



# THE FDC – FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION

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## UPCOMING

### APRIL

- 1<sup>st</sup> April Fools
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Drill Night – Last EMS Night before EMS Recerts
- 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> Association Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> Civil Service Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> Drill Night – Relay Pumping
- 20<sup>th</sup> Easter
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Drill Night
- 26<sup>th</sup> Academy Graduation
- 30<sup>th</sup> Drill Night – Officer Training

### MAY

- 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco de Mayo
- 7<sup>th</sup> Drill Night
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mother’s Day/Mother’s Day Breakfast
- 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> Association Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> Drakes Crossing Invitational to Silver Falls State Park
- 17<sup>th</sup> Pet Parade
- 17<sup>th</sup> S-131 Class
- 20<sup>th</sup> Budget Committee Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> Drill Night – ATV OPS/LifeFlight
- 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> Drill Night – Wildland Emergencies
- 31<sup>st</sup> NVFC EV/AFV Class
- 31<sup>st</sup> Wildland Field Day

## SPOT OF RECOGNITION

Early this year, the Silverton Chamber of Commerce presented two awards to entities within the district.

Chief Bill Miles was presented an award for Distinguished Service. The Silverton Chamber of Commerce recognized Chief Miles’ service to the community throughout the years, including his work with the Silverton Rotary and as a long-time member of Silverton Fire District.

The Silverton Fire Volunteer Association was presented an award for Outstanding Club or Service Group. With the 24<sup>th</sup> year of the Silverton Firefighters Association’s Toy and Food Drive, over 6,200 pounds of food and tons of toys were able to be distributed to the community. Each year, they go above and beyond to continue to assist the Silverton community and the hard work is recognized.

Please join in congratulating both the Silverton Fire Volunteer Association and Chief Bill Miles for these awards. And please take the time to congratulate each other for all the time and hard work that you put into everything you do with the Silverton Fire District, the Associations, and with each act of service throughout the year.



### JUNE

- 4<sup>th</sup> Drill Night
- 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> Association Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> Fathers Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Drill Night
- 19<sup>th</sup> Juneteenth
- 20<sup>th</sup> First Day of Summer
- 25<sup>th</sup> Drill Night

### JUNE

- Heat Illness Prevention
- Wildfire Smoke Protection
- Wildland PPE Inspections

## FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Bill Miles



### Happy Spring!

Happy spring everyone. As we welcome the warmth and renewal that spring brings, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your dedication, commitment, and hard work. This season is a time of growth, not only for nature, but for our team as well. Spring often brings new challenges, but it also provides us with the opportunity to refresh our training, improve our skills, and ensure that we are prepared for the demands of the warmer months ahead.

With the increased risk of wildfires, particularly as we see drier conditions in certain areas, it's crucial that we remain vigilant and proactive. Take time to review safety protocols, conduct drills, and stay prepared for any situation. Your efforts play a vital role in protecting our community and ensuring the safety of everyone.

As the weather gets warmer, it's time to start thinking about outdoor cleanup around the house and creating defensible space from wildfire. Remind your friends and neighbors that we do free defensible space surveys.

Sign-up at <https://www.silvertonfire.com/public-requests> or call the station.

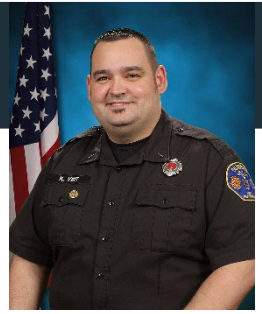
I am happy to report through a joint collaboration with Marion County Fire District #1 and Silverton Fire District, a Community Wildfire Defense Grant offered through Oregon Department of Forestry and the US Forest Service was applied for last week. This grant would fund wildfire mitigation work, such as brush clearing, tree thinning and creating defensible space. This grant will focus on higher fire-risk areas in and around Scotts Mills. Thank you to both the Associations for giving your support to this project. The proposed grant is planned to treat 200 acres, 52 homes and 59.5 miles of public and private roads and driveways for access.

The work of preparing the proposed 2025-2026 budget has been underway for several months but is swinging into high gear for the home stretch to finalize for presentation to the Budget Committee at their meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

*Stay safe, stay strong, and let's make this a season of success. Thank you for your unwavering service and dedication.*

# ASSISTANT CHIEF

Keith Veit



## Important Dates Coming Up

As we move into spring, we have several important updates to share regarding officer testing and our ongoing Fire Academy.

