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CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT

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#### OPEN HOUSES AND POTENTIAL ANNEXATIONS

Clackamas Fire is exploring a potential annexation of Sandy Fire and Gladstone Fire to maintain longterm fire and emergency services in both communities. Our goal is to provide excellent service, ensure cost efficiency, and strengthen community safety. In partnership with the Sandy Fire Board of Directors and the Gladstone City Council, we will decide this summer whether to place the annexation question on the November ballot for voters in those communities. To support a transparent, community-driven process, four public open houses have been scheduled to give residents the opportunity to learn more, ask questions, and meet their local firefighters. We will have more information and materials available on our website soon.

Gladstone Sandy

Saturday, May 10 Saturday, May 3 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. 10 a.m. − 12 p.m. Gladstone Fire Station Sandy Fire Station 555 Portland Avenue 17460 Bruns Avenue

Saturday, May 17 Saturday, June 7 10 a.m. − 12 p.m. 10 a.m. − 12 p.m. Gladstone Community Center **Dover Fire Station** 24545 SE Firwood Road 1050 Portland Avenue

#### EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY UPDATE

Clackamas Fire is working hard to continue to implement all phases of the emergency services' levy goals. We are excited to share that we are on track to continue to meet these goals as we are part way through year two of the levy. The main focus for the levy for 2025 is:

- Career staffing at Station 12 in the Logan community this summer.
- The deployment of Rescue 301 in the northern part of the Fire District in January. Please see below for details and data related to this from the first quarter of the year.





## CONT. LEVY UPDATE



In preparation for the career staffing of Station 12, the Fire District is underway with a remodel of that fire station to make it suitable for 24/7 staffing. Additionally, a career academy with 12 firefighters began in March. Once these firefighters have graduated from the academy, they will be deployed throughout the Fire District to continue to increase our daily staffing.

The Fire District is grateful for all of the ongoing support the community has provided.

## **RESCUE 301 DATA**



accidents, and other calls for service.

Thanks to levy support, we launched **Rescue 301**, a Paramedic Quick Response Unit staffed by two firefighters—one a paramedic—at Station 1 on January 1, 2025. This unit helps reduce call volume for Stations 1, 4, and 5 while boosting service levels and response capacity for life-saving emergencies in Milwaukie, Happy Valley, and unincorporated Clackamas County. It also helps keep fire engines, heavy rescues, and ladder trucks available for major incidents like fires, vehicle

In just three months, Rescue 301 has responded to approximately 1,079 calls, significantly easing the workload on Engine 301 and other critical resources.

#### WILDFIRE PREVENTION MONTH

In Oregon, May is designated as Wildfire Awareness Month. Clackamas Fire is engaged in a month-long campaign to encourage, empower, and inform the community to help prevent and prepare for wildfire.

There are many things you can do to prepare for wildfire. One of which is following Clackamas Fire's Ready, Set, Go program. Getting **READY** before



wildfire happens is the first step in protecting yourself and your property from the threat of wildfire. Begin in the spring by creating defensible space around your home and property. Defensible space is a 100-foot buffer zone between your home and the surrounding wildland area.

Getting SET means creating and preparing your wildfire action plan. The plan will be unique to your family and should include everyone, even your pets. The plan is a checklist that includes different evacuation routes and emergency meeting locations.

Wildfires are unpredictable, move quickly, and change direction without warning. When wildfire approaches your home, it is time to GO! When you evacuate early, you give your family the best chance of surviving; you also may avoid getting caught in smoke, fire, and traffic jams. Also important in a wildfire emergency is to stay informed. Pay attention to news and information from local authorities and sign up for emergency notifications at Clackamas County Public Alerts.

The threat of wildfire in our area is real. By following the Ready, Set, Go program, you can help your family increase their chances of surviving a wildfire emergency. For more information, click here.

#### CREW 30 KICKS OFF 2025 WILDFIRE SEASON

Clackamas Fire is proud to field a dedicated professional hand crew, known as Crew 30, to respond to wildfires and assist with prescribed burns. On April 16, 2025, we

welcomed 17 skilled members to begin our 2025 season.

Crew 30 typically operates from April through October, working four 10-hour shifts out of Station 14 in Boring. The crew is available to respond to wildfires 24 hours a day, seven days a week, both in Oregon and across the U.S. and Canada. Their primary responsibilities include constructing handlines and executing strategic burn-out operations to contain and stop the spread of wildfires.



In addition to active fire suppression, Crew 30 performs critical mop-up operations after fires are contained—ensuring hotspots are fully extinguished and preventing reignition. The crew plays a versatile role in wildland fire management by building firelines, creating defensible space around structures, and conducting thorough mop-up efforts. Their work improves operational efficiency and allows frontline firefighters to return to service sooner.

When not deployed to active wildfires, Crew 30 contributes to fuel mitigation projects, helping reduce wildfire risk in high-hazard areas and improving community safety.

#### SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT

On March 4, 2025, at approximately 1:15 a.m., fire crews responded to a barn fire in the 17300 block

of S. Buckner Creek Road in Beavercreek. Engine 313 was first on the scene and encountered a fully involved structure fire with a partial roof collapse.

Thanks to the quick response of Engine 313—fully staffed since the summer of 2024 thanks in part to the passage of the emergency services levy in May 2023, firefighters were able to prevent the fire from spreading to a nearby residence and surrounding timber.



While there were no injuries reported, the family tragically lost their dog, whose kennel was attached to the shop.





#### PROPERTY SAVED

The below information reflects the number of active structure fires our firefighters responded to from January to March 2025. Preservation of life and property are priorities of the Fire District. These numbers reflect the amount of property saved in dollars by firefighting efforts.

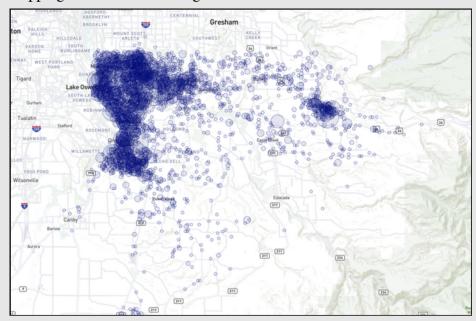
Incident Type	# of unique Incident Number
Building fire	26
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	5
Commercial Compactor fire, confined to rubbish	1
Contained Appliance Fire (Oven, Dryer, Microwave)	7
Cooking fire, confined to container	1
Fence Fire	1
# of unique Incident Number	41

Total Property Saved in Dollars:

**24.59M** 

#### **HEAT MAP OF INCIDENTS**

The map below is a heat map of incidents that have occurred during the last quarter (January to March 2025). The larger the circle, the more incidents occurred in that particular area of the map. The areas of overlapping circles indicate a higher concentration of incidents in that area.





# **January to March 2025 (Includes Mutual Aid)**

Total Calls: 8,512 Good Intent: 1,262

EMS/Rescue: 5,836 False Alarm: 276

**Hazardous Condition: 85** Service Call: 931

Fire: 109 Other: 10

Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat: 3



