

## Historic Belmont Firehouse

# Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum News

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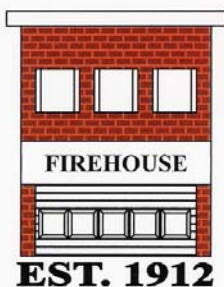
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## McCormick & Schmick Fundraiser Brings Big Success

On September 16, 2005, McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant at SW 1st and Oak held a very successful fundraiser for the Jeff Morris Foundation with all funds dedicated to the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum project. The event raised \$3,873.25.

Featured was a pledge-driven oyster eating contest that pitted 6 Portland Firefighters against themselves and the clock to see who could raise the most money in 10 minutes of oyster eat-

ing. In the end, Ted Cassinelli of the Fire Marshal's Office prevailed with 72 raw oysters. His professional chef partner, Ryan Smith of McCormick & Schmick's had home table advantage in their win, which narrowly beat Chris Birchard of Station 2 who consumed 71 oysters. Rounding out the field of competitors was George Godson (FMO), Bob Happel (FMO), Dave Woodhouse (Station 8), and Jesse Coefield (Station 8).

Between the pledges for

oysters consumed and the balance of the evening's activities (merchandise sales, fire engine ride raffle, and the kind donations of patrons of the restaurant), generous support was provided for the Foundation.

A great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who joined in on the event. The annual dinner fundraiser is still to come in early 2006. Come down and support the Foundation. See you then!

*Think Safe!*

## 5,000th Visitor Comes to Belmont Firehouse!

In less time than projected, the Historic Belmont Firehouse has seen its 5,000th visitor pass through the doors to learn about the history and heritage of Portland Fire & Rescue and participate in the safety education programs.

The crew of Engine 9 left Belmont in July of 2003. It was another year before the facility was geared up and ready to embark on its fire and life safety career. Since that time, one year has passed and attendance has been better than projected.

The Belmont Firehouse hosts numerous opportunities for public outreach. Most popular is the

Safety Saturday event held on the second Saturday of each month from 10AM to 3PM. Accompanied by other injury prevention professionals from the Metro area, Fire Bureau Education Staff open the doors to conduct tours and provide valuable life safety education which has included: Missing Child Prevention Education; Poisoning Prevention; Bicycle Helmet Awareness and Safety; Consumer Product Safety; and much more.

Senior citizen tours proved very popular in the early summer months as elders came by the bus load to share in the nostalgia and learn safe practices to maintain their independence. As fall be-

gins, school tours are on the rise. Preschools, in particular, have shown great interest in the visitation experience.

Events have proven more popular than ever expected. Dinner parties, luncheons, and birthday parties make up much of the activity.

While fun is guaranteed, safety education is always the underlying theme. The Belmont Firehouse challenges every visitor to consider their personal safety and that of their loved ones. Building a safe community, one citizen at a time has become the mantra of the facility. Drop in and see if it has something to offer you!

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

# Remember This???



Home Escape Ladders have long been available for homes that have above ground escape considerations. But did you know that as far back as 1964, these devices were sold commercially in local stores?

This particular unit was donated to the Safety Learning Center

& Fire Museum. It has the original paper work from Fred Meyer Stores with quotes that state: "In 1964, the Portland Fire Department had 5,915 calls to fires with 134 injuries due to burns and falls in escape attempts!!"

The cost for this protection...\$14.95.

These devices are available today. It is recommended that the intended users practice with it before an emergency hits. "Trial By Fire" is not recommended for that very first try.

**Portland Fire History, Safety Learning Center Information, Foundation Background**  
Find it on the web at [www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org](http://www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org)

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

Fire Engine Pedal Cars have been a big hit at the Belmont Firehouse. With Christmas just around the corner, this may be the perfect gift. A new supply has arrived but unfortunately, the price has gone up. The new sale price is \$115. All profits benefit the Jeff Morris Foundation which will develop the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum at the Historic Belmont Firehouse.

These are complete with removable wooden ladders, a functional bell, and plenty of shiny chrome. Portland Fire & Rescue logos are available for customization.

Contact Don Porth at the Belmont Firehouse (503-823-3615) or visit the web site for details.

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



## Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center Displays Portland Fire History

Over the past year, local artists have created artwork depicting life and work at Portland Fire Stations. This is part of the public art obligation driven by the fire station public art dollars as stations are built around town.

This artwork is on display until October 27, 2005 at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) located in the old Fire Station 24 at 5340 N. Interstate Avenue.

Along with the modern art are 50 historic photos of Portland firehouses, fire apparatus, fire horses, and crews.

Most are circa 1890 to 1925. These striking black and white photos take you back to a glamorous time in the fire service and give a glimpse of life in the firehouse over 100 years ago.

The IFCC is open Tuesday through Friday from 11AM to 6PM and Saturday from 12PM to 4PM. You can also visit by appointment by calling 503-823-4322 or e-mailing to [gallery@ifcc-arts.org](mailto:gallery@ifcc-arts.org).

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