



THE FDC—*Fire Department Connection*

A Quarterly Publication for the Membership of the Silverton Fire District

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FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

~ Silverton Fire Chief Bill Miles

We are excited to announce that the District's website will have a new, fresh, and friendly look this October! In order to address Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan, the District has partnered with Streamline to help us achieve multiple objectives with efficiency. We are most excited about the "Members Page" which will allow staff and volunteers access to frequently used applications, forms, and documents. Once the website is "live", we will be reaching out to the membership for feedback and suggestions. Thanks to Candace for all the work she put in on this project.

Along with the website refresh/reboot, Katie has been working on the relaunch of the Silverton Fire District Newsletter, also known as the "FDC - Fire Department Connection". This newsletter will also address part of Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan. The FDC has been on hiatus for over 25 years and we are very excited to get it up and going again. Thank you Katie for your time and effort on this.

It's hard to believe that summer is over and October is here already. We've had another busy summer with several of our members and apparatus deployed to fires around the state.

OSFM Staffing grant has been a huge help for us to provide expanded staffing in the evenings and on the weekends. Many thanks to all those that have been able to work those extra shifts.

Again, our members stepped up in a big way to provide coverage during the East wind event on September 9th & 10th. Silverton Fire District provided three apparatus on two of the intra-county task forces, additionally, units from Station 2 and 9 were staffed during this time for a total of 6 units ready to respond immediately with the goal of keeping fires small. Little did we know that the three task forces, North, Central, and South would be deployed on Friday afternoon to the South Salem brush fire for over 24 hours.

We really appreciate Lindsey Veit and Karrie Brown (spouses of Keith Veit and Dan Brown), for preparing dinner Friday and Saturday night for the crews. THANK YOU! As always, I am so proud of all of our members and the amazing work that is done every day by our volunteers and staff. Thank you to all for everything you do.



OFFICE NEWS ... What's New in HR

~Office Administrator, Candace Cantu

As we roll out the Fire Department Connection (FDC) and the new website, we want to ensure that your input is received. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any suggestions or comments that you feel would improve the website and/or the FDC newsletter.

Within the last couple of years, a number of newborns have joined the Silverton Fire District family. I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone to please provide new dependent name and date of birth with the office so that all applicable benefits are updated.

It's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. With W2's just around the corner, it is imperative that the office has your current mailing address. If you have moved recently, please take a moment and contact myself or Kate with any address changes.

Be on the lookout for Strategic Plan posters that will be displayed at each station in October! Posters will display the District's Mission, Vision, and Values as well as Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives.



Lieutenant Joe Homutoff



Captain Ted Klopfenstien



Lieutenant Jimi Tolmachoff



Lieutenant Rick Heuchert



Lieutenant Jared Brown



Lieutenant Keith Smith



Lieutenant Andrew Terhaar



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

October is *Fire Prevention Month*—celebrating its **100th** year. The theme this year is focused on preparing our homes with a Fire Escape Plan. We will be planning public education events throughout the month and providing our community with fire prevention materials during the target week of October 9-16th.

The SFD Associations are looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming events, including**Spaghetti Feed Prep Day on Saturday 10/1/22** from 9am-5pm. See any officer or organizer for details.



Happy Holidays!

ALL THINGS MECHANICAL

By Maint. FF Ian Peterson & FF/EMT Kyle Miller

This quarter the Facilities and Maintenance Department will be focusing on one of our District Improvements at Station 3. It has been challenging to finish some of the projects as shipping times have been extremely unpredictable. However, it was worth the wait.

STATION 3 OUTFITTED

New Ready Racks have been installed at Station 3.



<https://www.oregon.gov/oem/hazardsprep/pages/2-weeks-ready.aspx>



Coming to an apparatus near you...

