

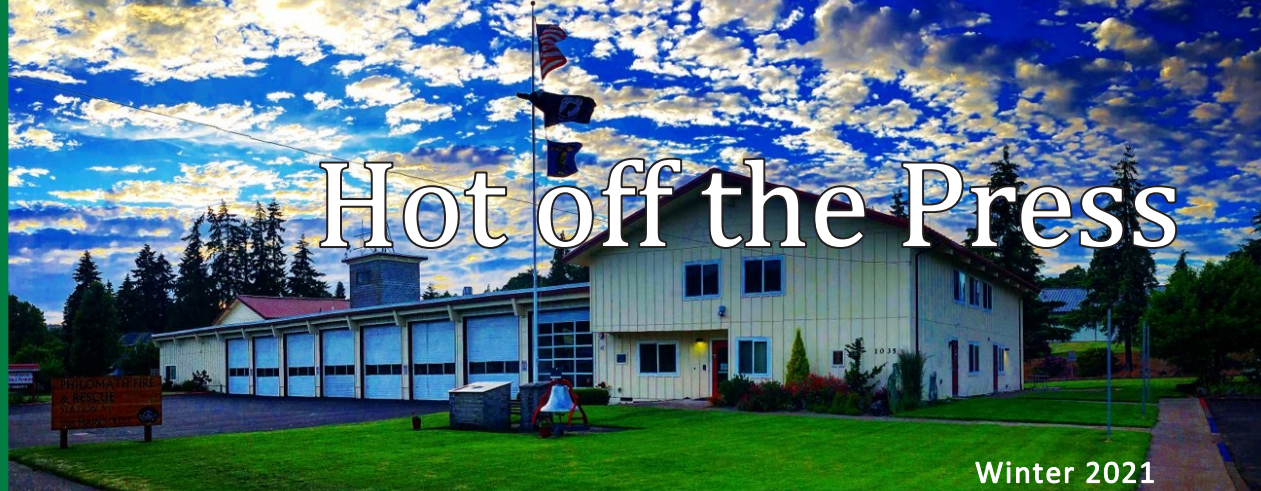


First Aid/CPR Classes

Philomath Fire & Rescue provides community certifications classes in First Aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) periodically throughout the year. Classes are held at the Main Station, 1035 Main Street, on Saturdays once per month. Classes run 9 am to 4 pm and cover the basics for first aid wound care, CPR skills and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use. If you are interested in becoming a life-saving resource, you can register for one of our upcoming classes at <https://www.philomathfire.com/first-aid-cpr-class>

Class Schedule 2021

February 20th
March 20th
April 17th
May 15th
June 19th
July 17th
August 21st
September 18th
October 16th
November 20th
December 18th



Hot off the Press

Winter 2021

Fire Department Begins Issuing Permits

Philomath Fire & Rescue will begin issuing burning permits starting on January 1st, 2021. We have already collected permits for Recreational Fires, and we are now adding Backyard and Agricultural Open Burning to the permit process. The Open Burning season runs from March 1st through June 15th (unless cut short by an early wildfire season), and from October 1st through December 15th (depending on the closing of fire season). During Open Burning, one can generally see multiple plumes of smoke dotted in and around our area. Sometimes, these fires can burn late into the night, and a rather scary looking glow can appear on the side of a mountain – seemingly in the middle of nowhere. Outside burning is broken into four categories:

Recreational—warming and cooking fires using clean, dry wood in an organized fire pit – this is not for yard debris

Backyard—includes wood, needle or leaf materials from trees, shrubs or plants from the property – can also include leftover construction materials free from treatment, paint or solvents

Slash—forest debris or woody vegetation that is related to the management of forestland used for growing and harvesting timber

Agriculture—agricultural waste, such as material generated by an agricultural operation that uses land primarily for the purpose of obtaining a profit in money by raising, harvesting, and selling crops or raising and selling animals

Slash burning is strictly permitted by the Oregon Division of Forestry (ODF), who will let us know when and where this burning takes place. These fires will typically burn for

days and are not regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). They are only allowed in the Open Burning dates as stated earlier.

All the other types of burning will require a permit from Philomath Fire & Rescue starting January 1st, 2021. All agricultural open burning will require you to get a permit from the DEQ after you obtain a permit from us. In addition, if you live within the City of Philomath or are within three miles of the City Limits or six miles from Corvallis City Limits, then backyard burning will also require a DEQ permit.

These materials can never be open burned:

- Garbage or plastics
- Asbestos
- Wire insulation
- Automobile parts
- Asphalt
- Petroleum treated materials
- Painted wood and wood treated with creosote or pentachlorophenol
- Rubber products including tires
- Animal remains
- Animal or vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking or service of food
- Any other material that emits dense smoke or noxious odors

Go to our website at www.philomathfire.com/burning to get more information and to create a permit for recreational, backyard, and agricultural burning. Thank you for your commitment to fire and life safety. If you have any questions about burning activities, please contact our office at 541-360-0029 during business hours.

- Captain Rich Saalsaa, Fire & Life Safety Officer

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Our Mission:

*The preservation of property through the
extinguishment and prevention of fires.*

*The protection and care of human life through
education and treatment.*

*The development of character through
commitment and teamwork.*

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Welcome Firefighter Trent Tegen

At the beginning of November we welcomed Firefighter Trent Tegen to our team as a Daytime Firefighter, helping round-out the response crew from Station 201. He has a long history of Fire Service in his family; his grandfather was the Fire Chief of Stayton for many years, his father was a volunteer firefighter, and two of his uncles became career firefighters. Being raised in a family with so many ties to public service and firefighting, Trent said he always knew he wanted to be a firefighter.



He started his passion for Fire Service in 2012 by volunteering with Stayton Fire District where he still currently volunteers. For the first two years of his Fire Service career he was a resident volunteer with Stayton, living at the station and training in Fire Service while attending school. He currently serves as a volunteer Lieutenant at Stayton's main station.

In 2013, Trent got hired on with the Oregon Department of Forestry and worked as a wildland firefighter as well as helping with reforestation, smoke management, and fire prevention in the Mid-Willamette Valley. Firefighter Tegen has also worked as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) part-time on the Lyons Ambulance since 2014. Please join us in welcoming Firefighter Tegen to our team!

Station 201 Bell Project

Driving by Station 201, along Main Street in Philomath, you may have noticed an empty bracket next to our flag pole out front. This is normally the home of the station bell. This bell was originally used at the Fire Station to summon volunteers to a fire emergency. The bell would ring out throughout town to notify the community of fire danger. The bell was stored for years with the hose cart behind what is now Dirt Road Brewing. Year ago the Fire Service transitioned to notifying their personnel of emergencies through a radio system. However the bell holds a spot in our hearts and history. We would like to thank Volunteer Firefighter Chris Leonard and Main Auto Body who have been working to clean and re-store the Station 201 fire bell. This restoration project will help protect the bell and its memory for years to come.

