



THE FDC – FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION

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UPCOMING

JULY

- 3rd Drill – EMS (Splinting and Immobilization)
- 3rd Fireworks at the Oregon Gardens
- 4th of July
- 9th Board Meeting
- 13th Emergency Preparedness Event
- 15th Upstaffing Starts
- 17th Drill – Rope Rescue Awareness
- 20th, 21st Renaissance Faire
- 24th BBQ at Mt. Angel Towers for First Responders
- 24th Drill – Abiqua Falls Scenario
- 25th Civil Service Meeting
- 27th, 28th Renaissance Faire
- 31st Picnic

AUGUST

- 2nd, 3rd, 4th Homer Davenport Days
- 7th Member Photos at Station 1
- 7th Drill – EMS (OBGYN & Peds Trauma)
- 13th Board Meeting
- 21st Drill – Water Tower Operations
- 28th Drill – Target Hazard Walkthrough

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Labor Day
- 4th Drill – Environmental Emergencies
- 10th Board Meeting
- 18th Drill – First Five Muster Practice
- 25th Drill – First Five Muster

SPOT OF RECOGNITION

The following individuals have resigned from their volunteer position at Silverton Fire District. Thank you for your service!

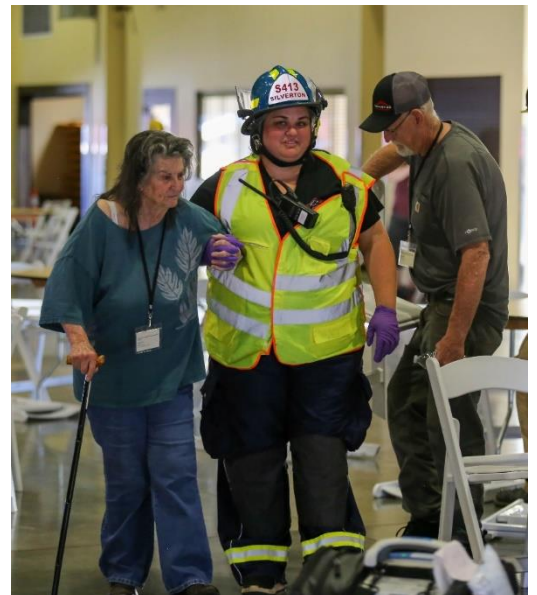
- Alessandra Urzua
- Robert Hedrick
- Kyra Snook
- Danielle Brown

A warm welcome back to the following returning members!

- Noah Smith
- David Kneeland
- Matthew Lockman

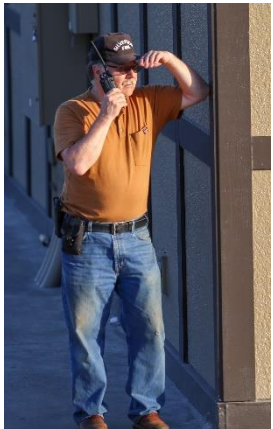
Congratulations to the recipients at the 2024 Awards Banquet:

- Firefighter of the Year: Don Matteson
- Medic of the Year: Abigail Hulett
- Officer of the Year: Jared Brown
- Rookie of the Year: Isaac Kuenzi
- Support Service Member of the Year: Dawn Montoya
- Station of the Year: Station 2



FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Bill Miles



Happy Summer! Fire season has started with the first deployment of the season Tuesday afternoon June 25th, to the Darlene 3 Fire near LaPine. Silverton Fire District sent out T419 as part of the Marion County Task Force with Kyle Miller and Issac Kuenzi as the crew. The Marion County task force returned home the morning of Friday, June 28th, with the rest of the OSFM resources returning on Saturday, June 29th. The Darlene 3 Fire currently stands at 3889 acres with 42% containment. This deployment started as an Immediate Response (IR) and then, while we were on the phone, the request changed to a conflagration request. With an IR request, the idea is to be able to respond and get right to work tying in with the Incident Command.

If you have signed up to be on the conflagration call out list, please have your gear ready to go so when we get the call, we can tell the county chief “yes we can go” and be ready to go in about 20 minutes.

2024 Oregon Firefighters Memorial Ceremony

Chief Miles, Assistant Chief Veit and Chaplain Hughes had the opportunity to attend the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Ceremony recently, on Thursday, June 20th.

The annual event is held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, site of the Oregon Fire Fighters memorial. The memorial commemorates 179 fire service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice since 1881, including career, volunteer, wildland and structural firefighters.