### Officer Testing – April 5, 2025

Our upcoming officer testing is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2025. Over the past several weeks, candidates have been dedicating their time to weekly study sessions, preparing diligently for this next step. We are fortunate to have a group of strong candidates, and we want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and expertise to these study sessions. Your support has been invaluable in helping prepare our future officers.

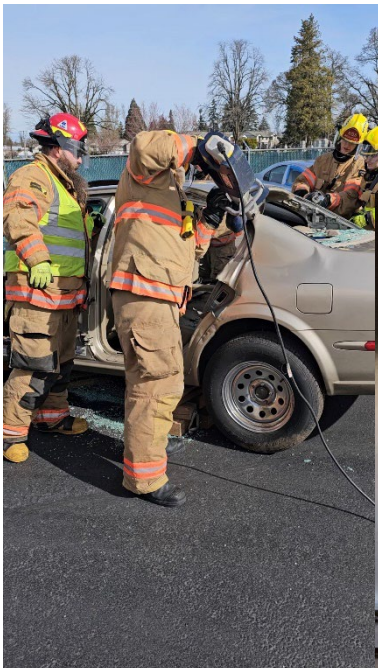
### Fire Academy Progress & Burn to Learn

The Fire Academy is progressing well, and we are proud to announce that all academy students have successfully completed their mid-terms. Their hard work and commitment were on full display during the mid-terms and the Burn to Learn training on March 16, 2025. This hands-on experience was a great learning opportunity, and we appreciate everyone who contributed to making the day a success.



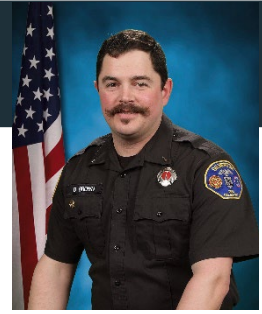
A reminder that academy students are not eligible to respond to calls until they officially graduate from the program. Their graduation ceremony will be held at **3:00 PM on April 26, 2025, at Station 1**. We encourage everyone to attend and support these recruits as they take the next step. Please be sure to introduce yourself to the new academy members and help them feel welcome in the organization. Lastly, thank you all for your strong work and dedication to serving our community.

*Thank you for your continued dedication and support!*



# TRAINING & RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR

Lt. Dan Brown



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to 2025, everyone! Glad to see you still with us! I'd like to give a special shoutout to Julie, Wyatt, Rick and Tyler for our EMS/Firefighter/Officer/Probie of the year for 2024! Next, I'd like to re-recognize those years of service winners: Ginny and Cleo for 5 years, Lt Joe Homutoff and Claire Varney for 10 years, Lt Ray Dandeneau and AICLT Jason Tarpley for 15 years, LT Ben Sichley and LT Randle Redman-Brown for 20 years, Capt. Klopfenstein and Ron Parvin for 25 years, Lt Ivan Schurter for 30 years!! It is obvious that everyone noted above has made, and continues to make, their mark on the Silverton Fire District and the communities we serve. We cannot thank them enough for their TIME, DEDICATION and INVOLVEMENT with Fire District calls, training and public relations!!



There's lots of training available/coming up...and lots of opportunity to instruct! EV/AFV incident management skills provided by NVFC, hosted here at SFD on May 31. We are looking forward to moving into Quarter 2 training, where we concentrate on Wildland Emergencies. Wildland Field Day on May 31 for Type 1 and Type 2 FF. MAWS on May 31 for Engine Bosses. NFPA Driver in June, Pumper/Operator shortly after. Please remember that IMCT has restarted and to PLEASE!!... get a head start on AND stay ahead on IMCT training!!! Please get your Wildland PPE inspection done ASAP, so River can get yours repaired or replaced before fire season. Please also focus on Heat Illness Prevention and Wildland Smoke Protection training! We will be combining RT-130 topics into our drills during Q2, so PLEASE ATTEND! That way you don't have to do the boring, extra-long, online version to keep your wildland certs.

Probies will be set loose VERY SOON!! Thank you to all who Instructed or were Assistant Instructors during Academy. You are INVALUABLE to the probies, and to the Training Division!! My dream, of course, is that they all grow beyond what we are currently...that's kinda the point of being an instructor: Give them the knowledge, the tools, and show them what you know with hope that one day they will be better than you are now! How awesome would it be to say "I taught him/her how to do that in academy 20 years ago", when you're old and salty?

