



# CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT

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Dear Community Member:

**Subject: Year 1 Plan for Emergency Services Levy**

I am writing to give an update on the status of the Emergency Services Levy. As you might know, voters passed Measure 3-594 in May. This levy commits to increasing staffing in fire across the fire district, investing in equipment, and fighting wildfires. Since its passage in May, we have hired 28 firefighters. We are happy to report that this completes our hiring goal for Year 1. Currently, 15 of the 28 new hires are in the firefighter academy and are expected to graduate by January. The second academy of 13 will begin in March 2024.

Below, I've outlined our commitments we made to the community with levy dollars. These commitments were carefully formulated utilizing a range of metrics and inputs to ensure the effective and efficient allocation of resources to serve and protect our community.

**Metrics Utilized in Plan Formation**

**Promise to the Community:** We take our commitment to the community seriously and incorporate our commitment as a guiding principle in the formulation of this plan. Our focus remains on enhancing public safety, reducing response times, and addressing critical needs within the district.

**Wall to Wall Approach:** We considered the entirety of our district's geography, population distribution, and identified areas with potential vulnerabilities to make sure that all residents receive equitable access to emergency services.

**National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1720, Call Volume/Unit Utilization:** Our plan is based on the NFPA's guidelines and considers call volume and unit utilization data, ensuring our resources are optimally deployed where they are needed most.

**Annual Structure Fires per Planning Zone over the Last Four Years:** An analysis of structure fire incidents over the past four years in different planning zones helped us identify high-risk areas and allocate additional resources accordingly.

**Addresses without a Fire Hydrant:** We considered the presence of fire hydrants when determining station locations and distribution of resources to effectively respond to incidents in areas without easy access to water supply.

**Firefighter Safety:** Our plan places a strong emphasis on firefighter safety by providing additional support, specialized equipment, and training required to address various emergency situations safely.

**Heavy Asset Impacts/Availability:** We took into account the availability and deployment of heavy assets required for dealing with large-scale emergencies or hazardous materials incidents.

**Wildfire Protection:** Given the increasing threat of wildfires, we strategically positioned wildland apparatus at specific stations to enhance our response capabilities during wildland fire events.

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**Time:** We considered the urgency of response times in critical situations and structured the plan to minimize response times as much as possible.

Our internal task force has diligently reviewed and analyzed results derived from these metrics, and we are now excited to present the Year 1 Levy Plan, outlined below. We look forward to the next few years of implementation:

*Effective January 1, 2024:*

- Staffing will increase at Stations 1, 8, 14, 15, and 19 to improve response capabilities. These stations will directly have an impact on the Cities of Happy Valley, Milwaukie, and Oregon City, as well as the communities of Boring, Oak Lodge, and Damascus.
- The 12-hour medic unit will transition to a 24-hour quick response unit in Oregon City, with 12 hours dedicated to transporting patients.

Additionally, Stations 8 (Clackamas) and 14 (Boring) will receive:

- A second apparatus operator to improve water tender reliability for structure fires and wildfires.
- An additional wildland apparatus to bolster wildfire response capabilities.

*Starting July 1, 2024:*

- Station 13 (Clarks) will be staffed 24/7 with a Type 3 apparatus to enhance its emergency response capabilities to the communities of Beavercreek and Clarks.

Technology Advancements:

- We are thrilled to introduce Darkhorse Emergency, a game-changing technology, which will improve our decision-making processes and resource allocation.

The Year 1 Plan represents our dedication to the safety and well-being of our community. We are confident that this strategic approach, coupled with the incorporation of reliable data and advanced analytics, will lead to a more efficient, effective, and responsive emergency services system.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any questions you have about the levy implantation and decision-making process. On behalf of Clackamas Fire District, we look forward to your feedback and support as we move towards full implementation of the Year 1 Levy Plan. Together, we can build a safer and more secure environment for our community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Browne".

**Chief Nick Browne**  
Clackamas Fire District