Thursday's ceremony remembered three fallen fire service members whose names were recently added to the memorial: Mo Stadel of Salem Fire Department, and Brandon W. Norbury and Brian Edward Flowers of Gresham Fire and Emergency Services.

A Silverton hero, Maurice “Mo” Stadel, before becoming a Salem Firefighter Paramedic, served as a volunteer firefighter and paramedic for Silverton Ambulance and Silverton Fire District from about 1977-1983. He also worked for Woodburn Ambulance Company and St. Paul Fire District Ambulance for many years. Mo Stadel was a life long Silverton resident.

Mo Stadel served as a professional firefighter with the Salem Fire Department for more than 25 years. In 2018, he was diagnosed with tonsillar cancer, and he was passed away on February 24, 2019.

Just a few years ago, at the 2022 Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Ceremony, the name of Captain Harry Klopfenstein, another Silverton hero, was added to the memorial wall. On September 25, 2021, less than 24 hours after responding on a motor vehicle crash, Silverton Fire District Station 2 Captain Harry Klopfenstein suffered a cardiac arrest and collapsed at a neighbor's farm. Despite life-saving efforts of bystanders and other fire district members, Klopfenstein was pronounced dead after being rushed to the hospital.



2024-2025 Budget Adopted

The board has adopted the 2024-2025 Budget and it has been filed with Marion and Clackamas counties. We have mostly closed the books on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget with the final accounting tasks this last week of June and the onsite audit work the end of July.

Save the Date: Annual Picnic on July 31st at Station 1. Hope to see everyone there!

Reminder of the long-term road projects in the district this summer that can impact traffic and effective response to emergencies:

- Hazelgreen Road Bridge Detour
- Grinding and paving on Cascade Highway from Sublimity to Silverton

Please have a great summer, stay safe, and as always, I am so proud of all our members and the amazing work that is done every day by our volunteers and staff. Thank you to all for everything you do.



ASSISTANT CHIEF

Keith Veit



UPSTAFFING AND CONFLAGRATION

Fire Season '24 is now upon us; I would like to share some related information. As you may know, the district received grant funding from OSFM for seasonal up-staffing. The purpose of this program is to keep small fires small; this is achieved by offering paid afterhours shifts that result in a rapid response to wildfires. While on shift, the crews are not limited to just wildfire response, they will respond to all dispatched calls for service. It is important to note that response from home responders are still critical even while we have folks on shift to ensure we have adequate resources to effectively respond and manage calls for service.



We are also getting even closer to conflagration season; fire activity is increasing around our state. If you would like to be on the deployment list, please submit the documentation.

Lastly, thank you all for all you do!

TRAINING & RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR

Lt. Dan Brown



THINGS ARE HEATING UP!!

I want to thank everyone for all the hard work they're putting in, both on the training side, and the recruitment side of things. We have several returning members coming back online! Thanks to Capt. Hulett and Capt. Klopfenstein for your recruiting efforts with the returning folks... the low-hanging fruit of past members re-joining the Fire District is an excellent start to 2024!! A little bit of paperwork, a couple TPE's, a little bit of Target Solutions, and we're off to the races. Two of the three returning members are coming back with EMT certifications as well... another plus!

With the upcoming weather, I want to stress the importance of the IMCT training! Heat-related illness is a killer! We are mandated by OSHA to complete Heat-related illness prevention and Wildfire Smoke protection training ANNUALLY! Thanks to those who have already completed the training... everyone else who hasn't yet, GET IT DONE! Please also make sure all of your Wildland PPE is inspected! The sooner we find bad gear and get it replaced, the better... before other agencies order all the supplies!!



Who better to hear about the opportunities, the training, the certifications, and giving assistance to those in our communities who need our help in an emergency, then from OUR OWN VOLUNTEERS!?! You have the best knowledge and experience to pass on to those who are interested in joining the Fire District... Please keep the references coming for prospective new members!!

A good quote as it relates to training:

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, DO BETTER" – Maya Angelou

Keep seeking more training! Do the hard work... learn more, know more and DO MORE! Keep an eye out for upcoming training: NFPA Driver, NFPA Officer 1, NFPA Mobile Water Supply AO, and MORE!!



EMS

Kyle Miller

What's new in the Silverton EMS world? New suction units have been placed on the following apparatus: S423, E405, E485. A new MCI red bag kit has been put into service at the main station. This is located next to the Autopulse.

A reminder to please swap out EMS meds, AED pads, and I-Gels with Woodburn Ambulance, or to get them to me to swap out. This includes items used on calls or anything expiring. Swapping out these items is important to recover the expensive cost of these items. Especially at this time when we are at the end of the budget.

