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SCIO FIRE DISTRICT

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Hot Topics 4/13/26

From this point forward, please only place sealed BVMs in the aid kits. If you use a BVM, throw it away. If you open a bag and then don't use the BVM, place it in the repair square. I'll inventory it, place it in a ziplok bag, and seal it with my initials on a piece of tape. I'll then put it in the medical supply room to be re-issued.



I have added a couple tool boxes with tools to B91 and B94. This is being done because those units are our primary conflag units and there are times in fire camp where you need tools to check air filters and do other maintenance on your rig.

We are removing the trash lines off the AO side of the engines and replacing with 3" supply line. There will still be a trash line on the officer's side.

Remember to follow traffic laws while responding to the station. I do occasionally get complaints from citizens when they see someone speeding through town and then pull into the fire station parking lot.

I shared a video shot by Delamontaigne of an MVC with fire that we responded to Sunday night. The car overshot the corner and landed on sharp rocks that punctured the fuel tank. The fuel found a spark or hot exhaust and ignited. The driver somehow was able to self-extricate but was injured badly with one or more compound fractures of the lower leg. The firefight proved to be

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difficult as the fire was up under the car between the fuel tank and body. And because it was fuel that floats on the top of water, the hose stream simply pushed it around but didn't extinguish it. We were able to get it out using the 40# dry chem extinguisher that is carried in the rear compartment by the blitzfire nozzle. Even using the dry chem, the fire flashed back a couple times. Don't forget about the dry chem as a resource for difficult-to-reach fires.

Also note that these calls are labor intensive. In this case, we had a car fire, a running fuel fire, and a pretty messed up patient. That would be a lot for any first-in unit to handle. We didn't have great turnout for this call and weren't able to help the medics much with the patient. I understand people have to work the next day and have to make a decision on whether or not they can respond. But if you are able to respond, these types of calls are really what we all signed up for.



There is still a survey open regarding the appreciation event. I'd like your feedback. Traditionally, fire departments hold their annual awards banquet in the spring just after the new year. They are traditionally held at a banquet hall and the dinner is catered. This was the model Scio Fire used through 2023. In 2024, 2025, and 2026, we went to a more informal setting, having it at the Tallman Brewery. We have a budgeted amount to spend on the event. The amount that we have saved going with the informal venue has been spent on gifts for the members. What I would like to know from you is "is this what you want?" This is your event so let me know if this is working for you. Below is an anonymous survey that you can take to give me feedback.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6_4L5O_M4AvmMmZa03dRwkTSA_-HZaWJFyV-3VXLd6EG0hQ/viewform?usp=dialog

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.