SFD Association Officers

South Battalion:

President: Mark Crawford

Vice President: Ray Dandeneau

Sec/Treasurer: Spencer Beachy

North Battalion:

Vice President: Randy Redman-Brown

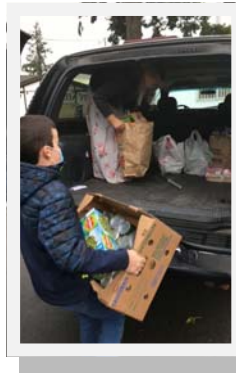
Sec/Treasurer: Jim Terhaar

Sgt. At Arms: Deb Connor

Upcoming Association Events

2nd Annual Drive-Thru **Spaghetti Feed:** 10/2/22 4:00-7:30 PM @ Station 1. Cost: \$10/dinner. Organizer: Terren Harrington





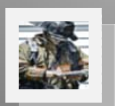


October 15th 4:30-7:30 PM is our **44th Annual Chicken BBQ** held at Scotts Mills Station 8. Cost for Takeout Meals: Adults: \$14, Seniors \$12, Under 12 \$10



The **SFD Food and Toy Drive** this year will run Monday, November 7th through Friday, December 23th. The door-to-door collection event will take place on Saturday/Sunday December 3rd/4th.



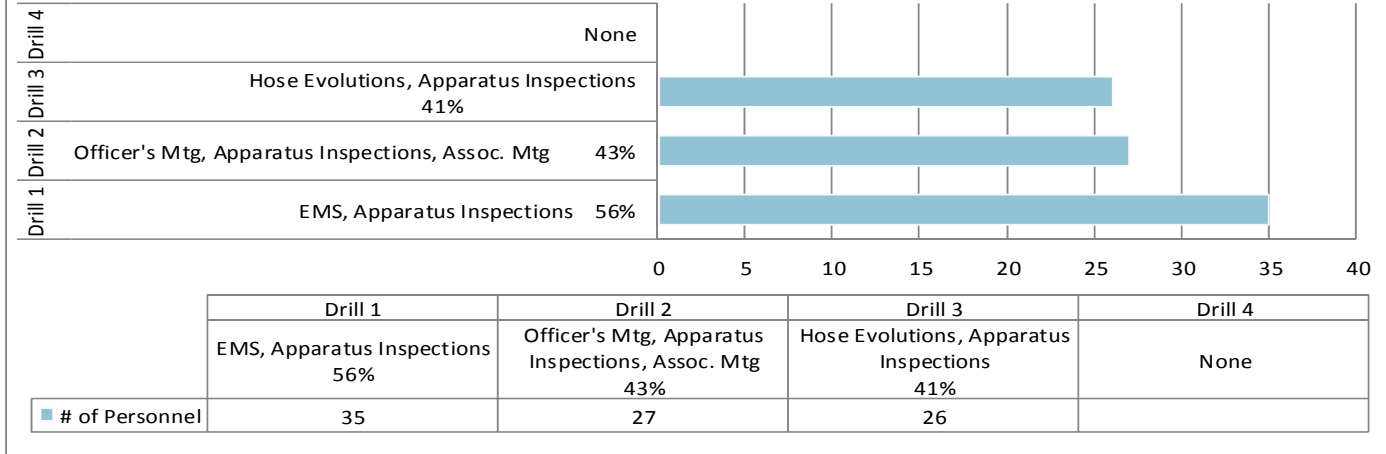
2022 SILVERTON FIRE DISTRICT 3RD QUARTER INCIDENT DATA

	<u>INCIDENT</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
	FIRES	8	7	9
	EMS	64	63	55
	HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS	5	4	3
	SERVICE CALLS	12	16	14
	GOOD INTENT	20	17	15
	FALSE ALARM	8	7	4
	<u>MONTHLY TOTAL</u>	117	114	100

