

Historic Belmont Firehouse

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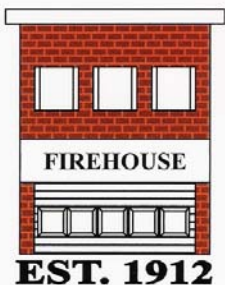
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Safety Saturday Brings Big Attractions to September 10th Event

Safety Saturday on September 10th will bring many additional features not normally found. Along with the typical firehouse tours, fire engine experience, and other safety education programs, the Belmont Firehouse will also play host to several other major events.

“Heroes On Call” will be introduced to the public. This campaign promotes the posting of key phone numbers in the home (detailed story on page 2).

The “Strength of America” bronze sculpture, commemorating the lives of service providers lost on September 11, 2001, will be unveiled at 10:30 that day (detailed story on page 2).

The TVF&R Drum and Pipe band will be on hand to provide bagpipe and drum music in the morning in conjunction with the sculpture dedication.

From 11:00 to 2:00, a fundraising barbecue will be held to bring additional funds to

the Jeff Morris Foundation and overall Safety Learning Center Project.

From 3:30 to 5:00, the “City Lights Project” Jazz Band will perform, bringing lively music to the 35th and Belmont location.

Special hours for the 10th only are 10:00 to 5:00.

Stop by for a visit and check out all the fun.

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Lone Fir Cemetery Remembers Fallen Firefighters

On August 30th, the Lone Fir Cemetery held their annual “Mid-Summer Nights Tour” fundraising event, hosted by the “Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery.” This year, the Fire Bureau was asked to participate by telling the story of a firefighter buried in the “Firemen’s Cemetery” of Lone Fir.

For those who do not know, a 100’x100’ block of the cemetery was dedicated for firefighters only. This dedication was made on November 16, 1862 and has remained in force ever since.

The story of Junior Captain

Carl Markstrom was offered for the event. Capt. Markstrom died on June 2, 1940 along with Firefighter Earnest Bills. Both were at a fire on SW Macadam Avenue when they succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning when their canister masks failed. They died on the scene.

As with the other stories presented that evening, important historic events and people were showcased. This was a grand opportunity to share a heroic segment of

Portland Fire and Rescue’s History.

Below, Don Porth plays the part of Capt. Markstrom in a period dress uniform while Earl Diment and Tim Birr perform “Amazing Grace” on bagpipe and drum.



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“Strength Of America”

The sculpture culminates 4 years of fundraising in the September 10th donation to the Safety Learning Center. Local artist Rip Caswell, of Troutdale, created this monument and a small citizens group who lost a dear friend in the WTC collapse spearheaded the fundraising effort.

The “Strength Of America” features a worker rising from the rubble with determination on his face and in his stride. He is holding a lantern symbolizing truth, justice, and freedom. With the strength of his right hand, he is suppressing a serpent that is wrapped around an American Flag. This

portrays the evil threatening our freedom. An American Bald Eagle taking flight holds the upper end of the flag proving that freedom and patriotism will prevail. A firefighter’s helmet, bearing the badge number of Eugene Whelan (FDNY Engine 230), lays at the rescue worker’s feet. Included on the pedestal will be the names of the 570 (Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Port Authority, Emergency Medical Service, and Military) service professionals who died on September 11, 2001. The surface of a section of rubble within the sculpture will be inscribed with the words: “*God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above.*”

Portland Fire History, Safety Learning Center Information, Foundation Background
Find it on the web at www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org

FIRE SALE *** Pedal Cars Now Available at Belmont Firehouse

A new item has been added to the merchandise available at the Belmont Firehouse. Antique replica fire engine pedal cars are now on sale. These are great little cars with removable wooden ladders, a functional bell, and shiny chrome. Portland Fire & Rescue logos have been added for customization.

These are on sale today for \$85 each. Supplies are limited. All proceeds go to the Jeff Morris Foundation. Contact Don Porth at the Belmont Firehouse (503-823-3615) or visit the web site for details.

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“Heroes On Call” Program Unveiled At Belmont Firehouse

Portland Fire and Rescue was selected as the National Pilot City for “Heroes on Call” (HOC). HOC is a promotion that was originally developed through the Office of Homeland Security, and the SafeAmerica Foundation.

HOC’s goal is to put an emergency phone list for big and small emergencies in the home of every Portland resident. The list will include all the heroes from emergency providers and organizations to Mom and Dad’s work numbers.

This program has been made possible through corporate partnerships with the Oregonian, KOIN television, and KUFO radio. It will kick off with a press conference on September 9th followed by a public introduction on Saturday September 10th at the Belmont Firehouse’ Safety Saturday. The campaign runs until October 1st. For additional Details, contact Earl Diment at 503-823-3741.

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