

January 2021



Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue Annual Report

“Servicing the community of Crooked River Ranch by providing superior service through prevention, education, emergency response and community involvement.”

Message from your Fire Chief, Harry Ward



It is with great pride that the officers, volunteers, and staff of Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue present this 2020 annual report. The data contained in this report serves as a testament to the professionalism and dedication of our firefighters and staff.

We are thankful for the support that we continually get from our community, our Board of Directors, and our surrounding fire districts that we have been able to work alongside with in 2020.

This summer we put five student volunteers and one other volunteer through a Firefighter academy. In the eight weeks of the program, each participant attended more than 300 hours of training consisting of wildland and structural firefighting, driving and firefighter safety (including cancer prevention and stress management). Each student in this academy did extremely well.

As we work through our strategic plan from 2018, many of our goals have been met this past year. The purchase of new emergency medical equipment was a major milestone for us. Through a grant we were able to purchase new heart monitors, and a new LUCAS automatic CPR machine. Also purchased by a grant was a new breathing air compressor. The biggest item we purchased was our new ambulance. These new purchases will allow Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue to provide the best emergency medical care possible, as well as keeping our personnel safe.

We started a new Community Risk Reduction plan. A major focus is on the commercial area of the Ranch. Our goal is to do pre-incident planning for each of the commercial businesses on Commercial Loop. This will allow us to make better decisions should there be a fire in one of those structures. Another major focus of the plan continues to be wildfires. With the devastating fires that we saw last summer our plan is to focus on wildfire preparedness for 2021. In the next year you will see lots of information on how to prepare your property, what to do in case of evacuations, and we will continue to have our annual Emergency Preparedness event. We also want to thank the Crooked River Ranch Lions Club for supporting wildfire preparedness by having a free day for homeowners to bring limbs and brush to the limb dump last year and hope we can do it again in 2021.

This past year has also been one that we will never forget. As COVID-19 consumed all our lives, Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue took on the challenge. All our events were canceled, and we missed seeing all of you at those events. Our response to emergency medical calls also changed by using more personnel protective equipment to keep our personnel safe, as well as having to keep our doors locked to the public. These new changes will help those we serve, as well as ourselves, safe while we continue to strive to meet our mission and provide superior service to the community of Crooked River Ranch. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our past year with you and enjoy this report.

GOVERNING BOARD OVERVIEW

Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue is an independent Fire District governed by a five-member, locally elected Board of Directors.

Working together in partnership, the Board directs and entrusts that the district achieves its mission in an ethical, transparent, accountable, and prudent manner. Each board member is accountable for functions such as reviewing and adopting the annual budget, approving financial reports, hiring and evaluating the Fire Chief, setting standards, controls and policies, as well as connecting with the community. Meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday of every month, along with special meetings and workshops, as needed. Please visit our website at www.crrfire.org for all meeting details.

Below you will find your current Board of Directors:

Position #1 – Brad Pahl, term expires 6/2021



Position #2 – John Meredith, term expires 6/2021



Position #3 – Jeff Green, term expires 6/30/2023



Position #4 – Barbara Oakley, term expires 6/30/2023



Position #5 – Mark W. Wilson, term expires 6/30/2023





OUR CREW MEMBERS...

Staff

Fire Chief/EMT, Harry Ward
Assistant Fire Chief/Paramedic, Sean Hartley
Administrative Assistant, Dana Schulke
Captain/Paramedic, David McDonald (A Shift)
Captain/Paramedic, Tom Fast (B Shift)
Captain/Paramedic, Alysha Delorto (C Shift)

Volunteers

Firefighter/EMT, Brodie Blok
EMT, Zach Cota
EMT, Kacey Davey
Lieutenant/EMT, Frank Day
Firefighter/Paramedic, Travis Delorto
Lieutenant/EMT, Robert Edwards
Firefighter, Dan Marsh
Wildland Firefighter/EMT-I, Marta McGovern-Philpott
Rope Rescue/Wildland Firefighter, Jeffrey Scheetz
Firefighter/Paramedic, Garrett Schweigert
Firefighter/EMT, Dennis Senko
Firefighter/Paramedic, Colton Steinke
Firefighter/Paramedic, Myrsideys Steinke
Firefighter/Paramedic, Amy Weddle
Firefighter/EMT, Cody White
Firefighter/Paramedic, Adam Wiley

Central Oregon Community College Students

Firefighter/EMT, Andrew Dempewolf
Firefighter/EMT, Gregory Haner
Firefighter/EMT, Damion Hatch
Firefighter/EMT, Manisha Khatewoda
Firefighter/EMT, Chase Wylder

Support Volunteers

Troy Carter, Donna Carter, Edwin Gregory, Ron Gregory, Patricia Hayes, Doreen Huff, Mark Jaehnig, Zee Marsh, Joan McKenzie, Jim McNamara, Kay Norberg, Collen Senko, Jeaneva Senko, Jenny Templeton, Dawn Sorensen, Tina Wilson.

