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

**April 12th, 2023**

**Statistics on Activity for March 2023**

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| **Situation** | **Monthly** | **2023totals**  |
| Fires | 30 | 59 |
| Over-pressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire) | 1 | 2 |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical Service | 416 | 1185 |
| Hazardous Condition (no fire) | 1 | 9 |
| Service Call | 24 | 75 |
| Good Intent Call | 44 | 109 |
| False Alarm & False Call | 20 | 42 |
| Severe Weather & Natural Disaster | 0 | 0 |
| Special Incident Type | 0 | 0 |
| **TOTALS Mar 2022 Calls = 421** | **536** | **1481** |

**Operations report:**

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| **EMS Response by Shift** | **A-156 B-110 C-122 D-127 Single Role =47%** |
| **Transports Turned Down – 3** |
| Short = 10 | Long = 12  | Umatilla = 56 | Echo = 13 |
| **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-B-0 C-0,D-0 Total: 0** |
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| Average: 8.65 | Days at Full: 10/10 = 3 | Days at Minimum: 8/10 = 15 | Min. Staff Cost: $3,030.38 |
| **Personnel** |
| **Property Damage/Repairs:** |
| Minor Damage to M25-struck freeway divider. Front wheel and wheel trim scratched up |
| **Community Paramedic** |
| 19 Patient visits, 7 billable. CISM class in Pendleton, CPP class for shifts, Umatilla High presentation.  |
| **Logistics** |
| 8 more Portable Radios arrived, will have all structure engines outfitted with Harris Portables soon.Will Start Staffing Station 23 April 17th, Station 22- emptied out April 20th |

**Training Report**: Total UCFD1 hours = 14.13.14

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| **Total Training Hours** |  |
| Career | 1016.82 |
| Paid on Call | 124.82 |
| EMS Only  | 271.5 |
| **Applications for Certification** |  |
| NFPA Instructor I | 1 |
| NFPA Fire Officer II | 1 |
| NFPA Instructor II | 1 |
| **POC/RI Activities** |  |
| Applications for membership | 19 RI Applications |
| New POC’s added to department | 0 |
| Members Resigned or Discharged | 0 |

**Other:**

In the month of March Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) was taught to all department members holding an advanced EMS license. CPR was also taught to all department members. Additionally, a skills week was held to ensure all staff members had the opportunity to train on the required skills needed for recertification. The Resident Intern (RI) application period closed with 19 applicants. Testing will be held on April 15 & 16th. Lastly, Chief Gorham rolled out the case review program to all staff showing real time data. benchmarks, and goals.

**Fire Marshal’s report –**

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| PREVENTION |  |
| Business Inspections | 1 |
| Hood installation Inspections | 0 |
| Fire Cause Investigations | 4 |
| Sprinkler, Fire Alarm, Fire Protection Inspections | 2 |
| Plans Reviews | 1 |
| State Inspections/consultations | 0 |
| Fire Code Consultations | 17 |
| Smoke Alarms installed | 6 |
| Planning Committee hours | 3 |
| New Construction – consultations | 12 |
| Juvenile Fire Setter Interventions | 0 |
| SAFETY EDUCATION |  |
| School Presentations / Students | 11 |
| Station Tours | 0 |
| Fire Extinguisher Prop Trainings | 0 |
| Inflatable safety house | 0 |

**Prevention Other:**

School programs continue for the school year.

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:**

03/01/2023 Wildland Fire Liberty Lane. Cause determined to be from a controlled burn that escaped control of the occupants.

03/04/2023 Wildland Fire, Cold Springs Reservoir, Cause determined to be from a warming fire that was left unattended.

03/13/2023 Outdoor Fire, Connell, Cause determined to be from juveniles playing with a torch.

03/25/2023, Residential Structure Fire, Kosmos Road, Cause determined to be from a heat lamp near the rear deck attached to the residence that came into contact with combustible materials in an animal enclosure.

**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, Struggle well class, Gorham and Cearns finishing up class in Eugene on EMS data this month. Upcoming conf call with Greg Smith regarding annexation of CDA lands.

**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. **May ask for a letter from board. I will be testifiying.**

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 back extension bill. Extends work back an additional 10 years and is moving fat and will pass we area 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.

Executive Director: NWL had about 540 attendees which is down a little.

Managing Director: Upcoming seats on the board consist of a 2nd VP, and directors positions 3 and 4 and the WFCA rep. Working on some Lexipol items.

OSFM: No report.

DPSST: Spring school is this coming weekend. June 15th is the fallen firefighters memorial with two names being added to the wall. The learning management system needs replaced badly for the whole organization. Working to get regular part-time employees in the fire program training.

EMS Committee: Changing banks to Umpqua so some logistics to finish that up.

Oregon Fire Chief Foundation: Golf tournament is going well with sponsors. Approved 5 scholarships for conference so far.

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: Scott Stanton attended the Struggle well class and it went really well. The committee wants to role out several around the state.

OVFA: Conference in Roseburg this summer

SDAO: Narcan clearinghouse committee input. Employer groups are transitioning to SAIF. Fire station thefts on the rise in rural areas.

NFPA: no report

PNWCG: No report

Professional Development: The first meeting will be scheduled in Hermiston in May.

SDAO Board Meeting: Board met last week but I was not able to attend.

**Station 26:** Working with Herb Stahl and the Hutterites on a fire station and volunteers with associated ems training.

They have a shop stall that is heated year-round and with a pumper tender (WT22) outfitted up with all the engine requirements and some trained volunteers that will qualify as a station the next ISO grading and get a 3 rating of all the east side of the district. We are looking for a water tender to place at out there. A used option is probably best at this point. Looking at next spring as the next grading period and that could save them 15-20K per year in fire insurance premiums.