

The Siren

Clackamas Fire
Here for you.



Rig of the Quarter: Quick Response Unit Rescue 301

Rescue 301 is Clackamas Fire's Paramedic Quick Response Unit, staffed by two firefighters, including a paramedic. Based at Station 1, Rescue 301 responds to emergency medical calls in portions of Happy Valley, Milwaukie and unincorporated Clackamas County. The unit provides a smaller, more efficient response for medical emergencies, helping reduce call volume on larger fire apparatus and keeping engines, the heavy rescue and ladder trucks available for fires, vehicle crashes and other critical emergencies.

MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF NICK BROWNE

As we reflect on another busy summer, I'm proud of the work Clackamas Fire has done to serve and protect our communities. From wildland fires and water rescues to vehicle accidents, medical emergencies and structure fires, our crews responded across the district while continuing to train for the emergencies that may come.

This summer also gave us the opportunity to put our investments in emergency response to work. Thanks to the support of our community, the additional firefighters approved through the 2023 Emergency Services Levy are helping provide more personnel where and when they are needed. This includes expanded staffing, additional resources for emergency medical and rescue calls, and greater capacity to respond when multiple emergencies happen at the same time.

Preparation remains at the heart of what we do. Our crews spent countless hours training for water rescues, vehicle extrication, technical rescue and wildland firefighting. Our firefighters also train alongside neighboring agencies and regional partners to strengthen teamwork and prepare for large or complex emergencies.

It was a busy wildfire season both at home and across Oregon. In response to the 2020 wildfires, Clackamas Fire established Crew 30 in 2021 under the leadership of Wildland Division Chief Brent Olson. Since then, Crew 30 has become an integral part of our wildfire response, helping protect homes and communities within our district and beyond. Deployments this summer, including assignments in Alaska, provided valuable experience that strengthens our local wildfire preparedness and response. Here at home, our firefighters aggressively attacked wildfires early, helping keep many fires small and preventing them from growing into larger incidents.

I'm proud of our crews for their work protecting our communities and their willingness to help our neighbors across the state when they need it most.

Serving our community extends beyond emergency response. Throughout the summer, our firefighters and staff connected with residents at community events like National Night Out, Touch-a-Truck, the Sandy Mountain Festival Parade, the Boring and Dull Day, Gladstone Community Festival, visited local organizations and worked alongside our partners. These opportunities help build relationships and strengthen connections with the communities we serve. As we head into fall and winter, our work continues. We'll keep training, preparing and improving so that when you need us, we're ready.

Take care and stay safe,

Nick Browne



District Updates

Wildfire Season Recap: Stronger Response at Home, Support Beyond our District

The 2023 Emergency Services Levy strengthened Clackamas Fire's ability to respond to wildfires, with additional staffing and resources helping crews attack fires early and keep them small. Throughout the summer, firefighters across the district made aggressive initial attacks on wildfires, helping prevent them from growing into larger incidents that threaten homes and communities. Staffing at Station 13 in Clarkes and Station 12 in Logan, made possible by the levy, also improves response times in the surrounding area, giving crews a better opportunity to contain fires before they spread.

Crew 30: A key part of our wildfire response

Established in 2021 following Oregon's devastating 2020 wildfire season, Crew 30 plays an important role in protecting communities both locally and beyond our district. This summer, the crew responded to wildfires in Oregon and Alaska, gaining valuable experience that strengthens our own response capabilities. Crew 30 also continued its fuels-management work, including prescribed burning in Deschutes County to reduce accumulated vegetation and help limit the potential for future large wildfires. This year, the crew reached another milestone by becoming a Region 6 United States Forest Service Saw Program, allowing the cadre to administer training and evaluations to support other programs in the region.

Helping communities across Oregon

Clackamas Fire sent 79 personnel to support 10 of Oregon's 12 conflagration declarations this year, spending a combined 44 calendar nights assisting communities threatened by major wildfires. These deployments reflect our commitment to helping our neighbors when they need us. The experience our firefighters gain on larger incidents also strengthens our preparedness at home. From keeping fires small in our district to supporting wildfire response across the region, our crews are putting the investments made possible by the levy to work. Our focus remains on responding quickly, protecting homes and communities, and preparing for the next fire season.

