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SCIO FIRE DISTRICT

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Hot Topics 4/20/26

Last night, we recognized Matt Montgomery for receiving his Instructor 1 certificate.



I will be pitching an idea to change up the upstaffing model at tonight's board meeting. The model change will result in many more upstaffing days. I'd like to know who is planning on working upstaffing this season so I can do some planning. I had some folks write their names under one of 3 categories: Do you plan on working upstaffing a few days, quite a few days, or as many days as you can get. If you weren't able to attend last night's drill but you'd like to let me know your answer, feel free to email it to me. I'll detail the staffing model change at next Monday's drill.

For those of you who are new, I'll detail the upstaffing program. We typically receive a grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office that allows us to staff a brush rig during daytime hours. In the past, we have staffed a Type 6 brush rig from 10 am – 8pm 7 days a week starting July 1 and ending September 23rd. We allow the volunteers to pick their days at the first Monday drill in June. The pay is \$20/hour for apparatus operators and \$18/hour for firefighters. You need to have your NWCG wildland firefighter Type 2 certification in order to work wildland upstaffing.

I'd also like to know who is planning on going on conflags this summer. For those of you who are new, we deploy to fires around the state, and sometimes outside the state, with other resources from Linn County. Deployments can last up to 2 weeks. Shifts are 12 hours on/12 hours off. Pay is \$20/hour for firefighter, \$22/hour for apparatus operator, and \$24/hour for engine boss. Pay continues to accrue 24 hours per day and you get overtime after 40 hours. In order to deploy, you need to be certified NWCG Wildland Firefighter Type 2 **and** NFPA Firefighter 1. If you are interested in deploying on conflags, please let me know by email.

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For those of you who are interested in obtaining your NWCG Wildland Firefighter Type 2 certification, you have a couple options. The first option is to take online classes followed by a Field Day where you learn practical hands-on skills. The Field Day for South Marion County is May 30th and 31st. May 30th will be in the classroom in Stayton and the 31st will be on site in Marion. The second option is to take a 3 day class in Halsey June 5th, 6th and 7th. June 5th is 1800-2200. The 6th and 7th are all day classes. The 7th will include the practical hands-on portion, so after you complete the weekend, you're good to go. If you are interested in either of these, let me know and I will get you more information.

As a reminder, all Hot Topics can be accessed from any station computer by going to Network>DC2>Shares>SFD Share Drive>Hot Topics. In addition, I post them on the member's side of the website. The password is ScioFire1888.
