

CPO 10 Notes January 17th 2019

Lt. Ryan Delashmitt from TVFR reported on local issues. He mentioned the Midway station averages 3 call per shift. Recently old and narrow driveways have become a problem since they are too small for their fire equipment to pass making it necessary for the fire department to go into sites with smaller units which delays help. Old bridges and natural overgrowth by trees and bushes are also a problem. Bridges are too old and struggle to hold the weight of the fire trucks and other equipment.

The old phone number for the Midway fire department will soon go off line and residents should call 911 for the most rapid response.

Call daily for information on burning. The renewal levy vote will come up this May. It will not replace or add funds but maintain the current level that it is already at.

Representatives from **Restore Oregon** gave a presentation concentrating on heritage barns. A barn that is 50 years or older is a typical candidate for preservation. The goal is to save the valuable history of Oregon farmsteads and agricultural heritage.

Katelyn Weber described the process to qualify for grants and assistance with preservation. A survey to assess the historic significance and if the building has enough value to justify the investment. An assessment of costs and a reuse study and a plan for phasing in rehabilitation are offered to help barn owners decide how to save their structures. Historic designation also can make it possible to obtain funds for restoration. A private/public partnership is very successful to preserve not only the structure but the important agricultural history.

There is a workshop given by Restore Oregon on September 14 in Bend. For more information, contact Restore Oregon at 503-243-1923. Everyone is encouraged to check out the website www.restoreoregon.org.

Dick Smith gave an update on some water/well issues in the Clark Hill area. There is a threat to the wells in the area from a site that has applied to withdraw millions of gallons of water a year for 70 acres of berries. The issue will likely go to a “contested” transfer hearing with the state.

A legal representative for the DA’s office, Chris Lewman, who specializes in child abuse throughout Washington county encouraged citizens to report or call for more information as necessary. He will probably give a CPO 10 presentation later in the spring.

Next meeting is February 21, 2019 at 7pm.