



THE FDC – FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION

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SPOT OF RECOGNITION

On April 26th, we welcomed 6 new firefighters into the Silverton Fire District family! These individuals put in the work, both in the classroom and on the drill ground, to be response ready for their community.

If you see the following individuals around the station or out on calls, congratulate them and welcome them to the club!

- Taylor Alexander
- Henry Bielenberg
- Deanna Grimstead
- Killian Knaus
- Lillie Peterson
- Trevor Redman-Brown

IN OUR HEARTS

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of Roger Brown. Roger passed on June 16, at just five years old, after facing cancer with remarkable courage and grace.

Though his time here was brief, Roger lived it with extraordinary joy. He lit up every room with his infectious grin and deep love for all things with wheels – especially excavators, skid steers, and fire trucks. His imagination and excitement for heavy equipment were as boundless as his heart, and his presence brought warmth and light to all who knew him.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Brown family. Roger's spirit and strength will echo in our hearts forever.

The loss of a child in our community touches all of us. If you are struggling with grief, trauma, or simply need someone to talk to, please remember that our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is available and confidential. Caring for our own includes caring for our mental and emotional wellbeing. Don't hesitate to reach out.

UPCOMING:

JULY

- 2nd Drill Night
- 4th of July
- 8th Board Meeting
- 9th Association Meeting
- 16th Drill Night and Member Pictures
- 19th & 20th Canterbury Renaissance Faire Medical Standby
- 23rd Drill Night
- 26th Community Fun Day
- 26th and 27th Canterbury Renaissance Fair Medical Standby
- 30th Picnic

AUGUST

- 6th Drill Night
- 12th Board Meeting
- 13th Association Meeting
- 20th Drill Night
- 27th Drill Night

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Labor Day
- 3rd Drill Night
- 9th Board Meeting
- 10th Association Meeting
- 17th Drill Night
- 22nd First Day of Autumn
- 24th Drill Night

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Bill Miles



Happy Summer!

Although we haven't deployed any apparatus just yet, fire season has arrived early across the state. The first conflagration of the season was declared on the afternoon of June 11th for the **Rowena Fire in Wasco County**. We're proud to have **Ian Peterson** deployed as an Equipment manager on the Incident Management Team (IMT) for that event.

Shortly after, a conflagration was declared for the **Alder Springs Fire in Central Oregon**, and on **June 18th**, two task forces were mobilized through IR response to the **Upper Applegate Fire in Jackson County**.

If you've signed up for the **conflagration call-out list**, please make sure your gear is ready to go. When we get the call, our goal is to respond with a "yes" and be en route within **20 minutes**.

2025 Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Ceremony

I recently had the honor of attending the **Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Ceremony** on **Tuesday, June 17th**, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. This annual ceremony commemorates **182 fire service members** – including career, wildland, and structural firefighters – dating back to 1881.

Three new names were added to the memorial this year:

- **Division Chief Nicholas "Nick" Berg**, Mist – Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District
- **Benjamin Charles Sapper**, U.S. Forest Service firefighter
- **Captain Larry Dean (Ret.)**, Salem Fire Department

A special thank you to **BC Pilmore, Kyle Miller, and River Savage** from **Ladder 408**, who joined **Stayton Fire Ladder 80** to present a stunning flag display during the ceremony.

Just a few years ago, in 2022, the name of **Captain Harry Klopfenstein** of Silverton Fire District Station 2 was added to the Oregon Fallen Firefighter Memorial. On **September 25, 2021**, less than 24 hours after responding to a motor vehicle crash, Captain Klopfenstein suffered a cardiac arrest at a neighbor's farm. Sadly, despite immediate lifesaving efforts, he was unable to be revived.

2025-2026 Budget Adopted

The Board has officially adopted the **2025 – 2026 Budget**, which has been filed with both Marion and Clackamas Counties. We're wrapping up final accounting tasks for the **2024 – 2025 fiscal year** this last week of June, and work is already underway to prepare for our **annual audit**. Our auditors are scheduled to begin **onsite work July 25th**.

Save the Date: Annual District Picnic, Wednesday, July 30th @ Station 1 @ 6pm

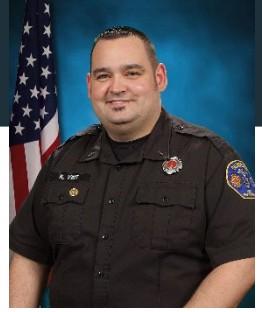
We look forward to seeing everyone there for an evening of food, fun, and community!

