

Fire Learning Center/Museum News

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The Historic Belmont Firehouse Renovation Project is a cooperative effort between Portland Fire & Rescue and the Jeff Morris Fire & Life Safety Foundation.

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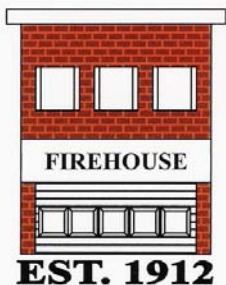
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American LaFrance Donates Exhibit

American LaFrance is well known for over a century of manufacturing quality fire apparatus. In fact, Portland Fire & Rescue now has sixteen ALF vehicles in front line engine and truck assignments.

A seventeenth American LaFrance has just been delivered. However, this one won't be responding to emergencies. It will be working to prevent emergencies, serving its assignment at the Belmont Firehouse as part of the Fire Learning Center.

The cab, was provided as a donation to the Jeff Morris Foundation. It will be developed into a "ride," of sorts, to share with citizens

the nature of emergency response and the job that firefighters perform every day. It will also help span the history of service to the community performed by Portland Fire & Rescue as it sits across the room from the 1879 Amoseag Steam Pumper..

The cab offers the advantage of representing the most identifiable part of a fire engine without the space constraints of a full sized vehicle. Maintenance is also lessened with this approach.

American LaFrance began manufacturing

fire apparatus in 1832. They evolved with the fire service, providing breakthrough technology in many areas, from aerial ladders to piston pump steam engines. Portland Fire & Rescue still maintains a beautifully restored 1911 Steamer that can be seen in the glass enclosure at the North end of Fire Station 1.



Fred Meyer Foundation Provides Learning Center Grant

The Fred Meyer Foundation has chosen to support the development of the Fire Learning Center through a donation of \$27,250. The announcement came the day before Thanksgiving.

Mary Loftin, Vice-President of Public Affairs for the Foundation, specified that the

donation be applied to the "Life in the Firehouse" exhibit and to the "Arrival and Entry" portion of the facility.

The exhibit areas will become the main features of the facility. They will use historic items and artifacts from Portland Fire & Rescue to tell the stories and illustrate the work

firefighters perform.

Support for the facility continues to grow. The Fred Meyer Foundation joins the growing list of corporate supporters, which include: State Farm Insurance, Safeway, American LaFrance, and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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Have You Seen This Table & Chairs Before???



While digging through the room full of artifacts that have been stored away for many years, the pictured table and chairs were found.

It is a unique set that carries city property control numbers. It is currently on display at

the Belmont Firehouse. The past use of it isn't fully known. Any knowledge or stories about the set is hoped to be found.

If you haven any information, please contact Don Porth at 503-823-3615.

FIRE SALE!!! Sweatshirts, T's, Polos, and Youth Apparal available at Belmont.
Call 503-823-3615 or check the web for details (www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org)

“Old Flames” Return to the Belmont Firehouse



The “Old Flames” firefighters widow group held their November Luncheon at the Belmont Firehouse. For many, it was their first time to the old station in many, many years.

The group, which meets every month for lunch, heard the Belmont Firehouse might be able to accommodate their meeting. While the concept is new to the facility, it seemed an appropriate service to offer a group so near and dear to Portland Fire & Rescue.

The event was a great success with twenty-five members attending.

Many told stories of the days their husbands worked in the building. Most hadn't seen the inside for many years. All were pleased to be “home” again.

Toy & Joy and Sunshine Division: Drop Off Donations at the Belmont Firehouse

As always, toys for the Toy & Joy Program can be dropped off at any Portland fire station. You can also drop off toys at the Historic Belmont Firehouse and enjoy the developing Fire Learning Center and Museum.

Food donations for the Portland Police Bu-

reau Sunshine Division will also be accepted.

Safety Saturday (December 11th), the second Saturday of each month, remains the best opportunity to drop in. Doors will be open from 10-3. You can also call for an appointment at 503-823-3615.

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