items
9. Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
10. Cell phone with chargers
11. Family and emergency contact information
12. Extra cash
13. Emergency blanket
14. Matches
15. Map(s) of the area

For more information visit these websites

<https://www.redcross.org>

https://www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/appendix_b.pdf

<https://www.ready.gov/kit>

FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We want to thank Reggie Butler Jr. for his years of service to the Siletz Fire District. When Reggie was elected to the Siletz Tribal Council, this created a open position on the Board. Two candidates ran and our newest Board Member, Katie Saaty, was elected.

After earning her Bachelor's Degree in Fisheries Science at Humboldt State, she moved from Arcata, California to Lincoln County where she worked as a commercial fisheries observer. After two years as an observer, she and her partner chose to move to Siletz. She currently works for the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District where she specializes in the county's major river systems. She chose to run for the open Board position because she was impressed with how the Fire District operated smoothly, wanted to be more involved in the community, and felt this was a great opportunity and place in which to do so.

Welcome on Board, Katie!



WE WANT YOU !!

Have you ever wondered what exactly you would do at the Fire District? What would it take and would it be the right fit for you? Well, we want to show you by inviting you down to see our equipment, observe us at training, and if you time it right, dinner too. We train every Wednesday, either at Siletz or Toledo. If we go to Toledo, you can ride on the fire apparatus to go and observe. Our Volunteer Association Business meeting is the last Wednesday of the month, but you are welcome anytime. If you'd like to come down on a weekend, we can arrange that, too. Our goal is to make you be part of our "fire family" and understand what we are all about.

Contact us today to learn more and apply: DLMORFORD@SILETZFIRE.COM 541-444-2043

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



SILETZ VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Even with the stormy weather and rain, we had about 350 folks big and small go through our annual Haunted House at the Siletz Grange, this year. 2025's theme was horror movies. If you think you'd like to be part of this exciting, fun event and put together a room for next year, contact Deputy Chief Morford to get on the list! We are going to be forming our planning committee after the first of the year, so now is a great time to get involved.



We also have an active Cadet Firefighter Program for 14-18-year-old students. These are just some of the many things you'd do as Cadets:

- Gain hands-on experience in fire service operations
- Learn life-saving **emergency medical skills** alongside fire safety techniques
- Work with experienced firefighters and first responders
- Build leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities

The program provides a unique opportunity for young individuals to explore a future career in firefighting while making a difference in the community. Cadets will participate in regular training sessions, attend fire safety and emergency medical classes, and assist with non-emergency department activities.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Youth ages 14-18 who live in Siletz or surrounding areas
- Must be dedicated, willing to learn, and able to commit to training

While our primary focus remains responding to your medical emergencies or fires, we want to have fun and be a part of the community. Please consider coming down and seeing what we're all about.



Do you need an Address Marker or Smoke Alarm? Contact the District Office and we'll see that you get yours. Address markers save us and our local Sheriff's office significant time in finding your home. You may think your current numbers are easy to find, but at night it's extremely hard to find. Help us help you... Contact us for an address marker or smoke alarm, today! **541-444-2043**



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BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

Did you know the Fire District offers college tuition assistance? Are you interested in nursing, welding, or pre-requisite classes? Being a volunteer is more than just responding to emergencies. You'll learn life skills, how to write a resume, prepare meals for large groups, educate the public in life saving skills and so much more.

Our members come from all sorts of occupations, and we all learn from each other.

Education, Training, Life Skills If this sounds like something you might be interested in, contact DC Morford to learn more and begin the process. Be the person in a crowd who knows what to do and help your neighbor... Join our Family Today! 541-444-2043

Winter Fire Safety

With the temperature dropping home fireplaces and stoves present a potential danger. Along with storing flammables like paper or kindling that are too close. There is also the danger of closing all the windows and carbon monoxide building up. Please make sure there is fresh air to keep you and your family safe, and that your smoke alarms are in working order.

Candles and pets (no, not goldfish) are another concern. With the holidays many families like to light candles. Cats and dogs are known to knock over candles with their tails or bump into them. This frequently can result in a fire. Also, keeping them too close to a wood stove is another potentially dangerous situation. Please practice fire safety, and consider that LED candles are the best way to prevent these types of fires... Your goldfish will thank you.

Finally, with early morning frost, roads will be slippery, especially in the areas where the road is in shadows from trees and bridges. With children walking to and from school, be especially careful. Take the extra time to arrive safely. ***Be Safe This Winter***