



First Aid/CPR Classes

Philomath Fire & Rescue provides community certifications classes in First Aid and 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

www.philomathfire.com/first-aid-cpr-aed-classes

Class Schedule 2022

January 15th
February 19th
March 19th
April 23rd
May 14th
June 18th
July 16th
August 20th
September 19th
October 15th
November 19th
December 17th



Hot off the Press

Fall 2021

Fire Safety At Home And Around Town

Burn Permits

A shout-out to everyone who has participated in the Burning Permit process over the last year! Taking the time to submit your permit allows us to communicate important information for fire season including warnings of high fire danger. We have also had a **90% reduction in responses for 'burning complaints'** this year! Burning season will end December 15th, 2021 and will start up again in Spring 2022. All current permits expire at the end of the year and we ask you to complete a new permit for 2022. This new process is definitely working and we thank you for your partnership!

Clean your Chimney

Creosote can build up in your chimney flue and is highly flammable. Be sure that you clean your chimney before burning any wood. Never burn cardboard or paper as the primary fuel or anything other than clean, dry wood. We loan out chimney brushes and poles for those who can tackle the project themselves. If you do have a chimney fire, don't hesitate to call **9-1-1!** Even if you are able to put it out, we can check to make sure it hasn't spread to other areas in the house or attic.

Check Your Detectors

Along with the time change comes your reminder to check your smoke detectors to make sure they are working properly. Test your detectors annually and replace the batteries as needed. Detectors that are older than 10 years should be

replaced. Detectors that are hard-wired also need checking as they, too, have batteries that need periodic replacement. Please contact our Fire & Life Safety Officer, Rich Saalsaa, if you need any assistance with your detectors, 541-360-0029.

Address Numbers

This is a great time of year to make sure that your house numbers are visible, especially at night. Your house number should contrast with the background paint color so that it stands out and should be at least 4" high. Having illuminated numbers is also very helpful when trying to locate your home, for us as well as delivery drivers. If you live in the rural areas of the District, make sure you have an address marker at the end of your driveway. If you need a new address post, please contact our office during business hours (M-F 8-5) and we can arrange for a post to be placed on your property or you can submit a request for an address post online: www.philomathfire.com/rural-address-post-request.

Fire Lanes

A reminder that parking in the Fire Lane at any of the schools is prohibited and enforced 24/7. Fire Lanes are marked with red curbs and/or signs. Fire Lanes are put there so that firefighters have access to the school buildings in emergency situations. Thank you for your help in keeping emergency access open!

Philomath Fire & Rescue

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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 Licon



Firefighter Andrew Licon was hired on in April, 2021, as a Daytime Firefighter for the District. His role, in addition to emergency response, focuses on special projects as well as coverage for absent personnel. His addition was vital this summer when the District had many personnel responding to large fires throughout the State of Oregon.

He originally started with us as a volunteer in 2016. He was a Resident Volunteer, and Part-time Firefighter with us prior to accepting a full-time Firefighter position at Seal Rock Fire.

Prior to his work in Fire Service, Licon had worked as a High School Sports Coach and had worked with Children suffering acute mental health issues. He continues to work with concern for the health and wellbeing of the community.

Firefighter Licon said that he was first inspired as a child by his best friend's father, who is a firefighter paramedic for Visalia Fire Department in Visalia, California. He added that his time working with Seal Rock Fire was formative, but said that he is happy to be back in the Philomath Community. He is married with two "fur babies", Bailee and Tilly. The whole family are avid OSU Football fans and enjoy spending their free-time cheering the Beavs!

Resident Volunteers

Resident Volunteers (RVs) are volunteer firefighters who live at the Fire Station in order to learn life-saving skills. Often these volunteers are going to school or are working part-time. Participation in the Resident Volunteer program also includes college tuition reimbursement, up to \$2800 per term.

Resident Volunteers work and train closely with their assigned Lieutenant, performing daily and weekly drills, skills, and perfecting life-saving techniques. It takes a minimum of 200 hours of training before RVs can respond on both fire and medical calls. RVs respond on calls with the 24-hour shift Lieutenants to ensure that the crew responding to each emergency call has a sufficient number of people to establish initial control of the scene. This response may be supplemented by other paid or volunteer personnel, or members from one of our neighboring departments and districts, though secondary or tertiary responses often occur many minutes after the arrival of the first crew. Many of our Resident Volunteers have gone on to pursue careers in the Fire Service, the Medical Field, or Forestry Management.