Get involved. Do the things. Train often. Prepare ahead of time. THIS IS THE WAY.

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
COORDINATOR: LT Redman-Brown, Capt. Klopfenstein		
<b>Mandatory Compliance: Heat Illness Prevention, Wildfire Smoke Protection, Wildland PPE Inspections</b>		
EMS Medical Assessments/Bedside Manner	EMS Farm Trauma	EMS Outdoors EMS
Date: 4/2/2025 Location: The Mothership Instr: Arbuckle/Patty Jansen? <b>IMCT:</b>	Date: 5/7/2025 Location: Farm Machinery trauma Instr: EMS Instructors	Date: 6/4/2025 anaphylaxis, poison oak, diabetic Location: TBA Instr: EMS Instructors
FIRE	FIRE	FIRE
Date: 4/16/25 Topic: Relay Pumping! Riches' farm Instr: Randle/Ted <b>IMCT:</b> Date: 4/23/25 Topic: RIT drill Instr: TBD <b>IMCT:</b> Date: 4/30/2025 Topic: Officer Training-Command/Control? Instr: TBA-Rick Heuchert	Date: 5/14/25 Optional: DCFD invite for tabletop and tour of Silver Falls State Park at 1800 at the Lodge.  Date: 5/21/25 Topic: ATV OPs/Lifeflight Instr: TBD <b>IMCT:</b> Date: 5/28/25 Topic: 1st 5 mins Wildland Instr:	Date: 6/18/25 Topic: Progressive hoselays/Structure Protection-WUI-"Lt Dan's Plans" Instr: Lt Dan/Company Officers <b>IMCT:</b>  Date: 6/25/25 Topic: Brush Rig Rodeo!-scout ranch? Weyerhauser? Instr:
<b>Certificate Courses</b>	<b>Certificate Courses</b>	<b>Certificate Courses</b>
Academy FF1	ff1 Academy,WLFFT2, WLFFT1	WLFFT2, WLFFT1 Driver/Pumper/MWS?

# 2025 Banquet Awards and Recognition

**A big congratulations to our recipients at the 2025 Awards Banquet! Please join in on congratulating the following members for their awards and years of service!**

## **Years of Service Awards**

### **5 Years**

FF Ginny Miller  
FF Emily Zars  
FF Spencer Beachy  
Director Stacy Palmer

### **10 Years**

FF Claire Varney  
Lt. Joe Homutoff  
OA Candace Cantu  
Director Robert Mengucci