“Serving our Community with Courage, Pride, Honor, Commitment and Integrity.”

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

Local Cub Scout Pack 72 of Crooked River Ranch and Terrebonne taking a tour of our station.



Annual Labor Day Breakfast at the Station

Trunk or Treat Halloween event



Annual Burn of the Lions Limb Dump off of Sand Ridge Rd.



WE HONOR THE FALLEN

Light the Night for Fallen Firefighter is an annual event by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Each year we honor those who have died in the line of duty by changing the outside lights on our building to red, which is a glowing reminder of their sacrifice.



CALL VOLUMN SUMMARY...

Statistics	2018	2019	2020
Vegetation/Structure/Vehicle Fires	33	19	37
Overpressure Rapture/Explosion/Overheat (No Fire)	0	0	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	400	397	406
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	7	5	5
Service Call	102	69	84
Good Intent	58	68	62
False Alarm/False Calls	20	20	14
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0	1
Special Incident	2	0	2
Total:	622	578	611

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE DISTRICT

New Ambulance



In April of 2019 we acquired a new ambulance for the District. Our staff was highly involved in the design of the ambulance. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to cancel our apparatus housing ceremony for the residents to come and see our newly acquired purchase. We would like to thank Jana Offutt with Government Capital Corporation for her assistance for financing.

New SCBA Compressor, Heart Monitors and a LUCAS CPR Machine

(acquired with the Assistance to Firefighters Grant through FEMA)



