**Fire Chief’s Monthly Report to the Board of Directors**

**May 10th, 2023**

**Statistics on Activity for April 2023**

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| **Situation** | **Monthly** | **2023 totals** |
| Fires | 15 | 74 |
| Over-pressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire) | 0 | 2 |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical Service | 453 | 1638 |
| Hazardous Condition (no fire) | 5 | 14 |
| Service Call | 26 | 101 |
| Good Intent Call | 30 | 139 |
| False Alarm & False Call | 11 | 53 |
| Severe Weather & Natural Disaster | 0 | 0 |
| Special Incident Type | 0 | 0 |
| **TOTALS Apr 2022 calls = 441 22.68% increase** | **540** | **2021** |

**Operations report:**

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| **EMS Response by Shift** | **A-118 B-133 C-141 D-126 Single Role = 51%** |
| **Transports Turned Down – 7** |
| Short = 21 | Long = 10 | Umatilla = 42 | Echo = 9 |
| **HAZMAT Team** |
| **Calls of Service:** none**Outreach:** Pendleton and Tribal in April **New Invoices**: **Outstanding Invoices**:  **Payments:** Received little over 20k in payments**Meetings:** . **Equipment:** **Training:. Taught Awareness and ops (11 students)** |
| **Delays in Response**  |
|  **Delays: A-0B-5 C-0,D- Total: 5** |
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| Average: 8.62 | Days at Full: 10/10 = 3 | Days at Minimum: 8/10 = 13 | Min. Staff Cost: $6,430.47 |
| **Personnel**Jenna O’Brien completed probation.  |
| **Property Damage/Repairs:** |
| BC-21 minor damage to rear roof area, when it struck a goose neck trailer.  |
| **Community Paramedic** |
| 14 Patient visits, 3 billable. A lot of time and effort into getting two frequent users outside help.  |
| **Logistics** |
| Station 22 Closed down- for seismic work. Crews/apparatus moved to St23. Work continues on two new Heavy Brush trucks.Chief Clark and FF Rutherford leaving 5-16-23 to South Dakota to pick up new fire engine. 4 new ventilation Chainsaws order- LT BrownRural Water supplies checked. BC Clark- updating and standardizing vehicle inventories and equipment.  |

**Training Report**: Total UCFD1 hours = 1045.01

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| **Total Training Hours** |  |
| Career | 817.61 |
| Paid on Call | 72.25 |
| EMS Only  | 155.15 |
| **Applications for Certification** |  |
| NFPA Pumper Operator | 1 |
| NWCG Engine Boss | 2 |
| NFPA Instructor II | 0 |
| **POC/RI Activities** |  |
| Applications for membership | 1 |
| New POC’s added to department | 0 |
| Members Resigned or Discharged | 0 |

**Other:**

The RI testing was completed with 14 sitting for the test. Great group of individuals. We will be moving forward with offering 4 to 5 positions. Chief Gorham and I finished our NFA EMS class. Chiefs from the district attended the annual Oregon Fire Chiefs conference in Bend, Oregon.

**Fire Marshal’s report –**

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| PREVENTION |  |
| Business Inspections | 8 |
| Hood installation Inspections | 1 |
| Fire Cause Investigations | 2 |
| Sprinkler, Fire Alarm, Fire Protection Inspections | 3 |
| Plans Reviews | 3 |
| State Inspections/consultations | 0 |
| Fire Code Consultations | 7 |
| Smoke Alarms installed | 4 |
| Planning Committee hours | 3 |
| New Construction – consultations | 5 |
| Juvenile Fire Setter Interventions | 0 |
| SAFETY EDUCATION |  |
| School Presentations / Students | 3/200 |
| Station Tours | 0 |
| Fire Extinguisher Prop Trainings | 0 |
| Inflatable safety house | 0 |

**Prevention Other:**

School programs continue.

Waiting for the outcome of 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Fire Prevention and Safety.

Waiting for the outcome of Office of State Fire Marshal Community Risk Reduction Grant.

