

The Siren

Clackamas Fire
Here for you.



Rig of the Quarter: Type 3 Interface Engine

A Type 3, also known as an Interface Engine, is a larger type of brush rig able to carry more equipment and personnel (three-person), while still being able to go off road with its 4x4 capabilities. Type 3s are located at Happy Valley Station 6, Holcomb Station 9, Beaver Creek Station 10, and Boring Station 14.

Investing in Resiliency

A little more than five years ago, I had the privilege of being sworn in as your Clackamas Fire Chief. Serving this community has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life. From my first day, my commitment has remained unchanged: to build a resilient and reliable fire district that is prepared to answer the call whenever our community needs us, not just today but for generations to come.

Every summer, I'm reminded of the devastating 2020 wildfire season. More than one million acres burned across Oregon, and thousands of families were forced to leave their homes. Those events reinforced the importance of preparing for the emergencies we know will come. Whether it's wildfire, a major earthquake, or severe flooding, our responsibility is to be ready before that call for help comes.

Over the past five years, we've continued making investments that strengthen our ability to serve you. Thanks to your support of our first-ever Emergency Services Levy in 2023, we've hired 62 firefighters, restored 24-hour staffing in Clarkes and Logan, expanded alternative response programs, and invested in specialized equipment that strengthens emergency and wildfire response across our district.

We've also continued to build one of Oregon's strongest wildland programs. Since its creation in 2021, Crew 30 has responded to major wildfires across North America, gaining valuable experience while helping protect communities far beyond our own. More importantly, that experience comes home with them, making our firefighters even better prepared when wildfire threatens Clackamas County.

Throughout it all, we've remained committed to responsibly stewarding the resources you've entrusted to us. Every decision we make is guided by fiscal responsibility, transparency, and our commitment to providing the highest level of service today while preparing for the future.

Looking back, I'm incredibly grateful for everything we've accomplished together. None of it would have been possible without the trust of our community, the support of our elected officials and partners, and the extraordinary men and women of Clackamas Fire who serve this community with professionalism, compassion, and dedication every single day. Thank you for your continued trust. It is a privilege to serve as your Fire Chief, and I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable rest of the summer.

Nick Broue



District Updates

Wildfire Season

As wildfire season continues across the Pacific Northwest, Clackamas Fire remains prepared to respond both here at home and wherever we're needed.

This summer, Crew 30 has deployed to Alaska and to fires in our state, where they have assisted with large wildfire operations while gaining valuable experience they'll bring back to our district. Prior to their first deployment, Crew 30 has worked side by side with Clackamas Fire career firefighters on local brush fires, digging fire line, slowing fire spread, protecting homes, and helping contain fires while they're still small.



This year, Clackamas Fire expanded its wildland response capabilities with the addition of Copter 30, a contracted Type 3 wildland helicopter dedicated to initial attack on vegetation fires during periods of elevated fire danger. The aircraft provides rapid aerial support, helping firefighters quickly contain emerging fires and reduce the risk of large, destructive wildfires.

So far this wildfire season, Clackamas Fire has deployed firefighters on several task forces across Oregon. While we're proud to assist neighboring communities, we remain fully staffed and equipped to respond quickly to any wildfire that starts here at home.

Wildfire preparedness is a year-round effort, and we're grateful for the dedication of our firefighters and the continued support of the communities we serve.

Sandy and Gladstone Annexation

On July 1, the communities of Sandy and Gladstone officially joined Clackamas Fire following voter-approved annexations earlier this year.

For Sandy, the transition from a contracted service model to full district membership provides long-term stability while expanding emergency response capabilities. As part of the annexation, Rescue 371 is now staffed 24 hours a day, increasing firefighter availability for the community.

Gladstone's annexation brings the community into one of Oregon's largest fire districts, providing access to additional resources, specialized teams, and regional support while maintaining the high level of service residents expect.

We are grateful for the trust placed in Clackamas Fire and look forward to serving both communities for years to come.





Summer Reminder: Water Safety

Summer heat sends many people to rivers, lakes, and waterways to cool off, but Oregon's waterways can be dangerous even for experienced swimmers. Cold water temperatures, strong currents, and hidden hazards can quickly turn a fun outing into an emergency.

Clackamas Fire encourages everyone to take simple precautions before heading out on the water:

- Always wear a properly fitted life jacket
- Never swim alone
- Keep a close eye on children near water
- Avoid alcohol while recreating on the water
- Check weather and water conditions before heading out
- Tell someone your plans and expected return time
- Swim only in designated and familiar areas
- Be cautious of cold water shock, even on hot days
- Avoid diving into unknown or fast-moving water
- Use extra caution near river currents, drop-offs, and debris



Cold rivers and lakes in Oregon can be especially dangerous early in the season, even when air temperatures are warm. Strong currents and unexpected underwater hazards can quickly overwhelm swimmers.

In an emergency, call 911 immediately and avoid entering the water to attempt a rescue yourself. If possible, reach or throw a flotation device or object to assist the person in distress. Be mindful, be safe, and help make this summer a safe one for everyone enjoying Oregon's waterways.



CLACKAMAS FIRE BY THE NUMBERS



APRIL
MAY
JUNE
2026

APPARATUS RESPONSES

10,199

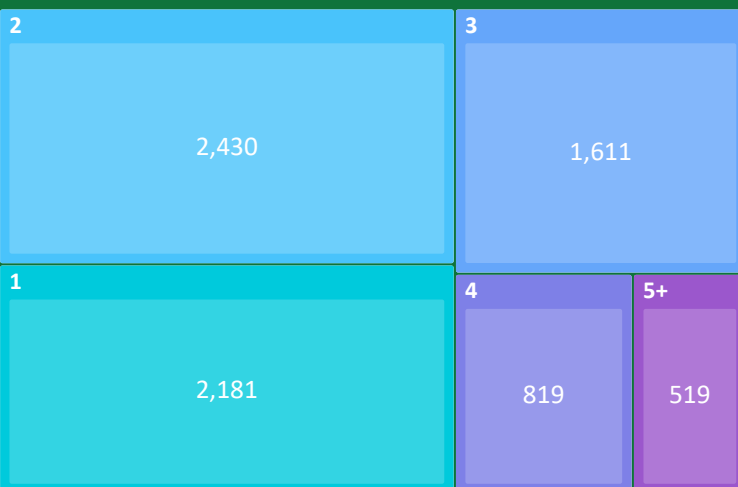
7% increase from previous quarter

46

LIVES SAVED

MEDIAN
TURNOUT TIME
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CONCURRENT CALLS



TOTAL
55

SEASONAL
(WILDLAND – BRUSH – GRASS)

TOTAL
65

CARDIAC ARRESTS

TOTAL
324

ACCIDENTS
(VEH – PED – NON-INJURY)

TOTAL
26

STRUCTURE
FIRES

TOTAL
11

SPECIALTY
RESCUES

COMMUNITY & CIVIC EVENTS

141

TOTAL PROPERTY SAVED

\$69.98 M

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

10,669