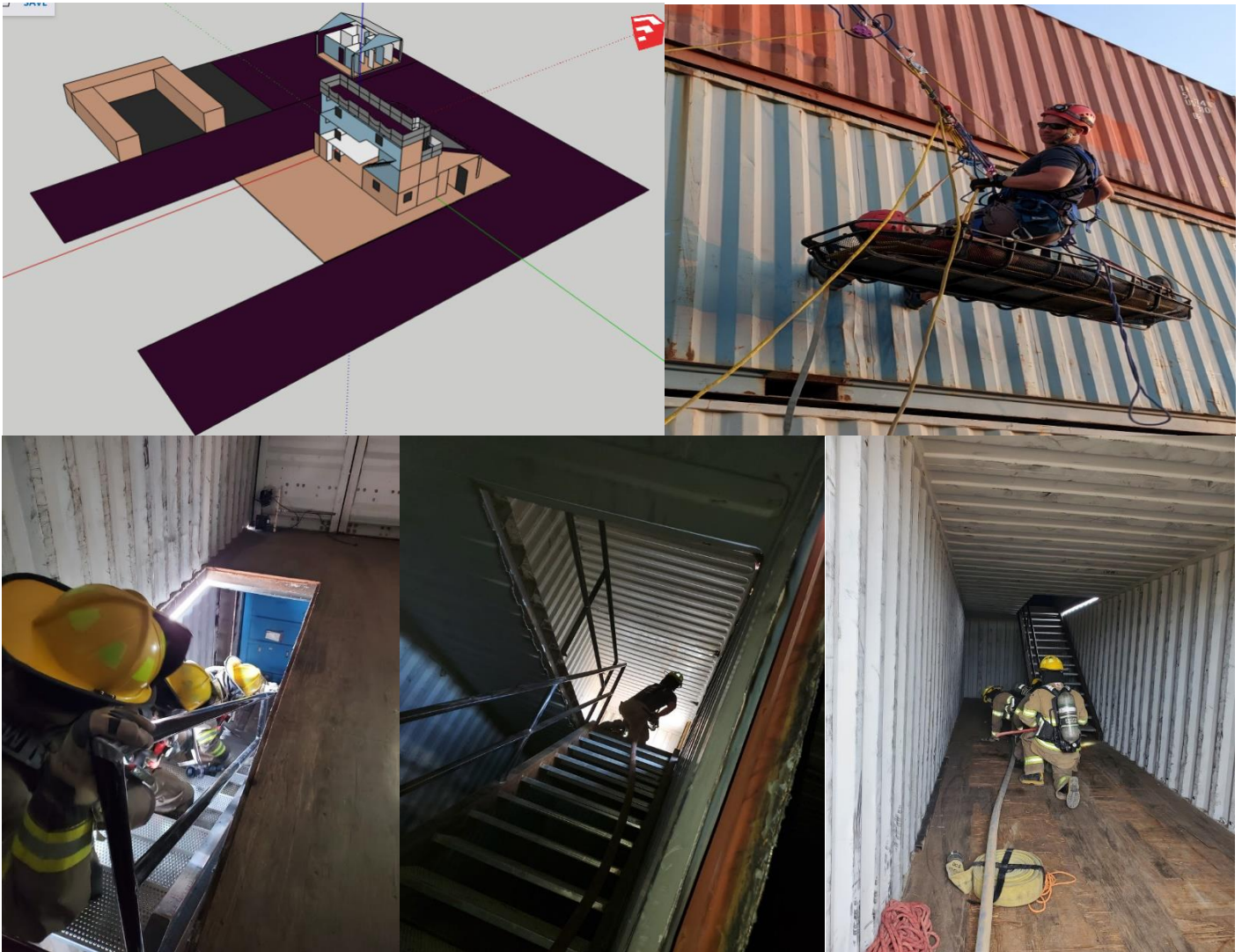


A special thank you goes out to one of our residents (who wishes to remain anonymous) for donating funds to purchase our extrication airbags.



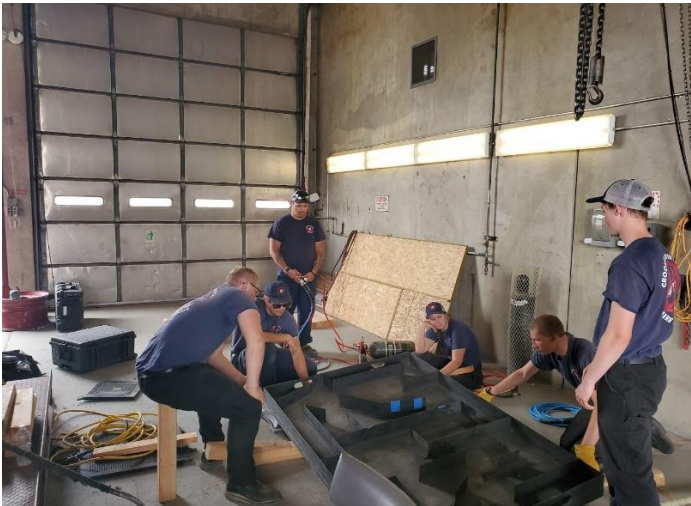
New Training Building

Some of you may have been wondering...what the heck are those shipping containers doing behind the fire station? Well, as a lot of fire districts are doing throughout the United States, we decided to build our own training facility. This three-story building assists our crew members in practicing, ladder training, ventilation, building search and rescue, forcible entry training, and rope rescue. Much of what you see in the construction of this building has been donated by various vendors in Central Oregon, or by receiving grants from the State of Oregon. By having our own training building on the property, it saves us money by not having to send our personnel to other facilities for training, along with having our students attend fire academy at our facility, rather than traveling to various locations in Central Oregon. We are proud to say that other fire districts in the area have come by to see it and are looking to do the same type of building for their own fire districts.



Student Academy 2020

COVID-19 presented many challenges for us. Normally our Central Oregon Community College students would be attending fire academy at another location, but we adapted and held our own academy at the station and made it work. We are thankful for our partnership with the College in recruiting students who want to learn Fire Science and Paramedine.



Academy Graduation Ceremony/August 2020



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

General Fund	Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Actual Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Actual Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Proposed & Adopted Expenditures/Supplemental Budget
Personnel Services	707,642.	796,269.	860,384.
Materials & Services	308,203.	343,559.	429,410.
Capital Outlay	13,949.	127,010.	10,502.
Debt Services	158,404.	165,800.	27,046.
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	-0-	13,909.	55,000.
Operating Contingency	3,359.	5,000.	44,096.
Ending Balance (Prior Years)	-0-		
Unappropriated Ending	174,910.	434,010	240,000.
Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total	\$1,366,467.	\$1,885,557	\$1,666,438

The District’s financial functions include accounting and budgeting, accounts payable/receivable, payroll, grant management, annual reporting and auditing, cash flow projections and various other financial tasks. Our fiscal year is from July 1st through June 30th.

The majority of the Fire District’s funding comes from the property taxes paid by our residents, who own property within the boundaries of the Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District. Additional revenue for the fire district is generated by the fees charged when patients are transported by ambulance to the hospital. Occasionally, the District also participates in State Fire Mobilizations through the summer months resulting in additional reimbursement revenue, which is only incorporated into our operating budget when an actual conflagration occurs. We do go through an annual auditing process, and the finalized reports are submitted to the District and our Board of Directors.



