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Hot Topics 5/26/26

We didn't have drill last night but I wanted to push out a few pieces of information:

DPSST Fire School in February was cancelled because of a partial government shut down. DPSST is now going to host Fire School at the end of September. Go here to see the classes: [2026 DPSST Fall Fire School Tickets, Saturday, September 26-Sunday, September 27 • 7:30 AM-5 PM | Eventbrite](#)

The OVFA conference is coming up in June. Go here to check out the classes and register: [Home - Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association](#)

Upstaffing starts next Monday. Hours are 1100 – 1900. The schedule is posted on the member's side of the website. The password is 1888 (this is a new password).

We have a Burn to Learn scheduled for June 14th. This is a manufactured home on the corner of 226 and Loma that we will burn. More details to come.

Last Friday, we had a respiratory that turned into a cardiac. At 2 times during the call, I requested dispatch send out pages for additional manpower. These pages never activated our phones. I've been working with the dispatch supervisor and with Active 911 and I have some answers. Without going too deep in the nitty gritty, here's what I can tell you and how to resolve it. There are some accounts that are set up so that every additional piece of information that is added to the call activates the alert on your phone. So if the dispatcher adds additional patient information (patient has Asthma, patient's skin is pink, patient is conscious, etc.), each additional comment will activate the alert on your phone. This is how the dispatch supervisor's account is set up and how he assumed our account was set up. He says for each call, he may get 20 different alerts. Our account is set up differently. For our account, the only time your phone alerts is on the initial dispatch. All subsequent information added comes across as a "silent alert", updates on the screen but doesn't activate the alert on your phone. In the case of the cardiac on Friday, dispatch told Active to alert the phones but because it was done within the call itself and because our account is set up to only alert on the initial but to alert silently for all subsequent updates, these never activated the phones. I don't plan on changing how our account is set up because I don't want to get 10 or 20 different alerts for each medical call we go on. The fix is this: If you are in a situation where you need additional manpower, say this over the radio: "Central from ____, requesting a first-alarm page to all stations for manpower for a ____ (cardiac, grass fire, etc.) call. This is supposed to be sent to Active outside of the call and should alert all phones. The dispatch supervisor is going to work with the dispatchers to ensure that they know this new protocol.

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

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