FIRE PREVENTION

Max Hughes



INTL. INFLUENCERS VISIT SILVERTON FIRE STATION

While grabbing lunch at Roth's, Max noticed a group of enthusiastic individuals recording and photographing the deli's offerings. Curious, he struck up a conversation and discovered they were visitors from Spain on a culinary adventure across the United States. Their excitement about the food led Max to extend an impromptu invitation to tour the Silverton Fire Station.

Upon arrival, it became clear that this was no ordinary group of tourists. They were online influencers specializing in food challenges, reviews, and fitness. Embracing the opportunity to showcase true American hospitality, Max and the team decided to give them the "Full Meal Deal" of what it's like to be a firefighter.

The tour included a comprehensive look at our facilities, firefighting equipment, and an engaging demonstration of



our daily routines and emergency response preparations. The influencers were particularly impressed with the dedication and camaraderie of our team, and they eagerly shared their experience with their followers, giving our station international exposure.

Hosting these visitors was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. It was a wonderful reminder of the universal appeal of firefighting and community service, and a unique way to highlight the importance of our work. We were proud to offer a slice of American life to our new friends from across the globe.

QUARTER MASTER

River Savage



I am excited to announce that another order of Lakeland Turnouts has arrived in a very timely manner! Also, I still have some spare hoods available at Station 1, so please feel free to stop by my office if you would like one.

With fire season fast approaching, make sure your Wildland PPE inspections are getting done. If you have any problems with your PPE, shoot me an email so I can get it resolved as soon as I can!

MAINTENANCE

Ian Peterson



Annual testing timeline for 2024:

July-September

- Starting servicing of all apparatus and repairs.

October

- Annual hose testing and ground ladder testing.

November-December

- SCBA annual flow testing.

Completed Projects and Repairs:

- New decking on the trailer at Station 1
- New generator at Station 8
- New tank lid on T418
- Adding toolboxes on T418 and T428 on top of the tanks
- New tires on U432 and E416



OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Candace Cantu

First and foremost! We are thrilled to welcome Kaylee Spencer to Silverton Fire District! With a wealth of experience and impressive capabilities, Kaylee has hit the ground running from day one. Her dedication and expertise are already making a significant impact, and we are excited to have her as part of our agency.

July is shaping up to be a whirlwind month at the office! As we wrap up the previous budget year, Kaylee and I will begin preparing for the upcoming audit. As we transition into the new budget year, we're also gearing up for the upstaffing and conflagration season.

Looking ahead to the next quarter, it's crucial to note that most benefit policies will renew. If there have been any life changes such as beneficiaries or dependents, please take a moment to update that information with me via email. Your timely updates ensure we can continue to provide comprehensive support for you and your family.

