

Historic Belmont Firehouse

Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum News

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The Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum is a cooperative effort between Portland Fire & Rescue and the Jeff Morris Fire & Life Safety Foundation.

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Open the 2nd Saturday
of each month 10 till 3
or by appointment.

No Safety Saturday
in July & August

“Straight Tips”

Calling All Cooks...

Fire up the grill and let's go cooking! It's that time of year for backyard barbecuing. Keep gas grills in good working order and beware of gas leaks. Charcoal grills need to contain hot ash in the tub. In all cases, keep barbecues a safe distance from things that can burn.

Think Safe.

Research Uncovers Heroes

Thanks to the hard work of volunteers at the Belmont Firehouse, 4 names will be added to the David Campbell Firefighters Memorial on June 26th to this year.

Dick Harris and Joe McCarthy began volunteering their time to the Belmont Firehouse in its early stages of development in 2003. They had a particular interest in the line-of-duty deaths and those buried in the “Firemen’s Cemetery” at the Lone Fir Cemetery.

Dick and Joe searched personnel files, newspaper articles, and other archival documents with interesting results. Fourteen names were found whose stories might have led to their inclusion on the Campbell Memorial. There was enough information in four of the cases to warrant their addition to the Campbell Memorial this year at the June 26th ceremony, which begins at 10 AM. The Campbell Memorial is located at W. 18th and Burnside in Portland.

James Reed (died 1881), Henry Krimbel (died 1932), Joseph Allerton (died 1945), and Gregory Warner (died 1946) will receive this honor. The family of Henry Krimbel has sought this honor since the 1930s and will be on hand to share the day with firefighters.

It's unknown how or why these names missed inclusion before. Review by the Campbell Memorial Committee determined their sacrifice to be worthy of the honor. This will bring the total names on the Memorial to 36. They will also be included on the State Firefighter Memorial.

The historic information about Portland Fire & Rescue is vast and interesting. Making such information available to Portland Fire and the public is one of many services of the Belmont Firehouse.

Think Safe!

Firehouse Enhancements To Begin Soon...

As part of a federal grant, Portland Fire & Rescue, in partnership with the Jeff Morris Fire & Life Safety Foundation, will begin enhancements on the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum this summer.

The grant comes from the Department of Homeland Security as part of their Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Similar grants have been received to develop the overall facility as well as the “Fire Engine Experience.”

Enhancements will include: Activation of the status board formerly in the Fire Alarm Dispatch Office; Hydraulic lift for the Fire Engine Experience; A new “Destructive Power of Fire” exhibit; The story of the Bungalow fire station; A century of fire helmets; and several safety improvements.

The Belmont Firehouse and the Jeff Morris Foundation continue to search for innovative funding solutions to allow these improvements to take place.

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