

BULLYING: Step up if you witness bullying or harassment

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bullying or harassment, Scholl recommends that they step up.

“I think it’s always worth it. I don’t think it’s easy for anybody in any situation, to step up,” but if schools are not notified of the problem, they can’t respond.

However, he believes stepping up can mean confronting the person who has said or done something hurtful, not necessarily calling for help right away.

“We try to promote to our students to advocate for themselves...” Scholl said. “If someone says something that has an impact on you, it’s okay to tell [them] that.”

He praised the work of local organization Citizens 4 Community (C4C), which hosts the program Let’s Talk, in which people can share and listen to different viewpoints.

“I was really happy with some of the work with C4C, understanding that it’s okay to have civil conversations,” said Scholl. “Not combative, but if somebody says something, it’s an ongoing process.”

He noted that what a person says and what they intended to say “may be different from the way you took it. And that’s the messiness of this.”

Placing the responsibility to speak up on the person who feels hurt may add to their burden.

However, Scholl said, “If I said something to you, for example, that didn’t feel good to you, if I didn’t know that and it wasn’t the way I intended it, I would never know that unless you shared that with me.”

The district has begun

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how them just being here with us made a difference. We are very lucky to have them.”

Another resident to the north, Clara Hughes, offered, “I want to express our appreciation to everyone who worked so hard keeping our little community in Squaw Creek Canyon Estates safe! Their presence was so comforting. I loved that they canvassed the area talking with people, walking our property to ensure safety, and making notes of propane tanks and water sources. It gave us a sense of peace and security. These guys were absolutely amazing — and many of them were from Washington state.

Rebecca French of Bald Eagle Music lives up on Mustang Drive and painted a picture of living with the fire.

“The tanker trucks and fire trucks were here from Yamhill, Multnomah, and other counties. The bombers were flying overhead with the rumble of the helicopters in the distance. The thick ash and burnt pondo bark were drifting and blowing with the wind gusts. The sun was a burning ball through the thick smoke. When the wind shifted and cleared the sky, we witnessed a golden eagle flying over our heads. There was a moment’s sense of peace and calm.”

Officers from the Sisters office of the Deschutes County Sheriff patrolled the neighborhoods off Wilt Road while the residents were evacuated from their homes, providing peace of mind to residents who had to leave all their belongings behind.

Many of the firefighters commented that most of the homes in Squaw Creek Canyon Estates seemed defensible and prepared for

fire safety. That is thanks to the volunteers at the Sisters-Camp Sherman Station 703 and Firewise Committee led by Doug Myers, a retired fire battalion chief who lives in the neighborhood. Along with the all-volunteer crew from the neighborhood station, Myers helped educate, encourage, and instruct the homeowners on how to make their properties defensible. They held meetings at the fire hall, organized work parties to clear brush and trim trees, and other tasks to create and maintain safe, defensible spaces. The neighbors offered their thanks to Myers and the crew from Station 703 for their guidance, perseverance, and continued dedication to their neighbors’ safety.

Myers is still fighting fires and was out on the front lines on that first Sunday when the fire started and, pushed by winds, ran toward the neighborhood. Myers and three other members of Station 703 jumped into action with a light brush engine and large water tender. Crews from Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD, Cloverdale RFPD, and Black Butte Ranch Rural Fire District provided structure protection until the governor brought in statewide fire crews late Monday evening.

Firefighting runs in the Myers family. Myers’ son Stefan is a Public Affairs Officer with his father’s former department, as well as being the lead Public Information Officer with the Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Incident Management Team, which was deployed to Sisters to help manage the logistics, safety, structure protection, and public information at the Grandview Fire.

Seven responding agencies

Bureau of Land Management
Crooked River Grasslands
Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office

Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office
Oregon Department of Forestry
Oregon State Fire Marshal
US Forest Service

Fifty-five responding fire districts

Adair Rural Fire & Rescue
Albany Fire Department
Amity Fire District
Aumsville RFPD
Bend Fire and Rescue
Black Butte Ranch Fire Department
Boardman Fire Rescue District
Carlton Fire District
Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue
Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue
Chelan Fire & Rescue
City of Arlington Fire Department
City of Everett Fire Department
Clackamas Fire District
Cloverdale RFPD
Coburg Rural Fire District
Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Dayton Fire District
Eastside Fire and Rescue – Issaquah
Eugene/Springfield Fire
Halsey-Shedd RFPD
Harrisburg Fire & Rescue
Idanha-Detroit RFPD
Jackson County RFPD
Jefferson Fire District
Keizer Fire District
Lafayette Fire Department

Lane Fire Authority
Lebanon Fire District
Marion County Fire District #1
McKenzie Fire & Rescue
McMinnville Fire Department
Monroe RFPD
Mt. Angel Fire Department
North Kitsap Fire & Rescue
Philomath Fire & Rescue
Pleasant Hill/Goshen Fire & Rescue
Redmond Fire & Rescue
Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District
Scio Rural Fire District
Sheridan Fire District
Silverton Fire District
Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD
Skagit County Fire District 14
Skagit County Fire District 3
Snohomish County Fire District 22
Snohomish County Fire District 26
Snohomish County Fire District 21
South County Fire & Rescue
South Lane Fire & Rescue
Sweet Home Fire & Ambulance
Tangent Fire District
Valley Regional Fire Authority
Vernonia RFPD
Yamhill Fire Protection District

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