**Fire Investigations:**

04/04/2023, Outbuilding Structure Fire, SW Lemmon Lane. Cause was escaped burn from burn barrel.

04/05/2023, Residential Structure Fire, North Sherman. Cause was failed electrical outlet.

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:** Working with USFS on coops finally. Will be very different now with rotations and limiting the number of folks that can go out.

**IGA with City of Hermiston –** this IGA will put us as partners on the safety center downtown. City has IGA and awaiting there input or signature.

**Outstanding invoices:** GEMT payment came in, City received seismic grant for Safety Center 2.5M

**Meetings/Classes:**

OAC weekly meetings, Station 22 & 21 meetings, Gorham and Cearns finishing up class in Eugene on EMS data this month.

**OFCA:**

Legislative: **Fire Service day at the Capital is May 31st.**

HB 2705 relates to property tax exemption for affordable multi-unit housing; prescribing an effective date. Working on this for fire district carve out.

HB 2059 & 2060 relating to enterprise zones. Sunsets established for extension. Working on fire having a seat at table

HB 2061 & 2063 Rural enterprise zone property tax exemption; May have died

HB 2294 Apprenticeship programs. Appropriates 20 million to BOLI to establish grant programs. We will be asking for amendments to take some money and add to intern programs.

HB 2980 Affordable housing and homelessness. This is the ten year exemption where we have an agreement to have the fire districts carved out. Tax assessors not happy but willing to work on this.

SB 1068 Annexation bill. Authorizes board of directors of rural fire districts to annex to district under certain circumstances, lands within the coverage area of district. Closes loop hole allowing properties to be untaxed within the borders of a fire district. Supporting this as we cant allow “islands of untaxed properties” within our boundaries. Provided testimony on May 4th.

SB 728 Volunteer tax credit – moving forward

SB 509 Community risk reduction bill into Ways and Means

HB 2522 RFPD bill to look at ORS 478 on rural fire districts language for modernization.

HB 2296 PERS work after retirement (WAR) bill. Extends work back an additional 10 years and is moving fast and will pass we are told. **Moved to Senate already.**

SB 847 – Housing bill on codes and life safety issues moving to Ways and Means.

OSFM Senate bills for funding organization and mobs etc are both moving forward.

OFCA Conference:

The conference had 170 attendees and about 60 vendors. Great speakers this year with a theme about leadership. Chris Heppel from Eugene/Springfield Fire is the new President starting July 1. James Oeder is the 1st VP, Devon Brown from Medford Fire is 2nd VP. The two new directors are Mike Hussey from Jackson 3 and Jeff Blake from Jefferson County Fire and Rescue in Madras.

Executive Director: Working on the CFSI trip to DC end of May.

OSFM: The state fire marshal gave a big presentation at the state fire defense board meeting regarding all their changes and legislative issues.

DPSST: The new director attended the awards luncheon at the chief’s conference. Julie Olsen was given a lifetime achievement award from Chief Boos who is the President. The fallen firefighter memorial will be June 15th. I will be a name reader again.

Oregon Fire Chief Foundation: Golf tournament is went well with sponsors and aution. Approved 5 scholarships for conference. Nick worked on a new video for the foundation to help get awareness up and possible donations.

OSAA: Working on a white paper for EMS. AMR has been awarded Washington County ASA.

OFMA: Their conference is end of May. Craig Andreasen will become the new president.

OSHS: working to schedule additional struggle well classes.

OVFA: Conference in Roseburg this June.

SDAO: Busy with legislative items but also reminded folks to work on their best practices and prepare for the SAIF transition.

NFPA: Ray Bizal reported out at the conference that they have an upcoming conference and that we will be getting a new Oregon rep.

PNWCG: No report

Professional Development: The first meeting will be scheduled in Hermiston in May. Working on a full update to the fire chiefs tool box modules.

SDAO: Working on executive directors evaluation and budget.

**Station 26:** This has slowed some and not sure what the issue is now but still working to move this forward.