

Fires, hikers keep Hoodland Rural on move

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False alarms at Sandy's water plant near Alder Creek, motor vehicle fires, and a hiker going over Yocum Falls occupied the time of firefighters in the Mt. Hood area the past two weeks.

Last Friday, June 18, at 10:50 a.m., firefighters from the Hoodland Rural Fire Department assisted an injured worker who took a 12-foot fall from the roof of a building under construction at the Kiwanis Camp.

Assistant Fire Chief Lane Wintermut said that person suffered a possible concussion. He was transported to Gresham Community Hospital by Alpine Ambulance.

At noon firefighters were dispatched to the city of Sandy's water plant at Alder Creek.

Upon arrival they discovered the plant's fire

alarm had again malfunctioned.

Wintermute said the false alarm was the second in less than 24 hours. At 7:12 p.m., the day before, the system had also malfunctioned.

At 6:40 p.m. rescue personnel from the department responded to the report of a man falling over Yocum Falls, just west of the Mirror Lake parking lot near Government Camp.

Upon arrival they discovered a hiker wet and shaken but otherwise unhurt.

On June 16 at 5:48 a.m. a passing motorist reported a Volkswagen on fire on Highway 26 near Alder Creek.

Upon arrival at the scene, firefighters discovered that a minor electrical fire had already been extinguished.

The driver could not be located and the vehicle was later moved, according to Wintermute.

At 4:30 p.m. that same day the department responded to a report of a flatbed trailer on fire on Homestead Road, about a mile and a half north of Barlow Trail Road above Brightwood.

Wintermute said the trailer, owned by the Interstate Paving Company, was transporting a grader when its air brakes caught fire near the entrance of the Bull Run watershed.

The driver unloaded the grader and unhooked the truck from the trailer before flames totally engulfed it.

The trailer was a total loss.

On June 14 medics from the department responded to an accident on Marmot Road, two miles from Sleepy Hollow just east of Cook's Ranch.

Wintermute said at 1:30 p.m. the department was called to the scene, where an employee of the Clackamas County road

department had gotten his leg stuck in the conveyor belt of a machine.

The injured employee was transported to Portland Adventist Hospital by Alpine Ambulance, where he was treated and later released.

On June 12 at 9 p.m. firefighters from the department responded to a chimney fire at Cook's Motel on Highway 26 near Brightwood.

Wintermute said an estimated \$400 in damages was caused to a mobile home when the roof caught fire.

At 5 a.m. on June 10 firefighters responded to a report of smoke near Snowbunny Lodge, just east of Government Camp. Upon arrival they discovered a U.S. Forest Service slash burn.

Later that same morning a crew responded to the report of a leaking propane tank at a residence on

Welches Road. Wintermut said the tank had just recently been filled and the hot sun caused the gas to expand. The tank was moved into a cooler location and the leak stopped.

Air operations to be studied

Airman Randy W. Kubitz, son of Wayne H. Kubitz of Gresham and Barbara J. Melton of Sandy, has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., having completed

ped. Two miles west of Government Camp on Highway 26 at 5:30 p.m. a travel trailer being towed by a pickup was struck. The driver of the car was

Air Force basic training. The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the air operations field.

He is a 1981 graduate of Sandy Union High School.

transported to Gresham Community Hospital where he was treated for head lacerations.

Wintermut said that the trailer received extensive damage as a result of the accident.

At 7:30 p.m. a crew was dispatched for a special

rescue, one and a half miles up Ramona Falls Trail, where a hiker was reported to be having diabetic seizures.

Upon reaching the hiker, Wintermute said that his condition had stabilized and he did not require assistance.

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