

Cops Corner by- Officer Dustin LaFord

For the folks in Town that have not yet met me, I am the School Resource Officer for both the High School and Elementary School. I would like to give you a little background history of me. Prior to becoming the School Resource Officer in Butte Falls, I was employed with the Medford School District as Campus Security. I have worked at both North and South Medford High Schools since December 1991. I was also a Reserve Officer for the City of Jacksonville since 1997. I recently graduated from the DPSST Police Academy in August of 2001. If there is anything I can do or any questions I can answer, I can be found at either of the schools or the Police Department.

There have been several questions regarding the Chief of Police position, and who will fill it. All I can say for sure is, the job has been posted and we will have more information in a month or two.

There has also been concern regarding the new curfew ordinance. This has not been enacted yet. It has only been posted for thirty (30) days, until the next regular council meeting in November. Which at that time, the council will decide if it is to be a new Town Ordinance.

Until next month-

Mercy 12 News by- Carrie Driskell

A big thank you from our squad to Rick and Sandy, Butte Falls Cafe, and to the BF Fire Department for the fund raiser. Once again, great food and a fun time! It got us a little closer to our goal for the membership drive.

There have been many citizens that have donated money for the 2002 Membership. Thank you, again! Remember, this \$5000 per year helps pay the ambulance bills of the people in our school district boundary (that's our ambulance service area). If you don't have insurance, you pay 1/2 the bill. If you have questions, call Carrie at 865-3224. Be Safe!

COURAGE FUTURE STRENGTH PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY

Words of the American Spirit. Words of conviction and commitment. Words of our time.

The Butte Falls Fire Department shares in these sentiments as we continue our commitment in providing service to our community.

Several months ago we saw a need to provide improved service through wildland interface fire fighting. Our forest community with its high risk of wildland fire potential was dependent on state and national agencies for wildland fire protection. Jeff Gorman, Darren Kinyon and I embarked on developing an interface (wildland) fire fighting program that could be incorporated into the fire department curriculum. We completed education requirements and procured supplies and equipment. We discussed our goals and our development process openly throughout the community. Through this open communication Janice Schultz learned of our program. She informed us of federal government funding to states that could be offered in the form of grants for rural and volunteer fire departments. This money was to be used on existing wild land fire fighting initiatives (such as ours). As a team we developed and implemented plans. Through a partnership we enlisted the help of others. Because of our conviction, I can report that the Butte Falls Fire Department has received the full amount of the award-- \$20,000.

Our firefighters have accepted the challenge of economic difficulties. We have developed the Butte Falls Firefighter Association including officers and membership. With the assistance of the community the firefighter association promoted an exceptionally successful fundraiser. September 29th proved to be a rewarding day. We shared in the appreciation of great food, unique wood carving skills, terrific music, wonderful cars and charitable donations. Our ambulance, fire department and firefighter association shared in the profits of nearly \$3,600.

In an effort of continued improvement we have completed our second consultation with Oregon OSHA. With safety at the forefront we have developed a Safety Committee including department and firefighter membership.

Through cooperation with the Butte Falls School system the Fire Safety Awareness Week was a success. We provided a tour of the fire department and shared our knowledge with the Butte Falls Elementary school children.

Our partnership with Butte Falls High School has helped us develop a Junior Firefighter program.

I'm inspired by those who have accepted the role of volunteer firefighter. Our membership, since July, has nearly doubled and we continue to accept applications for volunteer firefighters.

Our department, like our nation, continues to strengthen by focusing on future goals, community partnerships and continued education.

Rick J. Martin
Fire Chief

If your article got shortened this month or a photo didn't get put in... I'm sorry. We got more stuff than planned for the November Bulletin.... C.

Police Chief Position Open!

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of all functions of the police
department.**

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