Please continue to stay safe and take care of yourselves this summer. As always, I'm incredibly proud of our members – volunteers and staff alike – for the outstanding work you do every day. **Thank you for all that you do.**

- Fire Chief Miles

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Keith Veit



Wildland / Conflagration Season is Here

With conditions already proving active, this year's wildland fire season may be a long one. As deployments begin for state mobilizations and conflagrations, we anticipate the ongoing need for backfill staffing at the station. If you're available and willing to help cover shifts while others are deployed, your support would be greatly appreciated.

OSFM Grant – Funded Upstaffing

We're pleased to announce the continuation of our OSFM Grant – Funded Upstaffing Program to support local operations during the 2025 wildland season. This funding allows us to add critical staffing coverage during peak hours, helping us stay ready and responsive for our community. If you are interested in participating in this upstaffing opportunity, please contact me directly to get signed up.

Upstaffing Hours of Operation:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 1800 – 2200
- Saturday & Sunday: 1200 – 2200
- are deployed, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Be Personally Prepared

For us to effectively serve the community, we must first ensure that our own homes and families are prepared for wildfire threats. Take time now to:

- Develop and review evacuation plans with your family
- Pack and maintain go-kits
- Ensure your home is defensible and ready

Preparedness at home allows us to focus on the mission knowing our loved ones are safe.

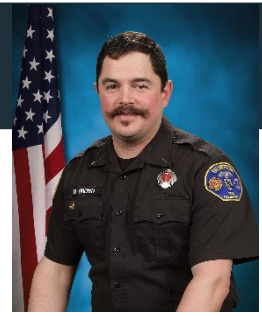
New B407 Update

As many of you know, the chassis for the new B407 has arrived! This marks the first step in an exciting and much-needed addition to our fleet. A build committee has been formed and will begin developing plans for the apparatus build. This will be a detailed and collaborative effort to ensure the final product meets the operational needs of our district. A sincere thank you to everyone involved in this project – from planning and logistics to the upcoming hands-on work. Your time, input, and dedication are deeply appreciated. A lot of thought and effort will go into this build, and we look forward to seeing it come together. Stay tuned for more updates as the project progresses.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and service. Let's stay safe and stay ready – both on calls for service and at home.

TRAINING & RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR

Lt. Dan Brown



Quarter 2

Hey y'all! As Quarter 2 wraps up and Quarter 3 sets off, I want to thank EVERYONE for the effort you're putting in around here...IMCT for wildland season is nearly completed! If you haven't finished...it doesn't take long! Put down the Instagram/X/Facebook and pick up the Target Solutions...just do it, then it'll be done! We've got some probies with FRESH Wildland certs, and some 'old timers' with Fresh leadership certs! Put 'em to good use! New IRPG's are on rigs (pink for 2025). You can also download the app on your phone! Great resource material for wildland-related calls! Don't forget to take the weather on scenes as well! It takes 2-3 minutes to get an accurate, real-time weather reading on the spot, right where you're sittin'! Calculate PIG just for shizzles and gigs!