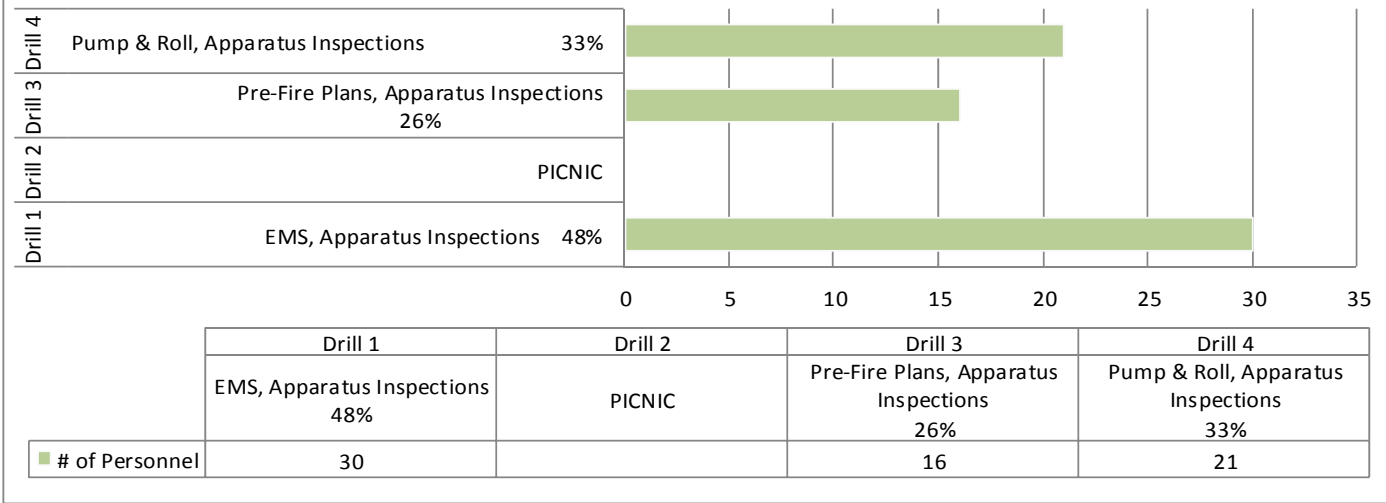
TRAINING—3rd Quarter 2022

Total Current Active Personnel as of October 1st: 64

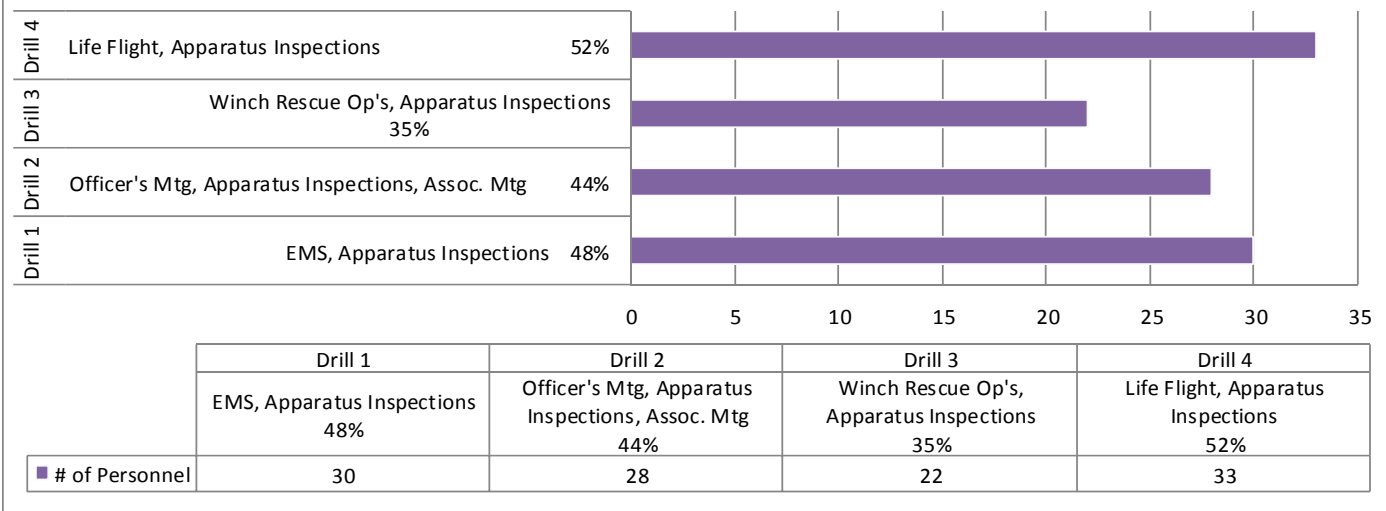
