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OFFICE OF FIRE TRAINING

“Burn School”

On Wednesday, May 6th 2015 and Saturday, May 9th 2015, firefighters from Newport and neighboring Fire Departments will be burning a structure in your neighborhood for training purposes. The structure is located at 1106 SW 9th St, Newport Oregon. The structure is being demolished at the request of the owners, Michael & Janet Delisser.

Beginning around 7 pm, on May 6th firefighters will set and extinguish a series of fires, in several units, of the structure. And on May 9th, at about 8 am, firefighters will set and extinguish another series of fires. Eventually, as the building becomes unsafe to enter, firefighters will allow a portion of the structure to burn to the ground. The remainder of the structure will be demolished the following week. The fire will be kept under control at all times, and firefighters will extend hoses around the building to ensure that the fire stays confined. The training will be cancelled if the weather becomes too extreme or a significant wind is blowing.

Training burns such as these are critical for firefighters. One of the best learning environments is actual hands-on experience dealing with live fire. Structural burn drills allow your firefighters to learn the limits of their equipment and tactics in an educational, non-emergency environment. This type of training is what allows firefighters to keep their skills and teamwork sharp for real emergencies where seconds count and there is little room for error.

On both May 6th & 9th we will be blocking a one block section of SW Minnie St., between SW 9th St. and SW 8th St.. This is necessary to connect our fire hoses to a fire hydrant on the corner of SW Minnie St. & SW 9th St. and to provide room for fire apparatus. This is also to prevent people and cars getting too close to the burning structure, for safety purposes. The street closures will begin at 6 pm, on the 6th, and last until around 9 pm. And on the 9th the street closure will begin at 7 am and last to about 5pm, unless we are able to finish sooner.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding, and we invite you to watch this exercise...from a safe distance. If you have questions about the training exercise, please call Captain Doyle Helmricks, Training Officer at 541-265-9461.