

## Historic Belmont Firehouse

# Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum News

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## “Straight Tips”

### On Holiday Safety

*Holiday decorations can easily ignite around candles or heat sources. Keep candles in safe, protected holders and only use them when someone is watching.*

## Safety Saturday in December Becomes “Santa Saturday”



Saturday, December 10th, brings a special guest to the Belmont Firehouse. Kris Kringle himself will be seated on the fire engine posing for pictures with any guest who would like a photo.

The Belmont Area Business Association is spearheading this effort with all proceeds from photo sales supporting the Safety Learning Center.

The \$5 donation for the photo will include a folder for the 4x6 inch color photo,

a plastic fire helmet, a junior firefighter badge, and a candy cane.

But that’s not all. It wouldn’t be the holiday season without Toy & Joy being present. The jolly old elves from Toy & Joy will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for kids of all ages as part of their 90+ years of service to the community.

Still more of the giving spirit will be present as American Red Cross calendars, featuring Portland Fire-

fighters, will be on hand to prepare firehouse visitors for 2006. Funds raised through the sale of these unique calendars benefit the American Red Cross.

Don’t forget to give yourself a gift too. Every visit to the Belmont Firehouse serves up safety tips that could save your life or that of a loved one. Join in on December 10th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for a day of fun, giving, and safety.

*Think Safe!*

## Historic Photos Given to Fire Stations

In the “Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum News” issue 12, you read about the art exhibit featured at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. It was a resounding success, showcasing the artwork created by local artists who spent many hours riding along with Portland Fire Companies throughout the city.

Sharing the spotlight were 50 historic photos

of early Portland fire stations, fire apparatus, and personnel. These 8 x 10 inch, black and white photos were a show in themselves.

Soon, these photos will begin to be distributed to the stations they represent. They will share the rich history associated with many of the neighborhood



fire stations across Portland. The wealth of history preserved by Portland Fire & Rescue over the past century is showcased at the Belmont Firehouse. Consider a visit soon.

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

## Remember This???



Back in the mid-1800s, this was the vehicle of choice for firefighters. It would accompany the hand pumper of the day, and later the steamers.

This particular model was built in 1860 and is on display at the

Historic Belmont Firehouse. Its story, along with the stories of all the equip-

ment on display, forms the foundation for the response equipment and services offered by Portland Fire & Rescue today.

Restored in 1990 by Al Carocci, this is a beautiful example of the many artifacts shared in the Firehouse. At 145 years old, this is one of the oldest pieces displayed.

If you have history to share, contact the Don Porth at the Belmont Firehouse.

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

## FIRE SALE \*\*\* Holiday Shopping Time is Here!

The holidays are coming and there's still time to outfit your favorite firefighter, young or old, with fun clothing from the Belmont Firehouse.

For kids, the Captain Pumperton line is always popular. T-shirts and sweatshirts are available in a variety of sizes and colors.

For adults, t-shirts, sweatshirts, quarter-zips, and polo shirts are available with the Jeff Morris/Portland Fire logo. Check out all the merchandise on-line or plan a visit to the Belmont Firehouse. For appointments or tours, contact Don Porth at 503-823-3615.

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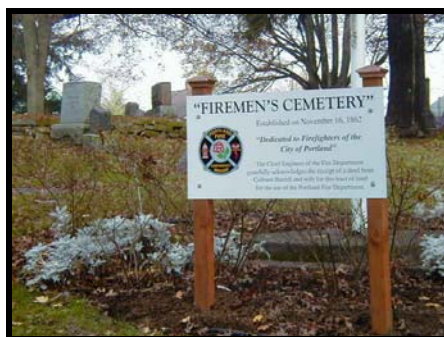
## New Sign Marks "Firemen's Cemetery" at Lone Fir

It's a little known fact (outside Portland Fire & Rescue) that the Lone Fire Cemetery, located at SE 20th and Morrison, contains a very special section. It is an exclusive burial plot for Portland Firefighters.

The "Firemen's Cemetery," as it was dubbed nearly a century and a half ago, is a 100 foot square area within the Lone Fir Cemetery. It was dedicated on November 16, 1862 but has remained unmarked for the past 143 years.

All that has now changed. A new sign marks the plot within the cemetery, which is punctu-

ated by a flag pole and rose garden.



Dedicated by Colburn Barrell and his wife, the beautiful tract of land contains dozens of graves with many grave markers showing helmet shields from various fire companies. Graves date back to the late 1800s. Several of those buried within the plot were line of duty deaths. Efforts are underway to document some of these stories. They will be shared through the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum in the future.

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