### **15 Years**

Lt. Ray Dandeneau  
FF Jason Tarpley

### **20 Years**

Lt. Ben Sichley  
Lt. Randle Redman-Brown  
Director Les Von Flue

### **25 Years and Life Members**

Cpt. Ted Klopfenstein  
Lt. Dan Brown  
FF Ron Parvin

### **30 Years**

Lt. Ivan Schurter

## **2024 Award Winners**

### **Station of the Year**

Station 8

### **Rookie of the Year**

Tyler Nightingale

### **Medic of the Year**

Julie Hansen

### **Officer of the Year**

Rick Heuchert

### **Support Service Member of the Year**

Jennifer Homutoff

### **Resident Volunteer of the Year**

Parker Hopkins

### **Staff Member of the Year**

Candace Cantu

### **Firefighter of the Year**

Wyatt Tegen

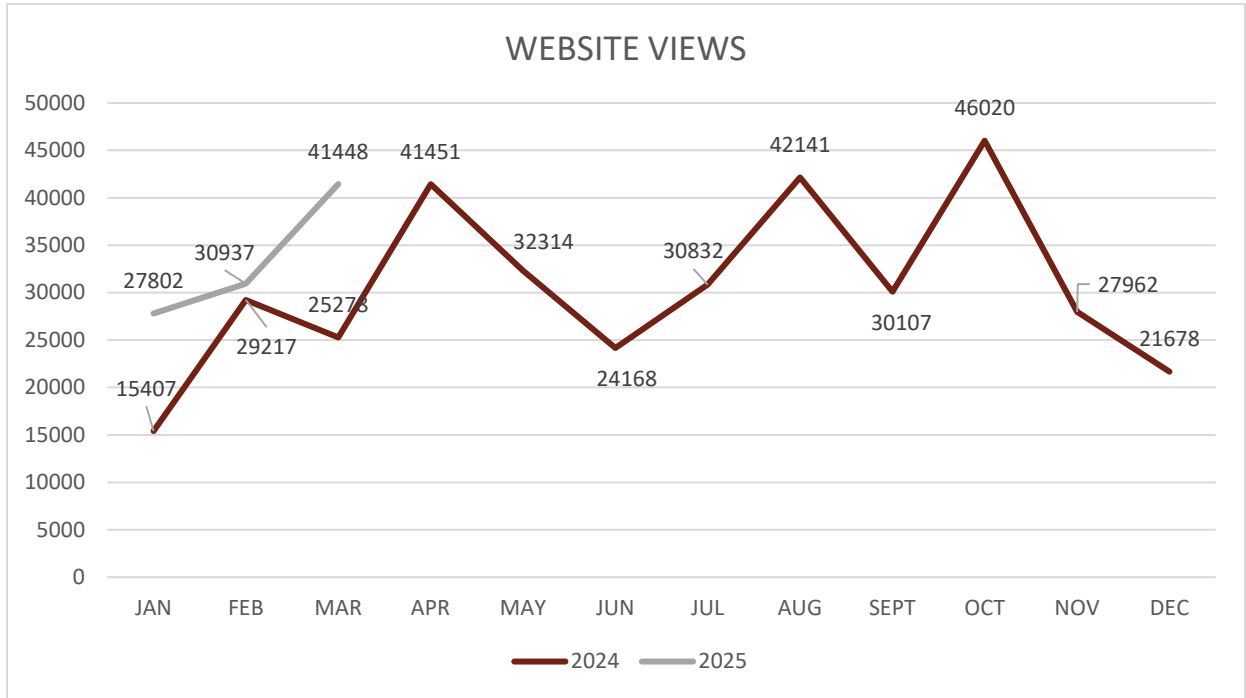
### **Resident Volunteer of the Year**

Parker Hopkins

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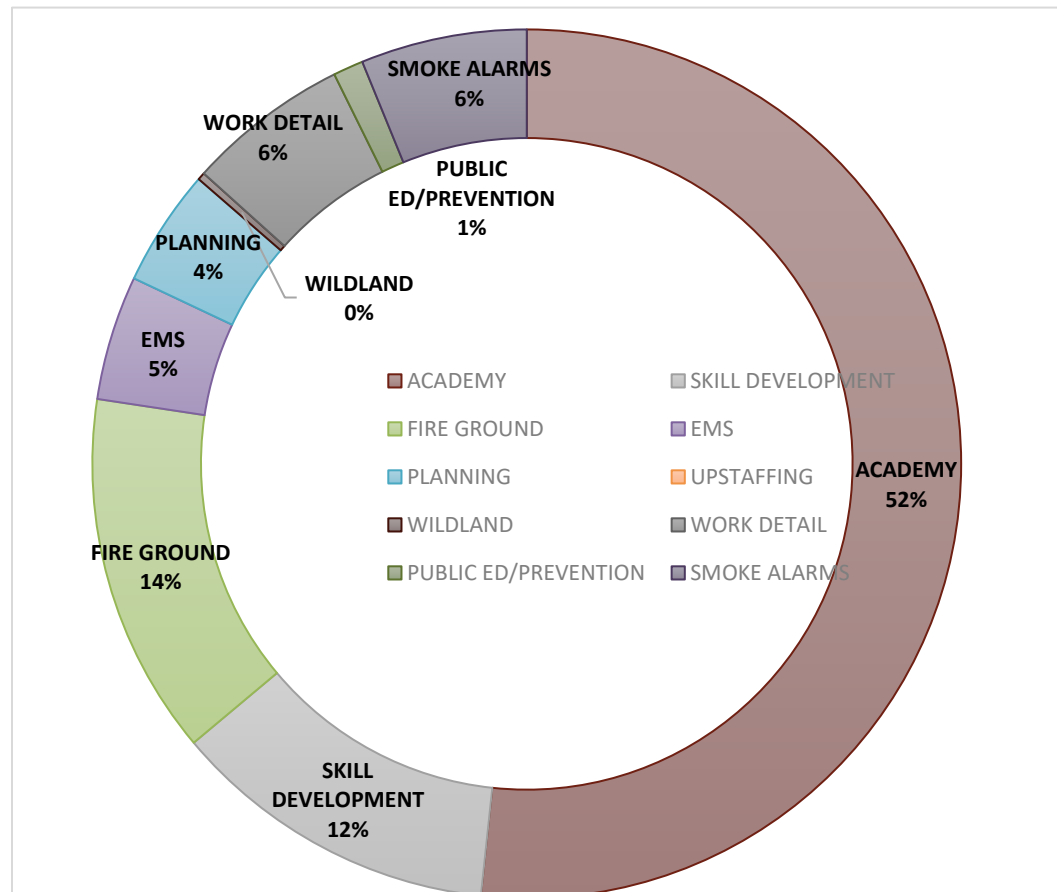
Parker Hopkins

