



# Camas - Washougal Fire Department

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## CWFD

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## Practice Burns



On March 24, CWFD firefighters received the rare opportunity to conduct live fire training in the area of the new 20th Street extension. Live fire training burns typically only become available every few years. In the area of 20th Street and Bybee Curves, however, a developer has recently acquired 10 homes that are slated for demolition to make way for a new construction project. This home was the second that the department was able to conduct a training burn on in 2015. Due in part to a high number of residential fire sprinklers that are installed in new homes, it is a benefit to our communities that fires are a rare occurrence. The downside to this is that fire suppression skills can get rusty. CWFD has had cases of firefighters who have been on the job for several years before they actually experienced a live fire situation. Training opportunities to practice with real fire situations allow our personnel to stay sharp and keeps them better prepared to protect our communities. The department anticipates that several more homes may become available for additional training burns in the coming weeks.



Above Left— Training Captain Greg Payne provides critique to fire crews following one of several evolutions conducted at the training burn. Above Right— Captain Ben Silva discuss tactical strategy with Captain Payne.

### *Our Mission:*

*“To provide the highest quality service to our community through the protection and preservation of life and property”*

## Chris Richardson Accepted to National Fire Academy

CWFD Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Richardson has been accepted in to the National Fire Academy's Managing Officer Program in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Managing Officer Program is a new offering from the NFA. It is a multiyear curriculum that introduces emerging emergency services leaders to personal and professional skills in change management, risk reduction and adaptive leader-

ship. Acceptance into the program is the first step in the professional development of a career or volunteer fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) manager, and includes all four elements of professional development: education, training, experience and continuing education. The program consists of five prerequisite courses, attendance of four courses at the NFA's Emmitsburg campus, as

well as a community capstone project that must be completed before graduation. This project allows the student to apply concepts learned in the program toward the solution of a problem in their own community. Congratulations to Chris for taking on this significant challenge and on his acceptance in to the program!



## Chief Schumacher Earns Certification

Division Chief/Fire Marshal Ron Schumacher has received the prestigious International Association of Arson Investigators - Certified Fire Investigator designation. It is a time consuming and labor intensive process for a person to earn a CFI certification. Investigators applying for IAAI-CFI

certification must complete an extensive application requiring documentation, earn sufficient points for their achievements in education, training, and experience, and pass a comprehensive examination. Congratulations to Ron Schumacher on his accomplishment!



Mark Ervin and Gene Marlow

## Staff Anniversaries

Gene Marlow— 25 years, 1/1/1990

Mark Ervin— 25 years, 4/2/1990

Aron Black— 15 years, 5/16/2000

Cory Anderson— 10 years, 2/14/2005

***Congratulations!***