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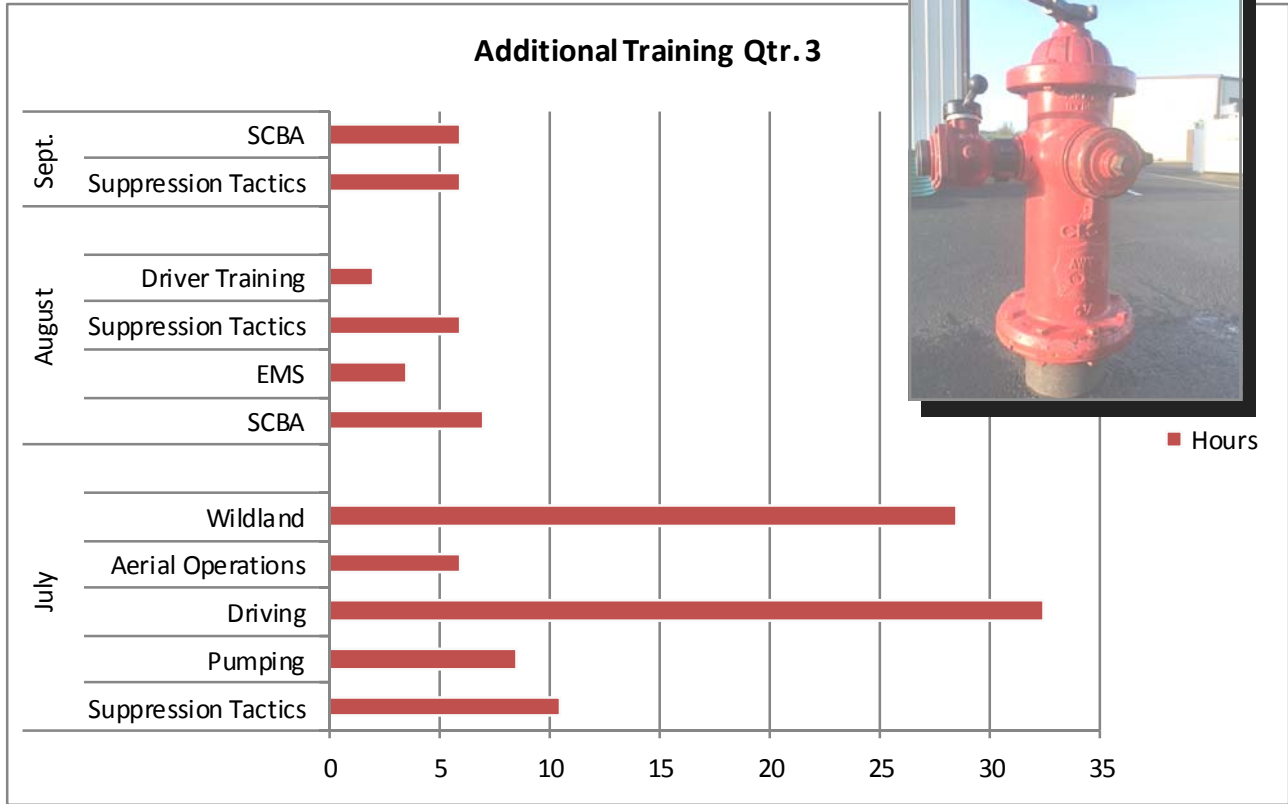
August 2022 Wednesday Evening Drills