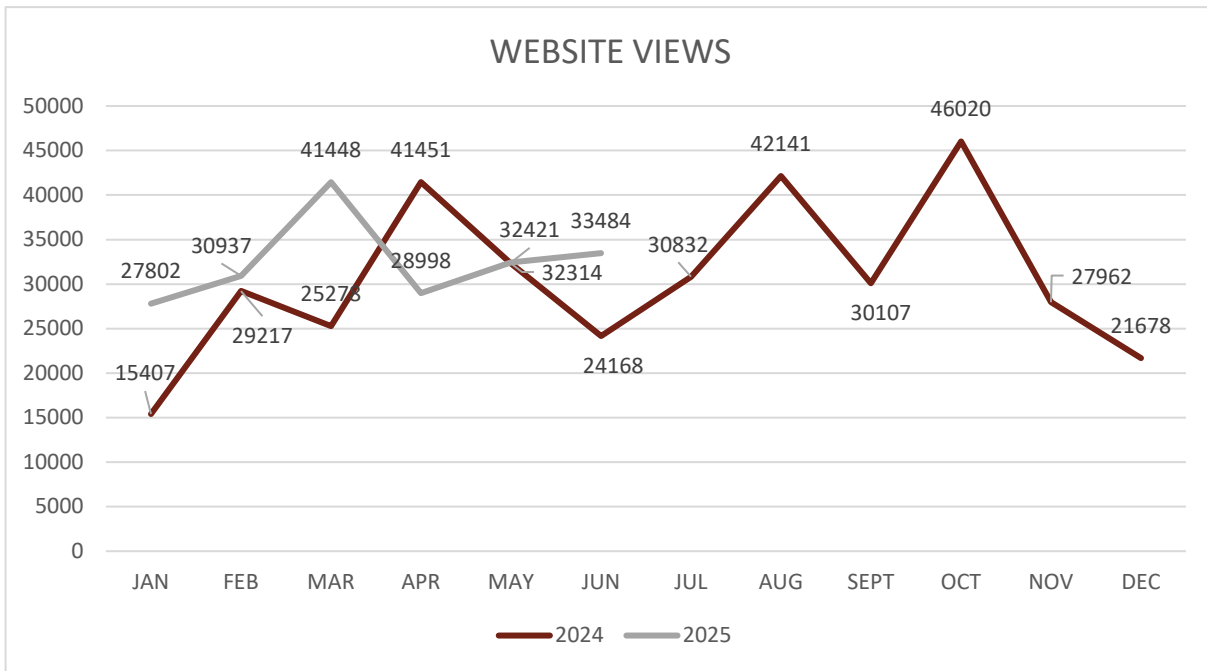
Not a lot to report on from the training side...we've got a Pumper Operator class going online, then Hands-on training the weekend of July 18-20th. Looking forward to having some more certified Pumper Operators out there!! NFPA Driver has begun for probies! Start 'em off early with some drivetime on S423! We are also in the middle of Task Performance Evaluations for Wildland Fire Apparatus Operator...mostly for Conflag A/O's, but something I plan to roll into signoff packets for brush trucks! Keep an eye out for training opportunities and SIGN UP FOR THEM!! When you learn more, you're capable of DOING MORE! The community deserves well-trained Firefighters! Help me help you help THEM!

Keep those recruiting efforts going! My focus this recruiting season is: Support Services and North Battalion areas. As it's been said in the past...the best recruiters are the folks who are doing the job. Tell them how awesome/hard/fun/dirty/sweaty/REWARDING it is being a member of Silverton Fire! Give a station tour! Show off the trucks! Show off the uniform! Then send them my way for paperwork!

"It's not about perfect. It's about effort. And when you bring that effort every single day, that's where transformation happens. That's how change occurs" – Juillian Michaels.

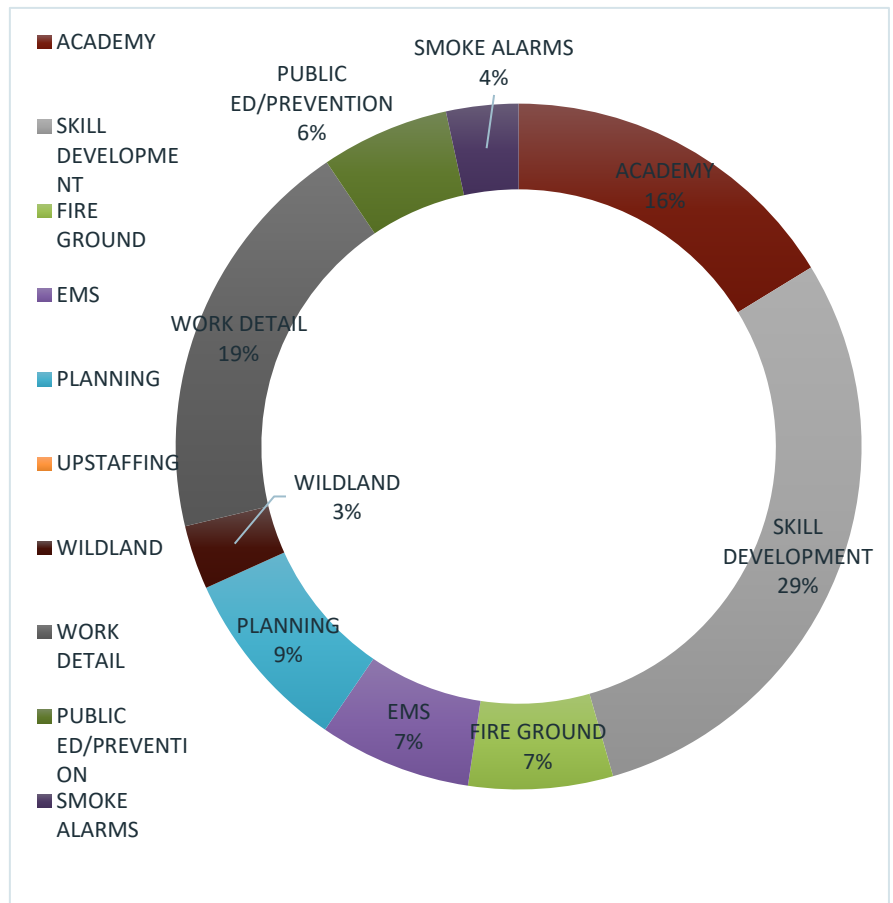
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
COORDINATOR: AIC Tarpley/ LTDB		
Mandatory Compliance: Catch-ups for Q1/Q2		
EMS Pediatric WTF EMS	EMS Active Shooter/MCI	EMS EMS Carnival?
Date: 7/2/2025 Location: St. 1/zoom? Instr: isherwood's mom/sister? IMCT:	Date: 8/6/2025 Location: Mark Twain School Instr: Company Officers IMCT:	Date: 9/3/2025 Location: Station 1 Instr: EMS FOLKS IMCT:
FIRE	FIRE	FIRE
Date: 7/16/2025 Topic: MVA-zones/setup/assignments Instr: IMCT: Date: 7/23/2025 Topic: Extrication basics: stabilization, doors/roof Instr: IMCT: Date: 7/30/2025 Topic: Annual Picnic/BBQ Instr: Fire District Staff	Date: 8/20/2025 Topic: Hazmat awareness/ERG and Gas Monitors Instr: Capt. Giddings/Salem Fire? IMCT: Date: 8/27/2025 Topic: Advanced Extrication Techniques: Rescue 42's, dash rolls, steering wheel, fold in half, etc. IMCT:	Date: 9/17/2025 Topic: extrication with hazmat Instr: Date: 9/24/2025 Topic: EV Li-ion battery class Instr: Rick IMCT:
Certificate Courses	Certificate Courses	Certificate Courses
pumper operator		