2025 WEBSITE VIEWS



ACTIVITY HOURS  
Quarter 1

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.

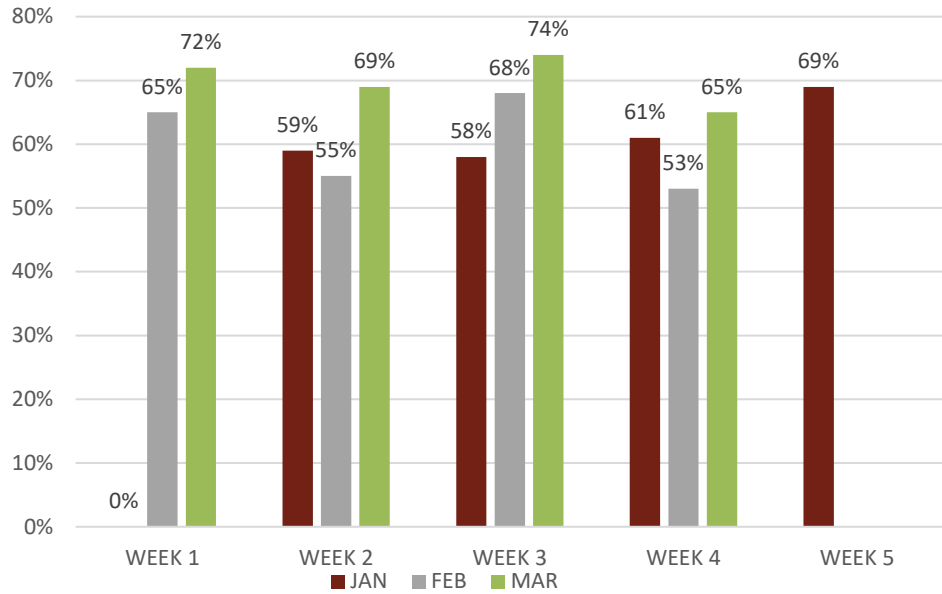


DRILL PARTICIPATION  
Quarter 1

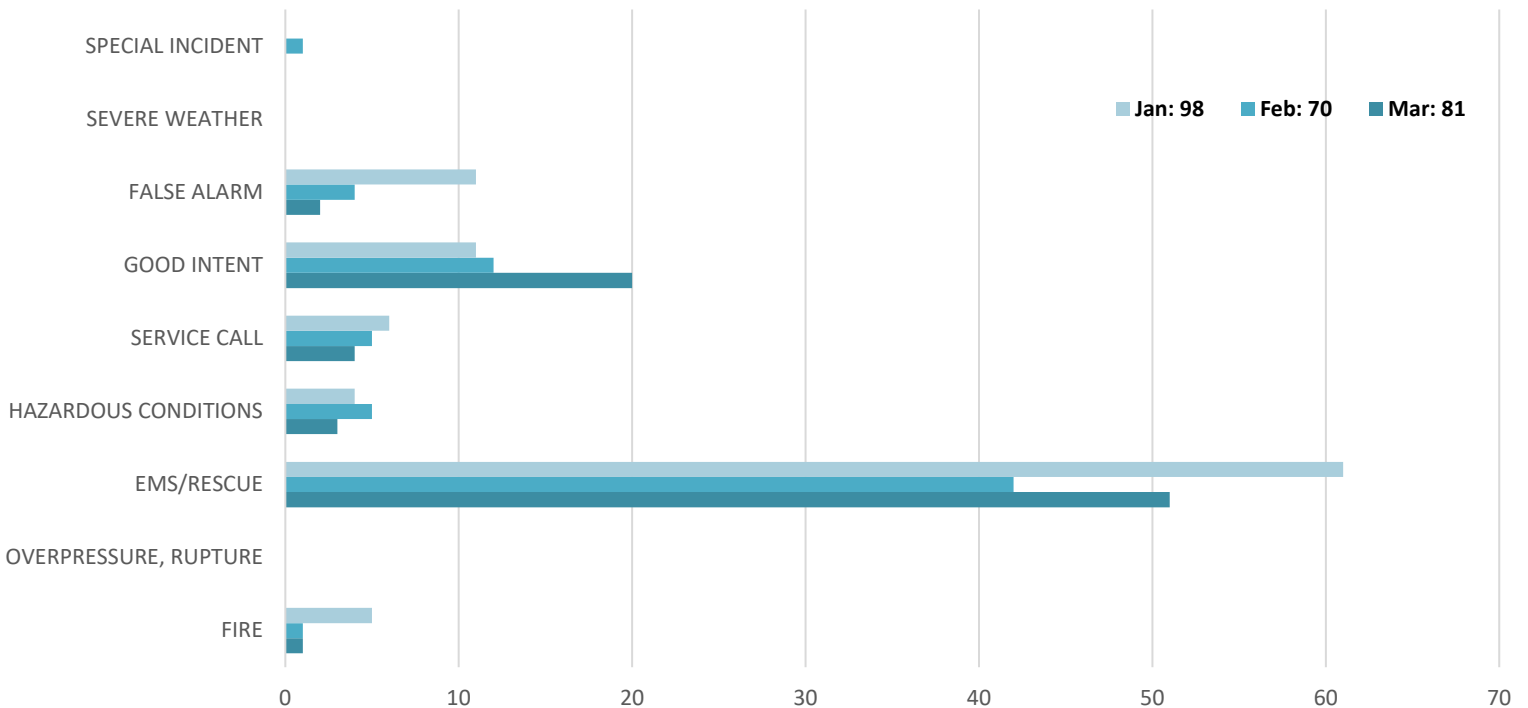
Data used for this report is rendered from the number of current active firefighters on our roll sheets divided by the number of personnel that attended drill night.

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**  
Safety Committee, Apparatus Inspections, EMS Related Topic
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**  
Officer's Meeting, Apparatus Inspections, Association Meetings
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**  
Apparatus Inspections, Fire Related Topic
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**  
Apparatus Inspections, Fire Related Topic
- 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**  
When fifth Wednesdays are present in the month, Officer or specialty training is given



CALL DATA  
Quarter 1





Spring quarter is here! As the weather warms up and more motorists are hitting the roads, take a minute and make sure your med kits are stocked and ready. With more people on the road, especially motorcycles, it's a great time to brush up on trauma protocols and refresh your