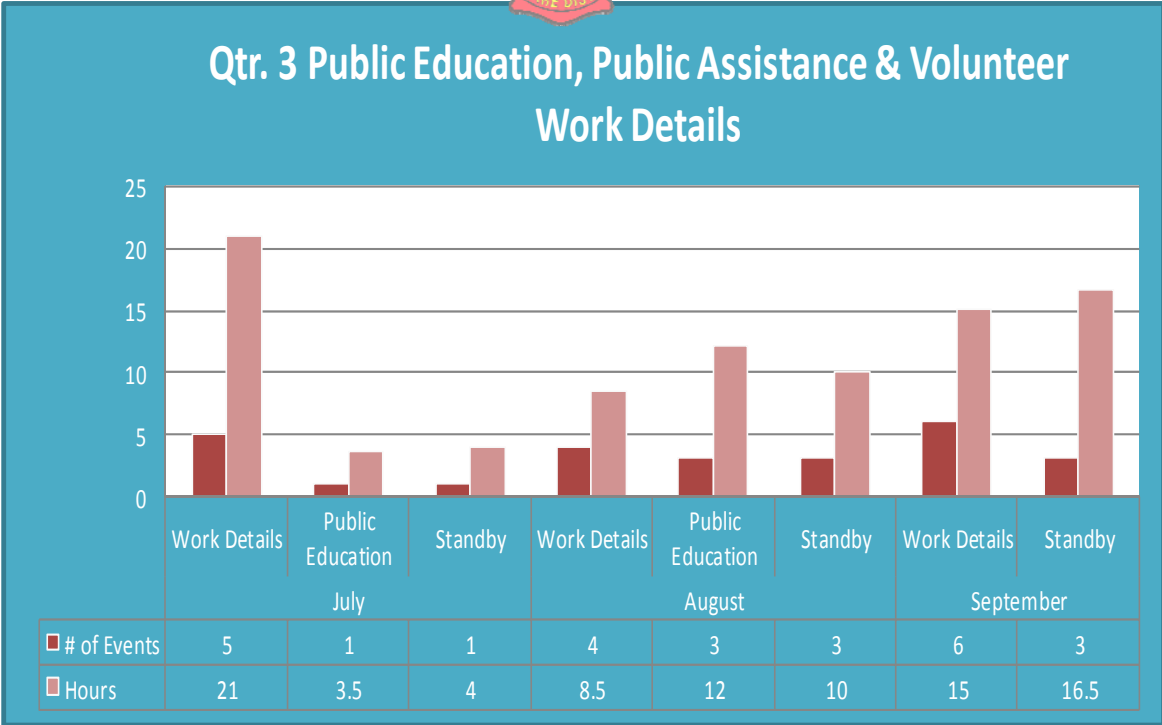
September 2022 Wednesday Evening Drills



TRAINING—3rd Quarter 2022 (cont.)



■ Hours



**YEARS OF SERVICE
AWARDS**

- CAPTAIN ALAN MANN-40
- BC BUCK PILMORE-35
- LT. MATT KAUFMAN-20
- MAINT. FF IAN PETERSON-10
- LT. JOSH WIMP-10
- LT. DEBORAH CONNER-10
- FF/EMT MAX HUGHES-10
- FF/EMT KATE TOLMACHOFF-5



**DISTRICT
AWARDS**

**FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR
RAY DANDENEAU**

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Terren Harrington**

**EMT OF THE YEAR
Ted Klopfenstein**

**SUPPORT OF THE YEAR
Frank Gyurgyik**

**MOST CALLS—ST. 1
Ray Dandeneau**

**MOST CALLS—ST. 2
Jeremy Nelson**

**MOST CALLS—ST. 3
Dan Brown**

**MOST CALLS—ST. 8
Jim Terhaar**

**MOST CALLS—ST. 9
Phil Sowa**

**MOST CALLS—OVERALL
Trenton Rainforth**

WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S

SFD joined a work party on Saturday, July 16th at Bernie and Sherrie Palmer's house. Our longtime volunteer and friend Bernie Palmer needed a helping hand, and so our volunteers and staff rose to the occasion by providing physical labor, hand tools, trailers and power tools for a yard beautification project. The turnout was great, and everyone worked diligently so that "many hands" made "light work" and finished up the project quickly. Thanks to everyone who helped out!



SPOT OF RECOGNITION

The following folks have resigned from their volunteer positions at Silverton Fire District:

- TRACY BROSTROM—Moved out of District
- MATT MUELLER—Moved out of District
- JEREMIAH NELSON—Career Firefighter Position
- RYAN SHERRETT—Time Constraints
- PEYTON HOSIER—Moved out of District
- MICKENZY TOOTLE—Time Constraints
- ALESSANDRA URZUA—Time Constraints

THANK YOU for YOUR SERVICE!



**FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATES 2022
Well Done and Congratulations!!**

Silverton Fire District's 2022 Fire Academy began with 16 firefighter and Support Staff candidate hopefuls. In an unprecedented term of dedication and commitment, every single recruit graduated. Thanks to all of the Academy's instructors and mentors for all of their time and efforts as well.

REMEMBERING 4020—Fallen Firefighters’ Memorial Service 2022



A BUSY YEAR—CONNECTING WITH CHIEF GRAMBUSCH

First, it is great to have the FDC up and running again! I always enjoyed reading the District newsletter when Chief Brown typed it up on his IBM typewriter...it is good to have it back in the FDC form.

The training and call statistics show that we have been busy; a lot of training and a lot of calls being handled by volunteers and staff 24/7. The addition of the part-time paid personnel utilizing grant monies from the OSFM has helped increase our response while allowing for volunteers to get paid and gain experience. It is a “win-win” situation for our community and our volunteers.

