



# Camas - Washougal Fire Department

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## CWFD

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## Local Business Continues Support of CWFD



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On July 22nd, the local Firehouse Subs franchise presented CWFD with a \$20,000 grant to purchase new firefighter turnout gear. Firefighters use this gear to keep safe in hazardous fire and rescue environments and they are quite expensive. The grant from Firehouse Subs will help the department with a critical expenditure and decrease the overall financial pressure on the city budget as well as our citizens. Firehouse Subs franchises exist around the United States and their grant program assists firefighters across the country.

On September 7, in partnership with Camas-Washougal Fire Department, Firehouse Subs is

once again stepping forward to assist our community. On that day, from 12-3 pm, off duty CWFD firefighters in full turnouts will be continuously climbing a stair "mill" at the Vancouver restaurant located at 19151 SE Mill Plain Blvd. Firehouse Subs will donate 20% of all sales during this period of time to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This donation will help support the Foundation's pursuit of finding a cure for the disease that affects some 30,000 Americans.

The September 7 event will be a competition against our friends to the south at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVFR) who will be climbing at a Beaverton location. TVFR is one of the largest fire departments in Oregon with 21 stations and while they have the advantage getting the word out, CWFD is confident our grass roots efforts can best TVFR in donations. We hope to see you there!



The 2014 wildfire season has taken its toll on the state and has required frequent deployments from CWFD personnel. On 8/21, CWFD went out on their fourth deployment of the season to Eastern Washington. These deployments are staffed with paid and volunteer firefighters and are reimbursed by the State of Washington.

### Our Mission:

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

# Explaining Burn Bans



Every summer, especially when things start getting dry, we get questions from citizens about burn bans. As Camas and Washougal are incorporated cities, the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office does not have the authority to issue burn bans within our city limits. Likewise, the Washington Department of Natural Resources only issues burn bans for state owned lands. While we all clearly try to coordinate as much as possible, it's not unusual for a burn ban to be in effect in the County but not in one or more of the cities. The one agency that can implement a burn ban that is enforceable on cities is Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCA).

As of this newsletter the current outdoor burning situation in Camas and Washougal is as follows:

Land clearing fires: **Prohibited**

Residential outdoor burning: **Prohibited**

Land clearing fires: **Prohibited**

Agricultural burning: **Prohibited**

Recreational fires: **Allowed \***

*\*Must not exceed 3'x3'x2' and can only be*

## Staff News

CWFD is pleased to welcome 6 new volunteer firefighters. Congratulations to Jeff Tarabochia, Steven Camden, Brian Radke, Kris Garlitz, Kyle Ervin, and David Barr. Finally, several personnel have or will be celebrating employment anniversaries and on behalf of the department and the community we'd like to thank them for their many years of continued service:

Rod Morris: **35 years**, 8/13/79

Greg Payne: **25 years**, 8/30/89

Grant Brock: **21 years**, 7/15/93

Larry Wagoner: **20 years**, 4/13/94

Myron Crumpacker: **18 years**, 7/10/96

Scott Slocum: **14 years**, 8/14/00

*charcoal or seasoned firewood. Permits are required for all recreational fires in Washougal. Please contact the Fire Marshal for further information.*

Please remember that burn barrels are illegal in all city and county areas of Washington State. The use of burn barrels has been prohibited by state law for decades.

Another question that is posed to us often is the difference between "residential outdoor burning" and a "recreational fire." While the ultimate determination would be made by fire officials, residential outdoor burning typically refers to the burning of leaves, limbs, and other similar yard debris. A recreational fire is just like it sounds, a fire for pleasure. These can include fire pits like the one featured to the left, or the commercially made outdoor fireplaces such that can be purchased at your local retail store. Only seasoned firewood or charcoal can be burned in a recreational fire. Burning of any other materials would likely make the fire fall under the definition of residential outdoor burning, which is prohibited.

Finally, it is important to point out that even if a recreational fire would otherwise be considered legal, fire officials have the authority to order such a fire extinguished if it is determined to be a safety hazard (too close to a house, for instance) or if the smoke from the fire causes a neighborhood nuisance that generates complaints. The latest outdoor burning conditions and any relevant restrictions can always be found at the SWCA website at:

<http://www.swcleanair.org/Clark.asp>



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