memories on the splints, tourniquets, and bandages we carry on the trucks. I have added some disposable warming blankets to my inventory, and they are in my office for anyone to throw on their apparatus.

**Remember:**

- Check for hazards and keep your head on a swivel on calls!
- Don't forget your ABC's, unless it's a trauma! Then its CAB (Circulation, Airway, Breathing)!
- Stop the bleed!
- Don't miss C-Spine, even when the patient is wearing a helmet!



Station 1 AutoPulse is back home and in service!

Take note that all fire extinguishers were tagged for the annual 2025 inspection this month by Valley Fire Control.

Annual pump testing will be taking place in the next coming months as well.

## FIRE PREVENTION

Max Hughes



### FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION UPDATE

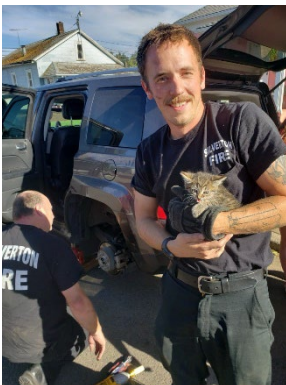
We're gearing up for another busy season of **school visits and fire station tours!** These events are a great opportunity to engage with the community, teach kids about fire safety, and showcase what we do. School visits typically involve interactive lessons, gear demonstrations, and answering plenty of curious questions. Station tours give kids and families a firsthand look at our apparatus, equipment, and daily operations.