On the grant front, we are going to try for funding to replace our structural PPE (turn-outs). This may include looking at new brands, new pricing and possibly the request for two full sets of turnouts for each person. We will keep everyone updated as the grant request is written and submitted. If we receive funding, we will need a lot of input from the membership as we will need to consider many different factors. Let’s keep our fingers crossed.



RECRUITMENT/RETENTION & TRAINING - Lt. Keith Smith & Deputy Chief Keith Veit

The following people have obtained the listed NFPA Certifications in the 3rd Quarter:



NFPA FIREFIGHTER I

- Voss Burton
- Anthony Cortez
- Aaron Graf
- Anthony Marty
- Ryan Redman-Brown
- Dean Reiner
- Chloe Santana
- Mitchell Stephens
- Wyatt Tegen
- Kate Tolmachoff
- River Valdez-Savage

NFPA FIREFIGHTER II

- Ryan Breitbach

**NFPA APPARATUS
EQUIPPED WITH A PUMP**

- Spencer Beachy

NFPA DRIVER

- Spencer Beachy
- Voss Burton
- Mitch Stevens
- Wyatt Tegen

NFPA INSTRUCTOR I

- Deb Conner
- Andrew Terhaar

NFPA INSTRUCTOR II

- Ray Dandeneau
- Max Hughes
- Buck Pilmore
- Deb Conner
- Kate Tolmachoff

**NFPA HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS**

- Anthony Cortez **
- Julie Hansen*
- Ashton Martin*
- Anthony Marty **
- Dawn Montoya*
- Ryan Redman-Brown **
- Dean Reiner **
- Chloe Santana **
- Mitchell Stephens **
- River Valdez-Savage **
- Wyatt Tegen **
- Kate Tolmachoff **
- Kyle Miller ***

**Haz Mat Awareness*
***Haz Mat Operations*

**NFPA LIVE FIRE
INSTRUCTOR**

- Keith Veit
- Buck Pilmore

NFPA WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER TYPE II

- Anthony Cortez
- Julie Hansen
- Ashton Martin
- Ginny Miller
- Kate Tolmachoff
- River Valdez-Savage

NFPA WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER TYPE I

- Joe Homutoff
- Keith Veit
- Mercedes Sosa-Rodriguez



SAFETY TIPS:

You are four times more likely to survive a home fire if you have working smoke alarms.

- **Location:** Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, outside sleeping areas, and in each bedroom
- **Maintenance:** Test your alarm batteries by pushing the test button at least once a month, replace the batteries when needed. Alarms 10 years or older should be replaced
- **Hush Feature:** Do not remove batteries for nuisance alarms (cooking smoke or shower steam). Push the hush button to temporarily silence the alarm

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Upcoming Events:

Sept. 1—Nov. 28: NFPA FF II Course

OCTOBER is Fire Prevention Month — Celebrating 100 years of Public Education

October 2: 2nd Annual Spaghetti Feed

Oct. 7—Dec. 3: EMR Course

October 14: Start of PIO Course

October 15: Chicken Dinner @ St. 8

October 9—16: Fire Prevention Week

Week of Oct. 17: Open House Week-All Stations

Nov. 7—Dec. 23: Food and Toy Drive

Nov. 24 & 25: OFFICE CLOSED

Dec. 14th: Christmas Pie Pick-up

FIRE PREVENTION BULLETIN

"Plan, Practice, Be Prepared with a Home Fire Escape Plan."

1. Write down each room of your home.
2. Next to each room, write TWO WAYS to get out.
3. Pick a meeting spot that is outside and in front of your home
4. Make sure everyone knows what sounds a smoke alarm makes and what to do when they hear them.
 - When it chirps, it is time to replace your smoke alarm
 - When it beeps, everyone needs to get out quickly and go to the assigned meeting place.



Wednesday Evening Drill
Pumping/Drafting Aug 2022



Live Fire Training
May 2022/Abiqua Road

4TH QUARTER TRAINING PLAN

Quarter 4 we will be concentrating on extrication/rescue training (Fire) and trauma (EMS). Guest speaker for Officer training in November (5th Wednesday) is Chief Dan Mulik from Clackamas Fire!

CALLS FOR SERVICE FOR JULY—SEPTEMBER 2022: 331