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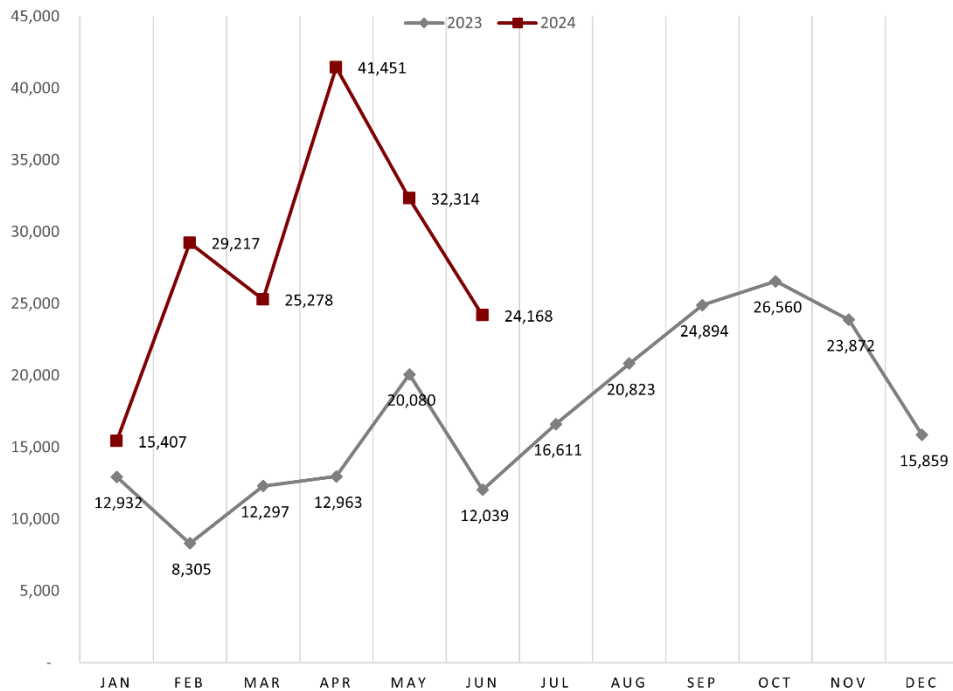
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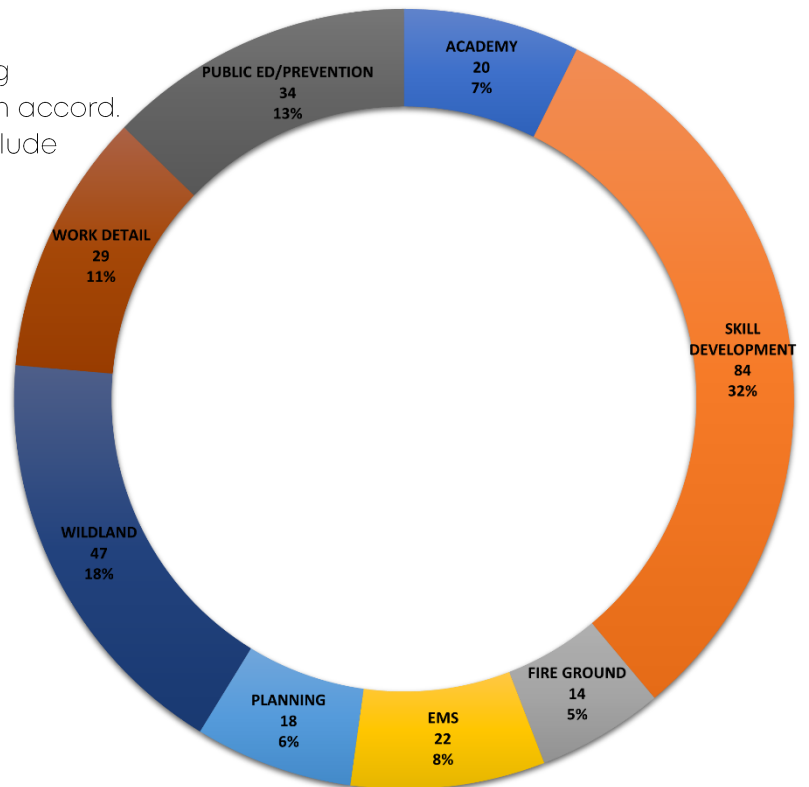
2024 WEBSITE VIEWS



ACTIVITY HOURS

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Activities by members are hours beyond regular Wednesday night drills. These include Academy training and other training completed by members on their own accord. Public education and public assistance events can include many different functions; school assemblies, first Fridays, installing smoke alarms and batteries. Work Detail is when a volunteer(s) help with maintenance, cleaning, EMS Standby for sports etc.



DRILL PARTICIPATION Quarter 2

Data used for this report is rendered from the number of current active firefighters on our roll sheets divided by the number of personnel that attended drill night.

Additionally, drill nights typically follow a consistent training activity schedule as listed below:

1st Wednesday

Safety Committee, Apparatus Inspections, EMS Related Topic

2nd Wednesday

Officer's Meeting, Apparatus Inspections, Association Meetings

3rd Wednesday

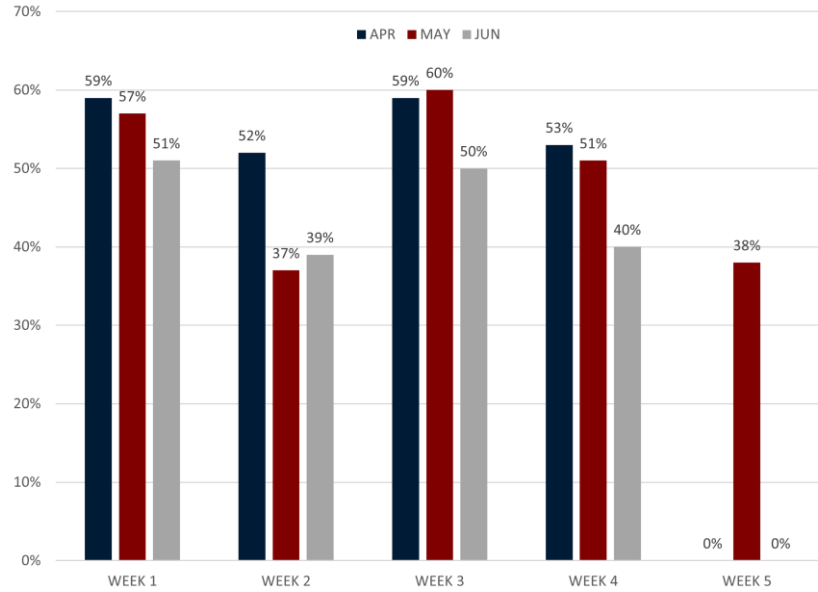
Apparatus Inspections, Fire Related Topic