2025 WEBSITE VIEWS



ACTIVITY HOURS
Quarter 2

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

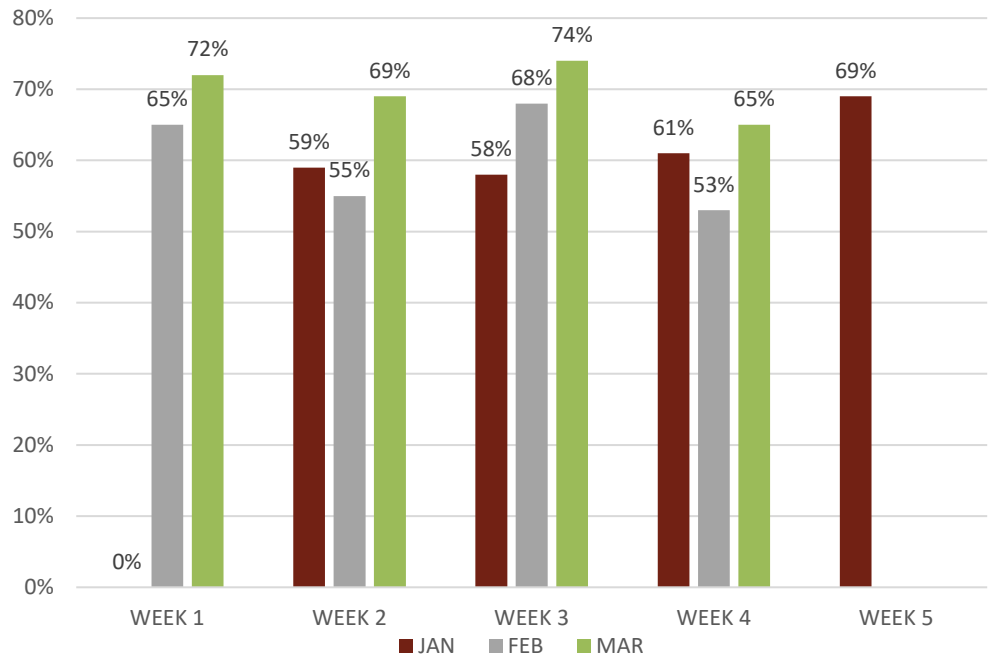
Apparatus Inspections, Fire Related Topic

