

## Historic Belmont Firehouse

# Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum News

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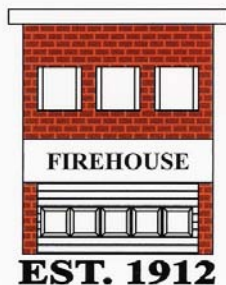
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**BELMONT**



## One of a Kind ‘Hazard House’ Delivered to Safety Learning Center

The Safety Learning Center has taken delivery of a new prop through which injury prevention can be better demonstrated.

The “Hazard House,” built by Modeltech, is an interactive representation of a typical home. Through remote technology and the ability to modify a multitude of scenarios both inside the house and out, endless safety scenes can be presented.

According to Dan Redding, who secured the tool through a 2003 FEMA Fire Act Grant, “this is an innovative tool that will spark the interest in learning for visitors of all ages.”

The device, which stands 8 feet tall and 16 feet wide when fully opened is the first built in North America. The company hopes it will serve as a prototype for many more to come.



## New Pole Prop Adds Fun At Belmont Firehouse

A new prop has been installed at the Belmont Firehouse to allow safe and fun interaction with visitors. It is a short pole that is safe and fun for kids and adults alike.

One of the major benefits of the Belmont Firehouse is the interactive opportunities it offers visitors. Many of the props are “hands-on,” which is in stark contrast to most firehouse opportunities.

ated from old wooden ladders, allowing a safe rail as well as attractive display of the pieces. Users land on a thick foam pad.

As with all interactive props at the Belmont Firehouse, there is an underlying message; firefighters need to hurry to emergencies. But they also need to use the safest means possible to get to the fire engine and ultimately to their emergency destination.

A major source of curiosity has always been the firehouse pole. However, to allow the public to experience this feature can be dangerous. This prop has proven a popular solution to that problem.

Constructed with volunteer labor, the prop has steps rising to a 4 1/2 foot platform that provides close access to the pole. Railings are cre-

Drop in and see all the new developments at the Belmont Firehouse. Safety Saturday is held the second Saturday of each month from 10-3 or call Don Porth at 503-823-3615 to make an appointment.



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

# Remember This???



This photograph was found in the archive of material possessed by Portland Fire & Rescue. It shows a large collection of firefighters, in dress uniform, standing in front of city hall. In the front row, middle, knelt the "Firemans Band."

The photo was actually taken "panorama style" and extended a considerable distance out to both sides so you could see the trolley

tracks going each direction.

Many old photos exist, some with an accompanying history and others without.

If you have photos to share or can connect a story to a photo, please contact Don Porth at the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum. These all become different pieces of the rich history of Portland Fire & Rescue.

***FIRE SALE!!!*** Sweatshirts, T's, Polos, and Youth Apparel available at Belmont.  
Call 503-823-3615 or check the web for details ([www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org](http://www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org))

## SAFETY SATURDAY: Fire Prevention Celebrates Its 90th Anniversary

On the March 12th Safety Saturday at the Belmont Firehouse, Portland Fire & Rescue will celebrate the founding of Fire Prevention in the organization. This date will mark the 90th Anniversary of the Fire Prevention Division.

On March 19, 1915 Jay W. Stevens was appointed as the first Fire Marshal of the city. He created the forerunner of today's prevention division.

Ninety years later, the Division not only remains in existence, but it is thriving due to innovations in conducting business in the city.

Today, the Prevention Division contains the sections of Public Education, Code Enforcement, Fire Investigation, Plans Review, and Training. While outside of the Division, it should be noted that company inspections significantly impact the outreach to create a safer business community.



*Jay W. Stevens, First City Fire Marshal*

## "Because Safeway Cares" Donations Exceed \$4,600 For 2004!

Area Safeway stores have, for the fifth year in a row, combined to provide generous support for the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum. Checks totaling \$4,675.29 represent the money collected by four area Safeway's in 2004.

"Because Safeway Cares" is a program offered by Safeway to benefit community causes. It encourages stores to seek out and support good things happening in their service areas. They also support larger corporate causes like breast cancer awareness and tsunami relief.

The donations are collected in small change collection bins that sit near the checkstands of participating stores. Customers drop

change or bottle return slips into the bins to generate an average \$90 per week. Over the course of a year, that adds up to a pretty substantial amount.

Participating stores for 2004 were Woodstock (45th & SE Woodstock), Glisan (122nd & SE Glisan), Lloyd Center (10th & NE Broadway), and Burnside (82nd & Burnside). The Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Store has come on board for 2005.

Since the Jeff Morris Fire & Life Safety Foundation became a recipient of these funds with select stores, over \$26,000 has been donated to the Safety Learning Center project, making Safeway one of the most significant donors to date.

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