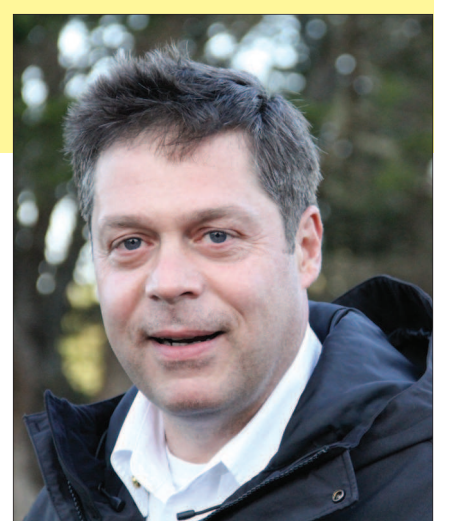


FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION



FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE *Jim Langborg*



On behalf of Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, I want to thank you for taking the time to read about our Fire District and the dedicated Firefighters who serve you. Our Fire District is involved in some very exciting projects and our staff is working hard to make these projects come to fruition and continue the tradition of excellence our predecessors have set in place. For instance, the District was recently awarded a grant from FEMA that funds the hiring full time Volunteer Coordinator and several projects intended recruit and retain quality volunteers. This grant is a regional and will involve our neighbors in Mapleton and Swisshome / Deadwood. We are also preparing for an ISO evaluation and working hard to lower our rating with the goal of saving some of our taxpayers money. In July of this year, we began a partnership with Western Lane Ambulance District to provide administrative services. The goal of this partnership is to create efficiencies that will eventually save money for both Districts and prepare them for the demands of the future. All of these projects have come as the result of our 2015 Strategic Plan which our staff has been working very hard to complete.

The true spirit of Fire Prevention week is to remind our citizens that preventing fires, saves lives and property. The theme this year is "Don't wait: Check the date! Replace your

smoke detectors every ten years." According to the National Fire Protection Association, "three out of every five fire deaths result from homes without smoke alarms, or with smoke alarms that are not working properly." As with every piece of equipment, smoke detectors have a life span and require maintenance. Please remember to replace check and the batteries in your smoke detectors every six months.

In closing, it is important to remind you that our fire protection is provided by a group of highly dedicated and trained volunteers. Our volunteers willingly give up their time and expose themselves to dangerous conditions for you! I could go on and on about the amazing work they do but there isn't enough room in this newspaper to accurately describe what they do. I will suffice to say that we are truly lucky to have such a great group of people serving us. When you have the opportunity, I encourage you to take a second to thank them for what they do and let them know how important they are to our community.

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