4th Wednesday

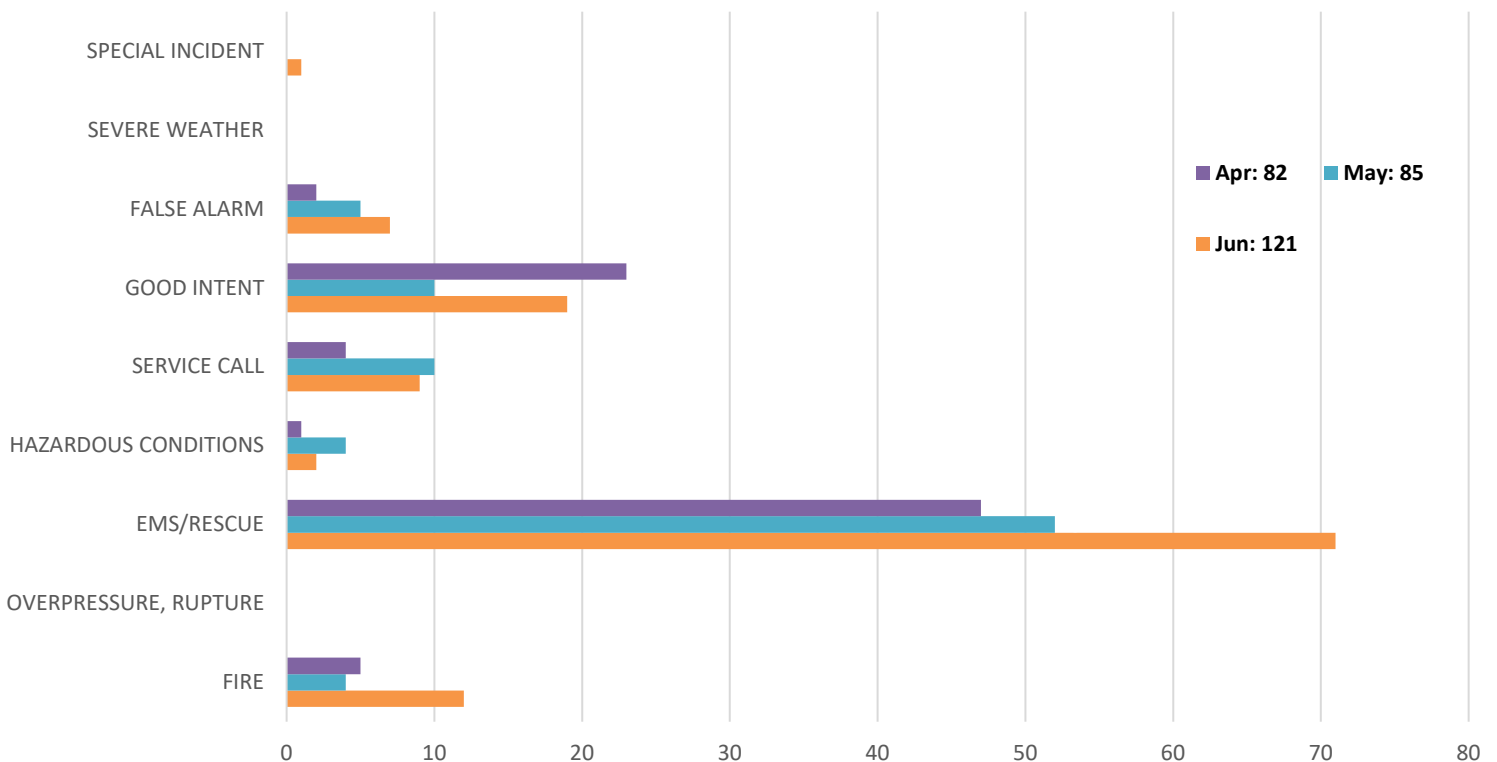
Apparatus Inspections, Fire Related Topic

5th Wednesday

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



CALL DATA
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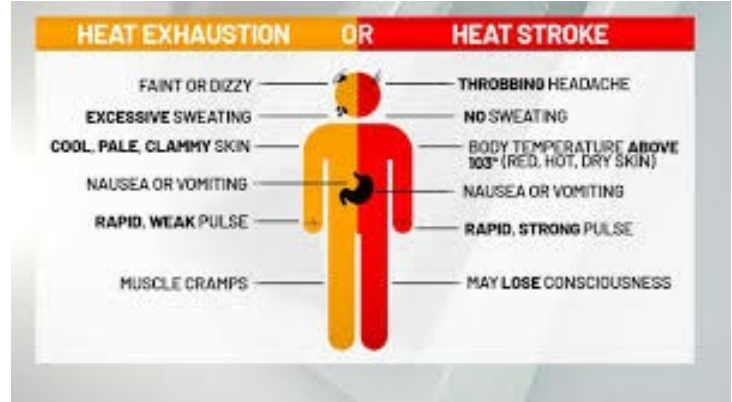


Summer is here, and with it comes community events and big crowds. It’s a great time to brush up on our Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) protocols – make sure you’ve looked through the MCI kits and remember the basics:

- Triage, Treatment, Transport
- Use your resources – don’t hesitate to call for backup or let Command know what you need.