CLACKAMAS FIRE KICKS OFF ANOTHER YEAR OF HOLIDAY CHEER WITH OPERATION SANTA CLAUS



For more than 50 years, Operation Santa Claus has been a beloved Clackamas Fire tradition, spreading holiday cheer while helping local families in need. Powered entirely by community donations, last year's campaign collected 10,300 pounds of food and 7,030 toys, with all donations staying in our local communities.

This year, six community parades and five donation drop-off events will take place throughout the District beginning the first week of December. Parades will not collect donations along their routes, so community members are encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys and nonperishable food to designated drop-off events or participating collection partners.

Stay tuned to Clackamas Fire's social media and ClackamasFire.com for the parade schedule and drop-off locations. Thank you to our generous community for helping make the holidays brighter for local families!





*photo from a cooking fire Clackamas Fire responded to

Winter Safety Tips: Keep Your Home Safe and Warm

As temperatures drop and we spend more time indoors, the risk of home fires and other accidents can increase. Follow these simple winter safety tips to protect your family and home:

Cooking Safety

- Never leave cooking unattended. Turn off burners if you leave the kitchen.
- Keep towels, oven mitts, paper products, and other flammable items away from hot surfaces.
- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from hot appliances and boiling liquids.
- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home due to the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Candle Safety

- Choose flameless, battery-operated candles whenever possible.
- Keep lit candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Never leave candles unattended. Extinguish them before leaving the room or going to bed.
- Keep candles, matches, and lighters out of reach of children and pets.

Space Heater Safety

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including furniture, curtains, bedding, children, and pets.
- Place heaters on a stable, level surface and choose models with automatic tip-over shutoff.
- Plug heaters directly into a wall outlet—never use extension cords or power strips.
- Turn heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed. Never use them to dry clothing or warm bedding.
- Check cords regularly for damage and discontinue use if a heater is damaged.

A Few More Winter Safety Reminders

- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms monthly.
- Make sure alarms are installed in the appropriate locations throughout your home.
- Create and practice a home fire escape plan with your family.

A little preparation goes a long way! By following these simple precautions, you can help keep your home and loved ones safe throughout the winter season.



CLACKAMAS FIRE BY THE NUMBERS



JUL-AUG-SEP

APPARATUS RESPONSES

10,407 ^{^ 8%}
FROM APR-MAY-JUN



TOTAL

39

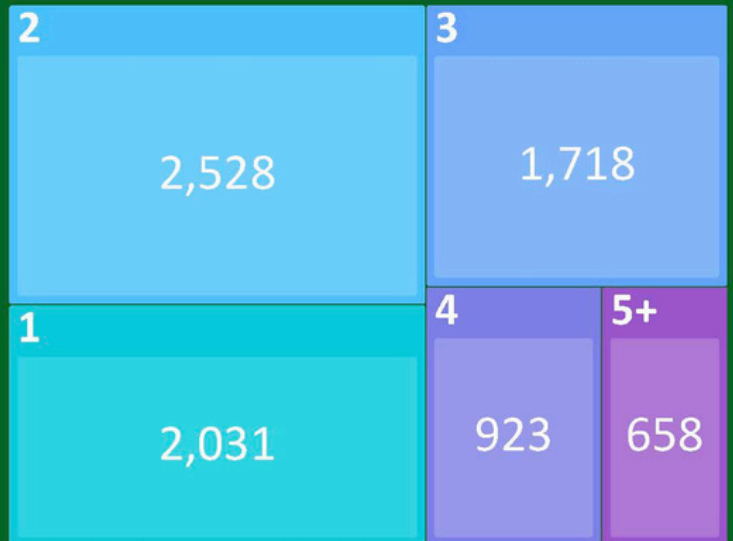
LIVES SAVED

MONTHLY AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME

1:26



CONCURRENT CALLS



TOTAL

213

SEASONAL

(WILDLAND - BRUSH - GRASS)

TOTAL

61

CARDIAC

ARRESTS

TOTAL

364

ACCIDENTS

(VEH - PED - NON-INJURY)

TOTAL

42

STRUCTURE
FIRES

TOTAL

11

SPECIALTY
RESCUES

TOTAL

\$10.3M

PROPERTY SAVED

COMMUNITY EVENTS

163

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

≈23,850

INSPECTIONS & PLAN REVIEW

442

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

85

96

REQUESTS
(SMK ALARM - LOCK BOX)