4th Wednesday

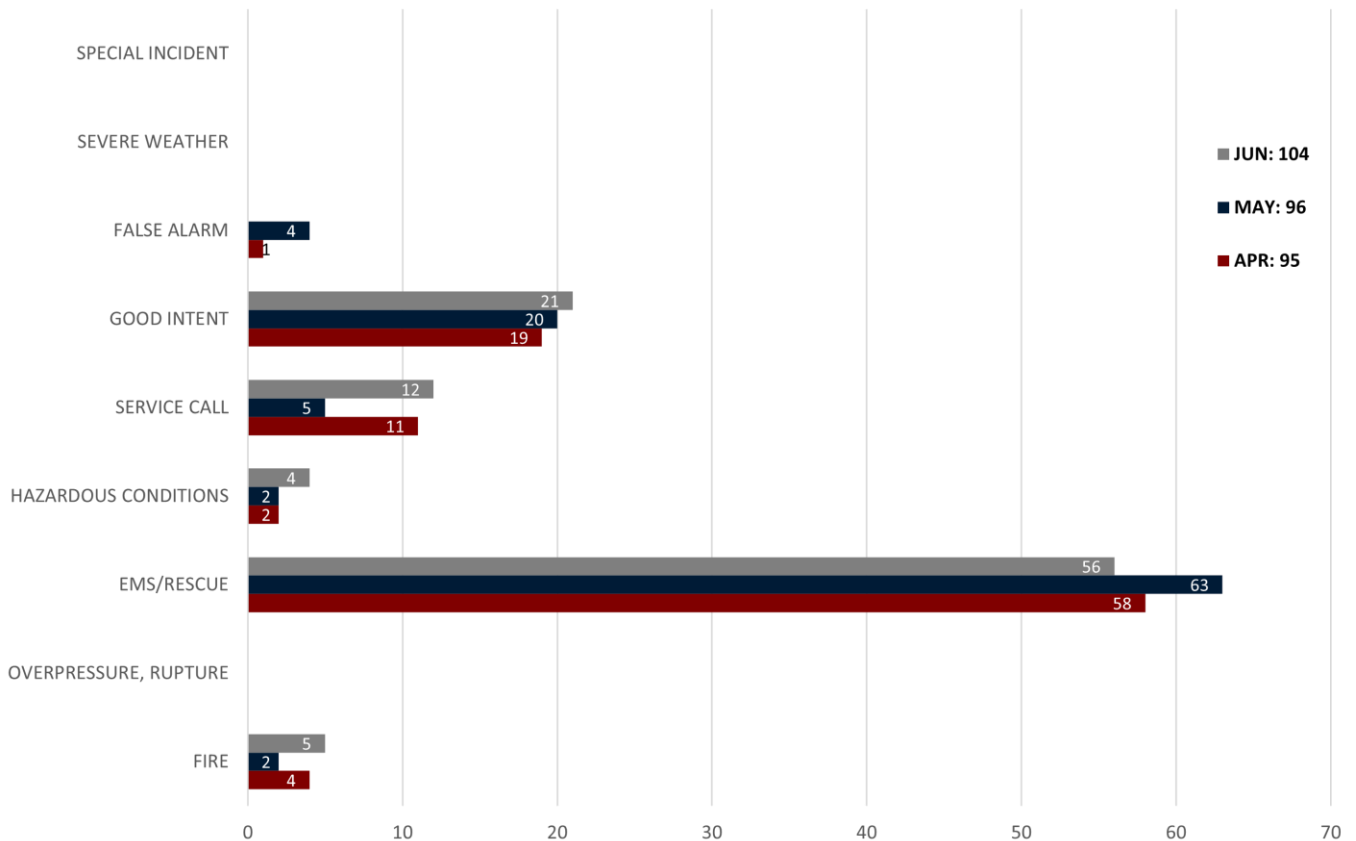
Apparatus Inspections, Fire Related Topic

5th Wednesday

When fifth Wednesdays are present in the month, Officer or specialty training is given.



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