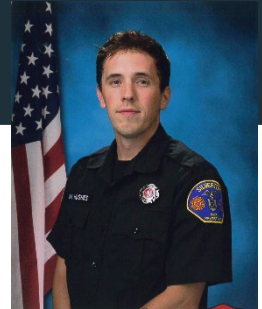
Also, it’s heating up out there! Between calls and climbs to Abiqua Falls, hydrate often and watch for signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke – in both patients and you.

Stay safe, stay sharp, and keep cool!



FIRE PREVENTION

Max Hughes



This past quarter was a busy one for public education, and rightfully so, as it aligned with peak fire awareness season. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success! Here’s what we accomplished:

- 7 fire station tours or fire engine visits with educational components
- 2 home visits through the **Rural Address Sign Program**
- 7 public events involving direct community interaction and fire education
- 9 homes visited for **smoke detector installs or checks**
- 317 youth reached and educated.

These numbers reflect more than just busy schedules; they show our commitment to prevention and safety in the community. Huge thanks to all the volunteers and staff who supported these efforts, whether by assisting tours, lending a hand at events, or assisting with installations.

Your work continues to make a real impact. Let’s keep it going strong next quarter.



QUARTER MASTER

River Savage

Hey everyone!

Fire season is here! Now is the time to take a close look at your wildland PPE. While wildland gear **doesn’t expire**, it still needs to be in good condition and ready to go. If anything is missing, damaged, or not fitting right (**including shrouds**), I need to know **ASAP!** Wildland gear takes a long time to get here, and the delays only get worse as we move deeper into fire season.

Make sure your full wildland setup is accounted for: boots, jackets, pants, gloves, helmets, goggles, and shrouds. Don’t wait until the first call to find out something’s not right.

Also, keep an eye out! The new style of traffic vest is starting to be distributed.

Let’s get ahead of it and make sure we’re all ready to go.

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Updates Around the District:

- B417 has been wrapped. We are continuing to move forward with getting it response ready.
- T419 has a new aftermarket AC in the cab! Bring on the 'cool' conflags!
- B407 is back and ready to go!
- The new chassis has arrived for our up and coming brush truck!

Reminders:

- Let's make sure we check our wildland fittings! They should be on the trucks and in working order.
- Check your hose! Make sure the proper amount of wildland hose is response ready and on our rigs. You never know where we'll go!
- Remember to check fluids, including coolant and oil. We are getting into the hot season and we want to be ready to go out and play.
- And, as always, if you see something say something. Keeping these rigs response ready takes the village. Officers, work orders are in the Officers Office. Please fill them out for all things, no matter how big or small.



OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Candace Cantu

SPREAD THE WORD! Open Position for Civil Service Commissioner

The Silverton Fire District is currently seeking a dedicated community member to serve on its Civil Service Commission. This appointment is up to a four-year term. The Civil Service Commission is responsible for maintaining a fair and consistent system for hiring and promoting employees within the District. The Commission meets quarterly at 9:00am, the role is voluntary and unpaid. We are looking for a resident of the Silverton Fire District who is committed to supporting equal employment opportunities for all qualified candidates.

For additional information or to apply, visit www.silvertonfire.com or call the main office at (503) 873-5328

Application Deadline: July 25, 2025

Interview Date: August 12, 2025, at 7:00pm conducted by the Board of Directors.

Please return completed application in person or by mail to the Silverton Fire District Main Office, C/O Bill Miles, 819 Railway Ave NE, Silverton OR., 97381. You may also email completed applications to bill.miles@silvertonfire.com.

HISTORY'S HOT SPOT

“Our Ambulance Division put some of their donated monies to use this past week, when they bought two adult and one child Anti-Shock Trousers. These are a fairly new item for EMT’s, and are used only in extreme cases where shock can mean the difference between life and death. They inflate to help ease the strain on the heart to pump blood, and will be mandatory for all ambulances in January. T/O Wisthoff will have some help in training EMT’s and CIM’s (as well as our local hospital staff), as Emanuel Hospital’s Life Flight offered to send a Flight Nurse down to assist him.”

This Hot Spot is brought to you by the July 1981 newsletter written by Chief Brown!