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue is constantly seeking alternate revenue sources to help offset the tax implication to our district taxpayers. We apply for grants to fund equipment and programs to maintain or enhance our services. All related funding guidelines are reviewed by the Fire Chief prior to determining whether an application should be submitted. The District may terminate grant-funded programs and associated positions when grant funds are no longer available unless alternate funding is identified. The table below includes the grants received in 2019/2020 and the status of each for a total of \$334,539 awarded:

Agency	Description of Request	Amount Awarded	CRRF&R Portion	Status
State of Oregon - DPSST	Funds to complete our training building behind the Station	\$40,000.	\$-0-	Awarded
Corona Virus Relief Fund	To reimburse additional supplies/staffing needed for COVID-19 pandemic	\$250,000.	\$250,000.	Awarded
Special Districts Association of Oregon Safety & Security Grant	To install fencing around the training grounds of property	\$5,000.	\$5,000	Awarded
Oregon Dept. of Forestry-Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant	To purchase supply hose, wildland hose packs	\$9,530	\$-0- (In-Kind Match for Volunteer Time)	Awarded
FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant	To purchase a new SCBA Compressor and Heart Monitors	\$121, 818.	\$6,091	Awarded

Our Vision: “Provide the Best Service and Protection for our Community”



WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE 5 STRESSES THAT FIREFIGHTERS DEAL WITH

By Michael Mores/ FireRescue 1 - Lexipol

1. The weight of responsibility that we bear is crushing.
2. We are not born with the knowledge necessary to be.
3. Fear of failure is the greatest unspoken fear that every firefighter carries with them.
4. We live with the knowledge that the risk of developing cancer is extremely high.
5. The things we see in this profession are worse than you could imagine.



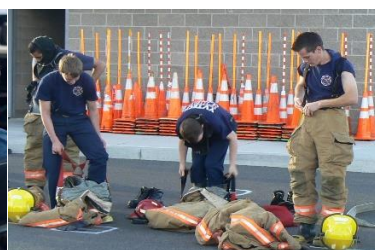
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CALL TO DISPATCH



9-1-1 CENTER PROCESSES CALLS AND DISPATCHES UNITS



DISPATCHED UNITS ARE DRESSED IN APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE GEAR IN PROPER APPARATUS



EMS OR FIRE RESPONDS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR EVACUATING CROOKED RIVER RANCH



PLAN, PREPARE AND STAY AWARE

As we all know, 2020 was the worst fire season in the State of Oregon. Many communities, cities and even fire districts were ravaged by devastation and loss. Over the past four years (with the exception of 2020), our fire district has held an Emergency Preparedness Open House in the spring to inform our residents to be prepared at any given moment.

With the help of Project Wildfire, there are signs placed throughout the Ranch which shows our residents which direction to go in case of evacuations. If there is a necessary evacuation needed, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, or the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office will inform residents to leave and where to go. This may be accomplished by phone notification or by going door-to-door. Our firefighters will be out fighting the wildfire with mutual aid assistance from the surrounding fire districts. Depending on the location of the fire and circumstances, will depend on where the Sheriff's deputies will tell you to go.

We are asking our residents to have a plan with your family members to be prepared and have packed necessary documentation, pictures, and medications. Have pet food for your pets, cell phones and a plan to assist your elderly neighbors. Jefferson County has a very detailed preparedness handbook that can be found on our website, as well as accessing the following website: <https://ready.gov/plan>

There are a few ways to stay informed. One of which is the Emergency Notification system for both Jefferson and Deschutes County. The Deschutes Alert System (DAS) and Frontier Regional Emergency Alert Systems can be utilized to notify the residents with important information during an emergency which includes Fire, Flooding, Public Welfare, Natural Disasters and Neighborhood Emergencies.

