

FIRE SCHOOL 101 AT MAGNA TRAINING CENTER 2011

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Friday afternoon was spent getting ready for Fire School 2011. Tents were set up, tables and chairs arranged, coolers stocked with plenty of drinks, snacks bought and readied for the new group of students who would be arriving early Saturday Morning. "Baring a micro-burst all is ready to go for tomorrow" was the quote as the firemen made their exit for the day.

I got up at zero dark thirty, dressed in warm clothes, my fire shirt, hat and headed West in a snow-storm. I'm thinking "This is really going to be fun!" Five inches of snow on the ground, at my house the end of April! Give me a break. Up on arrival, I was not sure if I was in Alabama or Utah. True to Murphy's Law, a 70 mile per hour microburst had ripped through the fire school campus, leaving a wake of twisted metal, tent fabric was no where to be found. Chairs, tabled and classroom supplied were a mangled mess, is they were spotted at all. The coolers had been rolled at least three times.



Everything has its place. A Fireman making sure that everything they need is where it belongs.
Inset - FS 101 students make initial attack on a training trailer house fire. Not your average garden hose.

As more firemen arrived on scene and surveyed the damage, plans were quickly readied for game plan 2. Immediately the guys started cleaning up the twisted rubble, team work prevailed. I reported to Dustin Dinkle. Soon my mentor, /host, Mitch King, from last year came sauntering through the door. After an exchange of greetings, we made coffee. We use special water from the cooler, for obvious reasons. There was a table spread with a vast array of goodies, no stone was left unturned when it came to snacks, you name it, it was there. All kinds of drinks, sweets, yes, we were spoiled. The snacks and other goodies, lunches, supper, shirts were all sponsored by The International Association of Fire Fighters local #1696.

As the "students," arrived, everyone was herded into a classroom, where introductions were quickly made. In a classroom setting for about an hour where Captain Simmons gave us the basics of their

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HOW TO START COMPOSTING FOR YOUR GARDEN



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Magna Senior Citizen's Center Calendar for May 5th - May 10th

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
(All Day) Billiards Zumba Gold Class 9 am Mexican Dominos 10 am Tai Chi Exercise 10 am Financial Fitness "Reverse Mortgage" 10 am Eclipse BP Clinic 10 am Bingo 11 am Annual Senior Idol Harmon Senior Center sign-up if your interested 12 pm Senior Self Defense Instructional/ Informative	(All Day) Billiards 9 am Pinochle 10 am Mexican Dominos 10 am Drawing Class 10 am Enhance Fitness 1 pm Yoga Class 1 pm Bridge	New Member Social Pictures @ 11:45 am (All Day) Billiards 10 am Haircuts 10 am Mexican Dominos 11 am Henry Chandra Ent. 12:30 pm Bingo 1 pm Paramedics - BP 3 pm Basic Zumba Exercise	BIRTHDAY MONDAY! (All Day) Billiards 9 am Hearing Aid Testing 9:30 am Art Class 10 am Mexican Dominos 10:30 am Tai Chi Exercise 11 am Utah Old Time Fiddler 12:30 pm Bingo 2 pm Senior Book Club	(All Day) Billiards 9 am Pinochle 10 am Mexican Dominos 10 am Lawyer 10 am Enhance Fitness 12:30 pm Choir 12:45 pm Yoga Class 1 pm Computer Basics 1 pm Chess Club 1:30 pm Ceramics Class

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Mitch King - Andrea's Mentor/Host for Fire School 101. He is also the Union Representative and works at Fire Station 106. He is a Fireman/Paramedic.

command structure. Park City was seen in the Captain Winder from group, as well as many

other fine fire fighters, including Frankie Grant, our Hazmat Specialist in Kearns. It is to be noted, all the mentors/hosts were there on a volunteer basis; there were 13 students who came to learn. Kearns Council members in attendance were Kathy Larrabee, Roger Snow and Kent Markus, as well as Greg Schulz, who is the Salt Lake County Westside representative for Mayor Corroon's office. There were several scenarios, through out the day showing advances and rescues of a three man team versus a four man team.

It is ideal to have a four man team on scene at all times, but due to budget restraints, that is not always possible. We learned about the Emergency support functions as established by FEMA guidelines; the fire fighters fall into the ER-9 category. Students got to go inside a smoked filled building, tear a car apart with the Jaws of Life, and man a fire hose to try to put out a burning building.

After a day of very hard work, we all went inside

to be debriefed, do a "hot wash" and have a question and answer period. We were treated to a Bar-B-Que! We also had a great lunch of sandwiches. Our hosts were the greatest. The Men and Woman who do this everyday for a living need to be commended.

They work a rotation 24 hour on shift, 48 hours off. They report to their respective station for shift change at 7 AM. Jason Bosen an

engineer from station 104 in Holiday talked to us about what it means to be an engineer. They get to drive the fire trucks. They also do a lot more than that as does every one of our firefighter. Equipment has to be checked everyday to make sure it all works. The stations, which number 23 across the valley, average 74 calls per day. Hat's off to this great group of people! They are tops in my books!



Kearns Council Members: Roger Snow, Kent Markus, and Kathy Larrabee in their turn-out gear at Fire School 101.