

Subject: Cadet program recap

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Dear DOHFD Board,

I wanted to take a moment and thank all of you for supporting the cadet program this past month. As some of you are aware we had two new cadets join a few months back and we had our first monthly drill. The two new cadets, brothers, started off the day with a mock interview with a panel consisting of our Chief, Foothill Fire Captain Stacy Greene, Board members Lani and Peter, and Collins Lake GM Jacob Young. While the cadets were very nervous both received great feedback from the panel.

We then moved into a physical assessment which consisted of climbing stairs (up and down twice), a ladder carry, walking hose pull into a hand over hand hose pull, hose pack carry and lastly a static hold of one of our extrication tool for 30 seconds. Past and current cadets, and yep even myself participated in this drill. From there we moved into structure PPE and SCBA drills. Now that the nerves were settled and bellies empty they prepared a yummy pepperoni lasagna complimented with salad and bread for lunch. Everyone agreed this was the best cadet prepared meal yet.

After lunch with food comas settling in we moved into wildland drills. Operations, safety considerations, hand tool familiarization and cutting fire line with hand tools. Then we moved into gas powered tools, chain saws and rotary saws. With the day coming to a close we started becoming familiar with apparatus and what's carried on each.

A quick review of everything covered that day and time for clean up. Jake and Bens mom informed me that Ben was asleep within about 20 minutes of their ride home and Jake couldn't stop talking about the day.

Without your support this program would not be successful. Everything from helping with the interviews to approving equipment/training needs. Thank you.

Cadet Saturday Drill



This was our 3rd year participating at the Collins Lake Trick or Treat trail. Our prop improvement for this year was the addition of the smoke machine. Let me tell you the cadets spot was the hit of the trail. We had just about every age group help us put our fires out, not only that but we finally found out why the chicken crossed the road. To put the fire out (see picture below).

Again this event would not have been successful without your support. This event is a great way for our department to be represented in the community.

Halloween Trick or Treat Trail Collins Lake

Cadet program recap



Hopefully this gives everyone a good recap of this months cadet activities. Tonight while attending drill the cadets where able to respond with one of our Fire Officers to a reported structure fire. While they are only allowed to observe, once the situation was safe this Officer was able to bring them close enough to observe exactly what we do on this type of incident. There father was present and able to see what the program provides as well.

Respectfully,
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