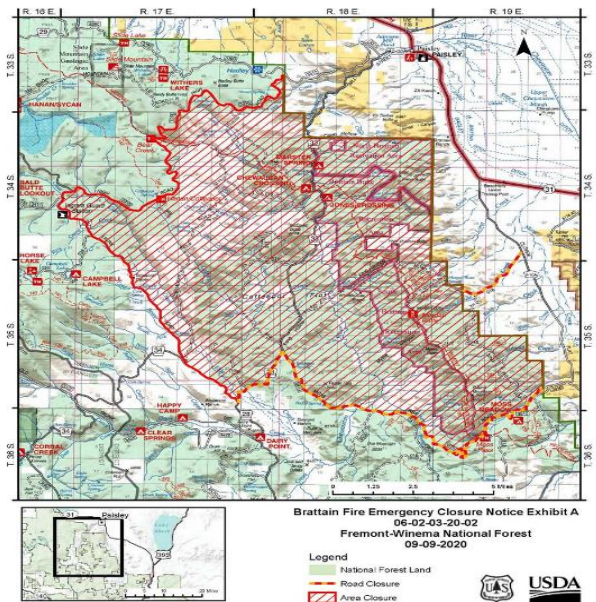
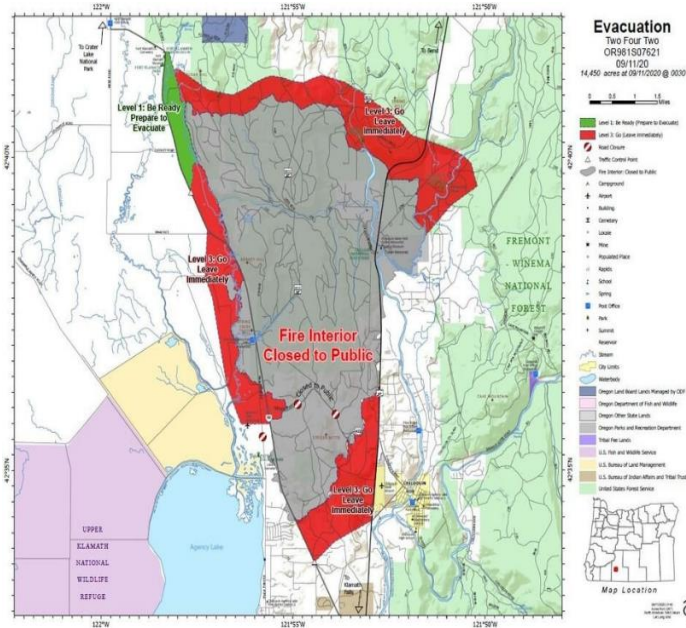
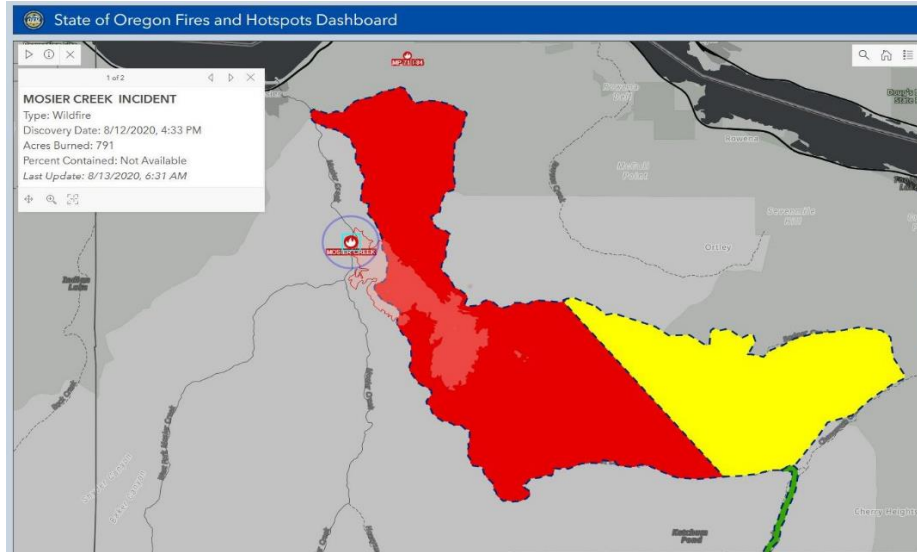
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Jefferson County: <https://member.everbridge.net/892807736724035/login>

Keep in mind that DAS and Frontier Regional Alert systems are great way to share emergency information with our residents, but registration will not guarantee notification of any specific event. You are still encouraged to visit and tune into our local news channel (KTVZ) and radio stations during a community crisis.

STATE OF OREGON CONFLAGRATIONS

Four of our crew members were assigned to three state conflagrations in 2020. They were the Mosier Creek Fire, the Two-Four-Two fire and the Brattain Fire. Each wildfire presented its own set of set of issues during this unprecedented time in Oregon's history. Most of the fire districts in the area did assist in trying to tackle all these fires and we are thankful that all our personnel that went came back safe and sound.



CONFLAGRATION

An uncontrolled fire, a conflagration destroys everything in its path.

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