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SCIO FIRE DISTRICT

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Hot Topics 5/4/26

We have received the OSFM Wildland Upstaffing grant! The Fire Board has voted to extend the number of days we upstaff as follows:

- All shifts will be 11am – 7pm and we will run staffing 7 days a week.
- On June 1st, we will bring on 1 person per day
- One July 1st, we will bring on a second person per day. We will continue this through September 30th.
- On October 1st, we will drop back to 1 person per day. We will continue this through Halloween.
- Pay is \$20 for AO and \$18 for FF. For the days when we only have one person on duty, you will get the pay you typically get. If you are an AO on a brush rig, you will get AO pay.
- Typically we run Upstaffing for 85 days in the summer. These additional 67 days are being funded by our general fund thanks to approval from the Fire Board.
- We picked shifts for June and July. We will pick shifts for August and September at the July 2nd drill.
- Attached to the email is the schedule for upstaffing. I'll also put it on the member's side of the website. There are several AO days available in July. Those are now open and available for any AO to grab. Let me know and I'll put you down.
- Please show up at a future board meeting and thank the fireboard for extending the upstaffing days. They don't get much feedback from the volunteers and positive feedback will go a long way in their decision to approve future projects.

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.

We have several folks who have expressed their desire in responding to conflags this year. I took some time to outline some particulars:

- You should have your "go bag" packed now. Deployments can last up to 14 days so take socks, underwear, toiletries, etc. to last up to 14 days. The conflag trailer has tents, cots, and sleeping bags.

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- From the time we are notified of a deployment, they want us at the rendezvous point within 90 minutes. Oftentimes our rendezvous point is the Pioneer Villa truck stop between Halsey and Harrisburg, which is about 45 minutes away. This means that from the time of notification to the time you leave here is about 45 minutes. We can't wait for you to get off work in Wilsonville, go home and let the dog out, etc. If you can't be here and ready to roll out in 45 minutes, we can't take you. If I have other information about the deployment time, I'll share it when I send out the Active. But if I don't, just assume it's a 90 minute deployment.
- When I'm notified of a pending deployment, I'll send it out on Active just to give everyone a heads-up. It'll come out with the "drill reminder" tone. Sometimes we are chosen, sometimes we aren't. If we are chosen, I'll send out another Active to formally announce the conflag. If you want to go, you need to hit Avail ASAP. I'll choose the members within a few minutes. You maybe have enough time to check with the spouse or the boss but make it quick.
- I have a list that goes back 3 years of the folks who have gone on conflags and when they went. I'll use that to pick future participants. If you haven't gone before, you'll be up before someone who has gone. On my list, each of you is assigned a seniority number based on your length of service in the SFD. It'll be used as a tie-breaker.
- Type 6s roll out with an engine boss and a firefighter. Type 3s roll out with an engine boss and 2 firefighters. One of those firefighters can be the AO if they are qualified. If neither firefighter is qualified to be an AO on the Type 3, the engine boss can also be the AO. Tenders roll out with an operator and a firefighter. There is no engine boss requirement on a tender.
- Our engine bosses are Ted Park, Darin Colgan, Chief Branch, and myself. Engines, regardless of type, require an engine boss. I won't go on conflags unless it's necessary in order to send a crew. What I mean by that is if no other engine bosses or apparatus operators are available, I will go. But I won't bump a volunteer.

The Lamb and Wool Fair is May 15th through 17th. We will be doing an extrication demonstration Friday night during the car show. We will have a practice extrication Thursday night (the 14th) in the parking lot of Station 91. We will have a sign-up sheet at next Monday's drill. Here is a video of the extrication demonstration we did in 2024: [Scio Fire Department accident victim extraction Demonstration 2024](#)

Speaking of the Lamb and Wool Fair, this will be the first year in a while that we don't have an R&R person who normally staffs the fire district's booth. I'm looking for volunteers to staff the booth. There is a sign-up sheet on the whiteboard. You can also send me an email or text.

The Fix Coffee stand (next to the post office) is offering first responders a 20% discount on coffee from May 3rd through May 9th. Just let her know you're a volunteer with the district.

The pickleball court has been set up in the bay. Feel free to come by anytime and play (bring a friend). Because of the potential for injury, your friend needs to be a district member.

Attached are the current drill hours for the EMRs that are due for recert. If you are short, contact Chief Boyer.

Ed and Waylon will graduate from fire academy tomorrow, Wednesday the 6th starting at 1830. The ceremony will be held at Cascade High School, 10226 Marion Rd. SE in Turner (halfway between Stayton and Turner). You are all invited.

At the May 19th board meeting, we will recognize Ed and Waylon with a badge pinning ceremony to celebrate their graduation from fire academy.

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.
