

The Siren

Clackamas Fire
Here for you.



Rig of the Quarter: Heavy Rescue

The Heavy Rescue provides specialized equipment necessary for technical rescue situations like vehicle extrication, building collapses, confined space rescue, and rope rescues. At Clackamas Fire, our Heavy Rescue responds to every structure fire in the district, typically tasked with search or ventilation.

Local Firefighters, Local Communities

When we think about the people who keep our communities safe, firefighters are often some of the first to come to mind. Firefighters show up at the most desperate, often darkest, moments, and they are deeply woven into the fabric of the communities they serve. At Clackamas Fire, we are proud that so many of our firefighters live in the communities we serve. When we respond to an emergency, our firefighters helping our neighbors, our friends, and our families.

Each one of our stations takes pride reflecting the community it serves. Crews work to stay connected locally, and even their station logos are designed with that purpose in mind. Station 71, for instance, in Sandy is nicknamed “The Outpost” for one, simple reason: it stands watch on the eastern edge of our district, the gateway to Mt. Hood National Forest. When designing their logo (right), they drew from the classic 8-bit Oregon Trail icon, a nod to the historic Barlow Trail that runs right through Sandy and features Mt. Hood in the background. The overall shape is inspired by the National Parks emblem, tying together Sandy’s history and landscape.



Even for firefighters who live outside district boundaries, all of them believe that community connection is essential. Building and maintaining community trust through personal relationships can – and will – save lives.

Serving our community goes beyond emergency response. For us, serving means being a part of community events, celebrations, and traditions on and off duty; it is at the very core of being a neighbor, a friend, and a responsible community member.

Nick Browne



Nick Browne, Clackamas Fire Chief

District Updates

Emergency Services Levy

Your levy dollars remain hard at work, investing in the safety, security, and future of our community. Since voters approved the 2023 levy, we've kept our promise to add 62 full-time firefighter positions, and we've been able to do so despite increases in operational costs.

Levy funds have been invested in protecting our rural areas against growing wildland fire threat, most notably by staffing stations along the wildland-urban interface. Stations 12 and 13 (Logan and Clarkes), once operated by volunteers, are now staffed full-time by career firefighters, ensuring more reliable emergency response where it's needed most. This staffing change has further strengthened our vaunted volunteer program: Station 74 (Dover), another wildland-urban interface station, is now staffed by volunteers 26 days each month, nearly tripling availability from just 4 days prior to the levy.

Your levy dollars have enabled us to fully staff Quick Response Vehicles, resulting in a positive ripple effect felt across the district. By dispatching QRVs to low-acuity calls, we've reduced heavy apparatus responses nearly in half. This means we're keeping larger, more specialized equipment available for critical emergencies while reducing wear and tear, extending the lifespan of our fleet.

We're grateful for your continued trust and support. We remain committed to investing your tax dollars responsibly and in ways that deliver real, lasting benefits for our community.

Sandy Annexation – Measure 3-634

On May 19th, Sandy residents will vote on whether they choose to annex into Clackamas Fire for fire and emergency services.

Clackamas Fire has been contracting with Sandy to provide full emergency and medical service since 2021. Now, Sandy voters will decide whether to formally join Clackamas Fire. Community outreach and education remains a key priority to ensure Sandy voters understand the impact of annexation. We've hosted several "Meet the Chiefs" events at local coffee shops, continue to attend community and CPO meetings, and will hold a final Annexation Briefing on April 27 (see details on our Facebook Events page).

For more information on annexation, you can visit SandyFire.org to find a one-page fact sheet and Q&A.

Academy 26-01

In February, Clackamas Fire welcomed 26-01, our newest Academy. Over the course of four months, this 16-member cadre will train to become Clackamas Fire's newest firefighters.



We look forward to inducting them into Clackamas Fire as firefighters in May!





Spring Safety Reminder: Outdoor Burning

Spring yard cleanup inevitably leads to an increase in outdoor burning. Wind is one of the biggest risks during backyard burning. Even a light breeze can carry embers into dry, unattended areas. These runaway embers can cause spot fires that spread rapidly. We ask that you always monitor weather conditions and avoid burning on windy or especially dry days. Be mindful, be safe, and always be prepared.

Need a reminder on current backyard burning best practices?

- Only burn on designated days (Is it a burn day? Call the daily burn line: 503.742.2945)
- Burn piles must be constantly attended
- Ensure burn piles are well dried, season vegetative material
- Move dry vegetation away from your burn pile and expose the dirt to reduce risk of fire spreading
- Pile sizes are limited to 10' x 10' x 10' (and do not burn within 50' of a building)
- Always have a water source or fire extinguisher close by
- Report smoke complaints and illegal burning of material to the DEQ



CLACKAMAS FIRE BY THE NUMBERS



JANURARY
FEBRUARY
MARCH
2026

APPARATUS RESPONSES

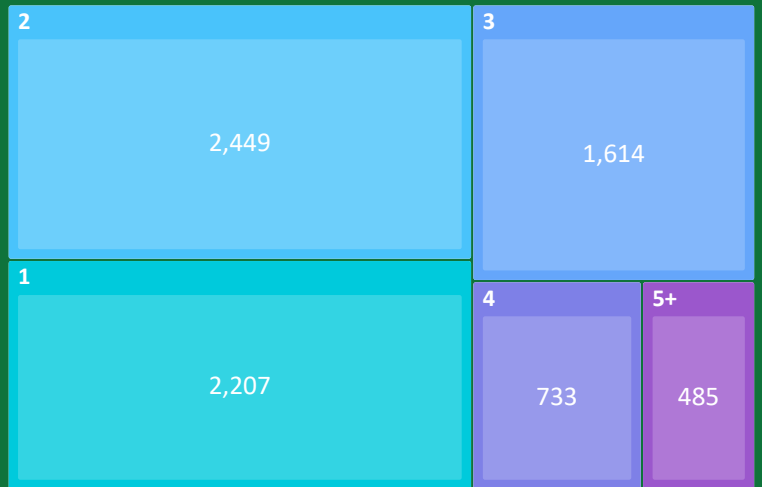
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LIVES SAVED

MEDIAN
TURNOUT TIME
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CONCURRENT CALLS



TOTAL
55

SEASONAL
(WILDLAND - BRUSH - GRASS)

TOTAL
65

SEASONAL
(WILDLAND - BRUSH - GRASS)

TOTAL
324

ACCIDENTS
(VEH - PED - NON-INJURY)

TOTAL
26

STRUCTURE
FIRES

TOTAL
11

SPECIALTY
RESCUES

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

40

(28 CIVIC EVENTS)

TOTAL PROPERTY SAVED

\$10.04MM

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

2,975