

Cannon Beach Fire gets new volunteers, five iPads

Several volunteers have retired

By Lyra Fontaine
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As several longtime firefighters move on from Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District, new people are stepping up to volunteer.

Cannon Beach Fire Chief Matt Benedict said after the Aug. 8 board meeting that it is normal for departments to lose some volunteers as time passes and gain new volunteers.

Tom Misner and Peggy Roberti recently retired after about 68 years of combined service to the Cannon Beach fire district.

"Tom and Peggy will be missed," Benedict said. "I am hoping they will join the Fire Corps."

The Cannon Beach Fire Corps is made up of previous

or retired firefighters, including Mark Morgan, who retired in June after 17 years.

New recruits are longtime community resident Anjanette Moon and Silvia Avila, a recent Seaside High School graduate who completed her Pacifica Project with the fire district.

There are currently 20 volunteer firefighters with the Cannon Beach fire district.

Other updates

As recommended by the Special Districts Association of Oregon, Cannon Beach fire board members will soon use iPads to keep all fire district files and communications in one place and not on personal devices. The change would eliminate some paper waste.

"We're going green," Benedict said.



Cannon Beach Fire Chief Matt Benedict with new volunteer Silvia Avila.

The fire board voted in favor of buying five iPads for about \$500 each. The district has budgeted \$10,000 for office supplies.

In other business, the board will soon hire a full-time employee to replace former

Captain Matt Gardner. The captain would be in charge of training, inspections and human resources.

The fire district responded to 31 EMS calls, six fire calls, three rescues and two surf rescues in July.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

There were more than 20 incidents of camping within city limits.

three suspects who unlawfully stayed at a vacation rental.

1:20 p.m. 2nd Street sewer ponds: Motor vehicle accident.

July 31

2:28 p.m. 500 Block North Elm Street: Sick person cared for.

Aug. 1

10 a.m. 300 Block Elk Creek Road: AirBnB rental code violation.

5:09 p.m. 300 Block Elk Creek Road: Report of a dog at large. Officer arrived on the scene and returned dog to owner.

11:57 p.m. 2nd Street restroom parking: Using marijuana in public. Subjects contacted for overnight camping, warned for using marijuana in public.

Aug. 2

4:38 p.m. 231 N. Hemlock Street: Theft of hat by juvenile female. Female was located and hat returned. Store did not pursue charges.

Aug. 3

10:37 a.m. 3200 Block Pacific: Officer received a report of

Aug. 4

1:41 a.m. 1100 Block South Hemlock Street: Verbal argument between husband and wife. Parties agreed to be cordial or separate for the night.

7:46 p.m. 1000 Block South Hemlock Street: Assist Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue with medical call regarding female subject with leg pain.

Aug. 5

7:04 a.m. 3800 Block South Pacific: Assist Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue with subject experiencing heart attack symptoms. Subject transported to Providence Seaside Hospital.

11:17 p.m. 400 Block Fir Street: Noise complaint. Subjects contacted and advised twice. Warned next call would result in citation. No further incident.

Aug. 6

10:50 p.m. 400 Block Elk Creek Road: Fireworks complaint.

National Night Out gets 'better and better' every year



LYRA FONTAINE/CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

Cade and Landry, visiting from Montana, had the chance to check out Cannon Beach Fire's new ladder truck at National Night Out.

A chance for the people to get to know police

By Lyra Fontaine
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Getting to know you was the theme of the third annual National Night Out, Tuesday, Aug. 2. About 100 people gathered to talk with officers, meet neighbors, see the new fire truck and learn more about safety initiatives at the Chamber of Commerce Community Hall.

"That's one of the reasons we do this event each year, to get to know all of you on a different level," Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said to the crowd at the Chamber of Commerce Community Hall. "It's not as easy

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to have a conversation with us when you're seeing us on the road at a traffic stop."

Food, raffle prizes and more were donated by local organizations, including Seaside Rotary. The event also had a Home Depot woodworking station for kids, a Community Emergency Response Team booth for residents to sign up and free helmets.

There were about 40 people at the 2014 event and 60 people last year.

"Each year gets better and

better," Schermerhorn said.

Schermerhorn thanked event attendees, including administrative specialist Valerie Mannix and officers Chris Wilbur, James Jordan, Joseph Bowman and Jodi Symonds.

"It's to meet new people we haven't met yet and we partner with Home Depot and the fire department so kids can see us on another level," Schermerhorn said. "We're just as human as they are."

In light of recent national tensions, Cannon Beach Police

Department continues to partner with the Lower Columbia Diversity Project.

"We send chiefs or different officers to their meetings to build communication so we know what's going on in their communities and they know what's going on in our community," Schermerhorn said. The department is also working on strengthening the relationship between police and Cannon Beach's Hispanic community. A brochure on what residents can expect from a traffic stop was available at the event in English and Spanish.

"We're good at dealing with different events but it's important to continue to address that with the officers," Schermerhorn said.

The police department is planning a September "Burger with a Cop" event.

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