**We need all hands on-deck to make these events run smoothly.** Your participation helps ensure that we can deliver a memorable and impactful experience for each group. Whether it's helping with gear demos, leading station tours, or assisting with hands-on activities, there's a role for everyone.

**Probationary firefighters:** These events are an **expectation** for you. They're a great way to develop communication skills, build confidence in explaining fire safety concepts, and get more comfortable engaging with the public. Showing up and getting involved demonstrates your commitment to both the department and the community.

If you're interested or have questions about upcoming school visits and tours, reach out to Public Education or check the schedule for available slots. Let's make this season a success!

**Don't forget!** The Silverton Pet Parade is coming up! Dress up your fur baby, best friend, or fellow hydrant sniffer and come out to join in on the fun! A sign-up sheet will be out soon so keep an eye out for it!





Hey everyone! With Fire Season right around the corner, make sure your Wildland PPE is in working order. If there are any problems with your PPE, be sure to let me know as soon as you can due to new gear being about 8 weeks out to order.

The new UniMac washers and dryers are here and working even better than expected! Please make sure you're washing your gear as needed.

The new Lakeland Wildland PPE has reflective piping down the sides to make you more visible at night. Speaking of high visibility, the new traffic vests are being issued throughout the district. If you or your apparatus need one, please be sure to let me know.

Lastly, I'm sure you have heard by now, but if not: There is a new form titled "PPE/Uniform Service Request" available throughout the stations. If you need any PPE or Uniform items, whether it's a new item, replacement, or an update to a current item, please fill out this form and put it in the paperwork boxes at each station or my mailbox in the front office at Station 1.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me!

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# MAINTENANCE

Ian Peterson



## MAINTENANCE REPORT

- The new carport has been installed, electrical work including lighting and power outlets is pending.
- Repairs on B407 will soon be completed.
- E416 will soon be equipped with new LED work/scene lights.
- L408 has passed annual testing.
- Annual SCBA cylinder testing has been completed.
- Annual fire extinguisher servicing has been completed.
- Servicing on the SCBA compressor is upcoming.

# OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Candace Cantu

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MASA?

This is a great benefit provided to each of our members and their dependents. Medical Access and Service Advantage (MASA) pioneered the first prepaid membership program providing coverage for medical emergency air transportation costs. MASA now offers a robust set of air and ground medical transportation solutions and benefits worldwide. MASA provides an additional layer of protection to cover ambulance bills when sudden critical care is needed. To order your membership card or to download the app, visit the “Members Only” section of our website, where you can find detailed information about the benefits offered and a simple step-by-step guide on how to sign up. If additional assistance is needed, feel free to contact Kaylee or Candace!

## MASA MOBILE APP

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- ✓ View Plan Documents and Benefits
- ✓ Get your Claim History

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Member Since 07/03/2017

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## HISTORY'S HOT SPOT

Hey everyone!

Over the years, Silverton Fire District has had some incredible historians in its ranks. Recently, I've come across pictures and scrapbooks and newsletters of old. These have now been compiled into one place in the Conference Room where everyone can find them and look at some of the amazing things that've taken place in the district.

Additionally, we're going to start a new segment in the quarterly newsletter, "History's Hot Spot"! We'll be highlighting articles from the past, both in newsletters and scrapbooks. So... enjoy this segment from the very first FDC, written in August of 1980 by Chief Brown. For the full newsletter, and more like it, check out the collection in the Conference Room!

*"Just Before Dawn" doesn't always mean that time the most alarms come in... It's also the name of the movie which was filmed in the Silver Falls State Park area recently. We participated in it by furnishing a truck and other technical assistance when needed. 405 went up six days for standby, with Norman Brown (and Tex and Bill for their overtime), paid the City for truck expense, and fattened the Volunteer Health and Welfare Fund (\$250).*

*Our Muster Team is now through for the season, and they finally got their time down in the 34 second bracket. They competed at Milwaukie, San Jose, and Prineville, and had a good time. They made money to cover their expenses by helping Copeland's move, selling some scrap cardboard, and helping S&M dispose of some barrels. They completely redid the hose cart, and have had many compliments on its appearance. We found out what comedians the team is, through reports of their prowess in the bucket brigade competition.*

## AFTER BANQUET THOUGHTS

Hey everyone! Another banquet has come and gone! Thank you to all who attended and a huge congratulations to all who received an award! Please take a minute and fill out the survey and let us know your thoughts!

