

Fire district plans for the future



Frank Swedenborg at a November drill.

New officer, trainings and strategic plan

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Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue will start the new year with a new training officer, “burn to learn” drills and a strategic plan in the works.

New part-time training officer Marc Reckmann, from the Cornelius Fire Department near Forest Grove, has an “extensive training background” and a track record of obtaining grants, Fire Chief Matt Benedict said at the Dec. 12 board meeting.

Benedict hired Reckmann on a six-month contract. Former Fire Capt. Matt Gardner resigned in March to take a job at the Arch Cape Water and Sanitary District.

Regular drills on a donated house will begin after the holiday season in January.

“We’re going to train a lot on the house that we’re going to burn,” Benedict said.

Benedict is also developing a strategic plan

for the fire district “to see where we’re at and where to go in the future.”

He hopes to advance Ham radio operations and bring together groups like Cannon Beach Community Emergency Response Team, Medical Reserve Corps and the Fire Corps into one unified group.

“We’re going to be cut off from the tunnel if something happens,” he said.

Benedict said he is inspired by what the emergency volunteer corps of Nehalem Bay are doing.

“I have to give them credit; they have it figured out,” he said. “I’m talking with their chief about what they’re doing so we can all mirror it up here.”

Benedict was hired in June after an in-depth selection process to replace former fire chief Mike Balzer was dismissed in October 2015.

Meanwhile, a lawsuit pitting Balzer against the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District will be heard next year before the U.S. District Court in Portland. The lawsuit moved to federal court in August after Balzer raised civil rights claims.

Heightened holiday enforcement

During the holiday season, the Cannon Beach Police Department and Clatsop County law enforcement agencies will be participating in the Driving While Under the Influence of Intoxicants and High Visibility Enforcement grant from Oregon Impact.

The enforcement will see extra patrol officers, specifically looking for impaired drivers. Impairment can come from marijuana, illegal drugs or certain prescription medications.

Call 503-738-6311 to report an impaired driver or call 911 in an emergency.



Scene of a one-car accident Sunday, Dec. 18.

Cannon Beach police, fire respond to car accident

Police, fire and the Oregon Department of Transportation responded to a single-vehicle accident on Highway 101 in Arch Cape on Dec. 18.

The car lost control on the icy pavement by the bridge, slid, hit a stop sign and power pole, then slid to a stop next to the power pole, according to Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue. One person was transported by Medix and two others were taken home by family.

Cannon Beach officer James Jordan, fire Lt. Brian Smith and Oregon Department of Transportation incident responder Craig Lankford were first to respond. Also at the scene were fire Lt. Mike Johnson, Lt. Steve Moon and firefighters Silvia Avila, Shaunna White and TJ White.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

There were multiple warnings for camping within city limits.

Dec. 11
4:22 a.m., Hemlock Street/Tolovana: Code violation. Sandwich board sign left on shoulder of road at crosswalk. Sign removed and held for safekeeping until owner can retrieve it.

12:33 p.m., Second Street/Beach: Parking complaint. Officer made contact with male and warned for parking.

11:42 p.m., 2100 Block South Columbia: Assisted Seaside Police Department with searching residence for unwanted subject(s).

Dec. 12
12:34 p.m., 82600 Block Elkwood Mountain Road: Assist Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue with fall patient.

Dec. 14
1:04 p.m., Ecola State Park: Assist rendered: Officers responded to assist two subjects who were being harassed by a cougar on Ecola Creek Road towards Indian Beach while hiking back to view point from Indian Beach. Officers hiked in on foot and secured the subjects. Additional officers picked up the subjects

and drove them to safety. Officers cleared.

Dec. 15
6:19 a.m., 2400 Block South Roosevelt Drive: Assisted Seaside Police Department with attempting to locate suspect. Police located, detained and waited for Seaside officers. Suspect arrested on a warrant and false information to police department.

11:21 a.m., Highway 101/Milepost 27.5: Traffic stop.

11:40 a.m., Highway 101/Milepost 27.5: Possession of methamphetamine.

11:49 a.m., 700 Block Oak Street: Officers responded to a burglary and medical alarm. Alarm was tripped by cleaning personnel and was reset.

4:10 p.m., 200 Block North Breakers Point Drive: Third-degree criminal mischief. Officer took a report of a criminal mischief that occurred near Breakers Point. Officer cleared.

Dec. 16
10:25 a.m., 100 Block Center Street: Officers assisted Cannon Beach Fire and Medix with a medical call. Medix transported one to Providence Seaside Hospital. Officers cleared.

1:13 p.m., 2400 Block South Roosevelt

Drive: Officers assisted Seaside Police Department in search for a subject. Subject was identified by Seaside officers and one vehicle was towed. Officers cleared.

Dec. 18
5:32 a.m., 100 Block West Second Street: Received a report of an intoxicated female missing for more than an hour. Searched and found her, parties reunited.

10:58 p.m., 100 Block Gower Street: Building checked and secured.

Dec. 19
8:38 a.m., 200 Block Tanana Avenue: Dogs reported as missing and later located at the Tolovana Wayside parking lot and returned to owner.

Dec. 21
11:37 a.m., Arcadia/Highway 101: Officers responded to a report of a logging truck that broke down in the middle of the road. Officers located the truck and provided traffic control. The truck was fixed on scene and left the scene safely. Officers cleared.

3:01 p.m., Highway 26 Milepost 0.5: Officers assisted Oregon State Police and Seaside Fire Department with traffic control for a vehicle that drove off the road. Officers cleared.

Dec. 22
11:32 a.m., Hallmark Resort: Officer responded to a stray dog and returned to owner.

1:16 p.m., 200 Block North Hemlock Street: Property crimes.

1:55 p.m., 300 Block Elk Creek Road: Second-degree burglary.

9:15 p.m., East Jackson Street: Courtesy ride given to intoxicated male.

11:44 p.m., 800 Block Second Avenue: Officer assisted with verbal disturbance.

Dec. 23
2:27 p.m., Second Street and Spruce: Overtime parking. Officer responded to a parking complaint in front of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce. An RV was parked in the 10-minute max parking space for more than 30 minutes. Officer cited the RV for a parking violation. Officer cleared.

Dec. 24
7:14 a.m., 4400 Block Logan Lane: Assisted Fire Department with medical call. Female fell and injured her eye.

11:38 p.m., Pacific/West Watts Way: Fire-works offense.

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