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SPOT OF RECOGNITION

Fire Season 2024 was one for the books! The first day of summer ushered in the first conflagration, and things didn't slow down from there. Across the state of Oregon, 1.9 million acres burned, with several fires escalating into conflagrations that required an immediate response.

Throughout the fire season, our members responded to calls in our area, ranging from medical emergencies to smoke investigations and fires. In addition to protecting the citizens of our district, Silverton Fire District responded to 13 separate events, dispatching crews and apparatus to support communities in need. We would like to take a moment to recognize the individuals who took the time to provide reinforcement:

- **Darlene 3 Fire:** Kyle Miller and Isaac Kuenzi on T419, Keith Veit on IMT C402
- **Bodenhamer Fire IR:** Ian Peterson and Corey Selfridge on B437
- **Durkee Fire:** Kyle Miller and Ian Peterson on B437
- **Falls Fire:** Keith Veit on IMT C402 and Keith Smith on IMT S434
- **Cow Valley Fire:** Joseph Homutoff and Jason Tarpley on T419
- **Lone Rock Fire:** Joseph Homutoff and Jason Tarpley on T419
- **Elk Lane Fire:** Joseph Homutoff and Corey Selfridge on T419
- **Lee Falls Fire IR:** Dan Brown and Joseph Marinos on B437
- **Dixon Fire:** Keith Veit on IMT C402
- **Copperfield Fire:** Keith Veit on IMT C402
- **Rail Ridge Fire IR:** Joseph Homutoff and Corey Selfridge on B437
- **Bowman Wells Fire IR:** Dan Brown and Andrew Terhaar on T419
- **Service Fire IR:** Ray Dandeneau as ATFL

A huge thank you goes out to these individuals for answering the call to assist other districts throughout the state. Another big thank you is extended to all the members who responded to calls in our district this summer. It takes incredible teamwork and dedication not just to endure fire season, but also to assist others in their time of need.

OCTOBER

- 2nd Drill - Chaplain Joe on Chaplaincy and MVSPC presentation on 988 suicide hotline
- 8th Board Meeting
- 9th Association Meeting
- 14th - 18th Hose and Ladder Testing
- 16th Drill - NW Natural Gas
- 19th Scotts Mills BBQ Chicken Dinner
- 21st - 25th - Open House's
- 23rd Drill - Vehicle Extrication
- 26th Trunk or Treat
- 31st Trunk or Treat
- 31st Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 6th Drill - Randall's Children's Hospital: Pediatric Respiratory Emergencies
- 12th Board Meeting
- 13th Association Meeting
- 20th Drill - Farm Machinery Emergencies with Ted
- 23rd Burn to Learn
- 28th Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 4th Drill - WTF EMS!
- 10th Board Meeting
- 11th Association Meeting
- 11th Christmas Party
- 18th Drill - CST Presentation on Air Monitoring
- 25th Christmas
- 31st New Years Eve

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Bill Miles



It's hard to believe that summer is over and fall is here. We've had another busy summer with many of our members and our apparatus deployed to fires all around the state. As of today, we have sent people and equipment on thirteen deployments. Thank you to all who have gone and those that have helped with back-filling here at home to maintain our daytime response staffing. Also, a huge thank you to Candace for all her work getting the bills out to the State after the crews return so the District and crews can be reimbursed.

The OSFM Up-Staffing grant has been a huge help for us to provide expanded staffing in the evenings and on weekends. Many thanks to all those that have worked those extra shifts.

Congratulations to AC Veit for his success in obtaining an AFG grant for PPE washers and dryers. Now the work begins on finalizing quotes with equipment vendors, electricians, and plumbers to get the project completed.



The theme for Fire Prevention week this year will be "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" This theme fits right into the smoke alarm services we provide to the public. Contact Max if you have questions about the smoke alarm program. As plans start rolling out for Fire Prevention activities, please consider helping at the station open houses and other public education activities as they come up and contact Max or Dan if you have questions or want to help. Thank you!

Thank you all for your dedication and the service you provide our communities. The time that everyone dedicates to training and responding to calls for service is amazing.

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Keith Veit



FIRE SEASON '24

As we begin to close the chapter on the 2024 fire season, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to every district member who worked tirelessly to protect our community. Your unwavering dedication and resilience in the face of challenging conditions have ensured the safety of our residents



and contributed to a truly successful season. From the rapid response to local emergencies within the district to our efforts in addressing over a dozen conflagrations, members of this district have answered the call.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to those who responded to the conflagrations and participated in the subsequent backfilling. As we all know, these deployments are dynamic in nature, and this season went extremely smoothly.

Our OSFM grant-funded upstaffing has been successful and has met its objectives, particularly in keeping small fires small through rapid response. Thank you to our volunteers and staff who have participated in the upstaffing program.

On behalf of everyone who benefits from your service, thank you for your professionalism, dedication, and sacrifice. Your impact goes far beyond the fires you helped extinguish – you've strengthened our community and inspired confidence.

Upcoming Events / Information:

Life Fire Training: We will be conducting live fire training on November 23, 2024, at a donated structure. More information to come. Save the date!

Thank you all, and let's continue to support one another as we move forward.



TRAINING & RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR

Lt. Dan Brown



“The man in the arena”. One of my favorite “quotes”, from Teddy Roosevelt. If you've never read it, please come to my office, it's hanging in the doorway to the right, as you come in. Have some Pistachios while you read it! Regarding “the credit” in the quote: it's not who's watching you do the work, nor the ones critiquing the work being done; Monday-morning quarterbacking the actions you take or decisions being made...it's for “the man in the arena”. That's YOU. YOU who put in the work. YOU train for the sweat, the tears and so on. Or do you? If not you, then who's gonna do it? As for myself, I'm sure trying, aside from all the paper cuts from planning, entering hours and filing paperwork. Actually, Candace and Kaylee do the filing and get the most papercuts (bless their hearts), but I digress...**PROBIES:** It's been a heck of a year. Some of you are on point, on time, dedicated, doing the work. Some of you need to work on that, and that's ok...now you know. **EVERYONE ELSE:** Ditto to what the probies go, but also remember this: You are what's next in line for the probies. Mentor them. Be their example! Be there for them, and show them what it's supposed to look like. Come to drill, train until you can't get it wrong and show them how. Impart your knowledge on those coming up the ranks behind you. “This is the Way”.



October marks my busy time of the year with recruiting, planning Academy, reviewing 2024's training plans and plan training for 2025. Chief Veit and I can't do it on our own. We need the help from our TAG group, who have done an amazing job ideating and coordinating quarterly drill plans. We've accomplished a lot of excellent drills in the past couple years, and we'd like to keep it moving forward! If you have any ideas for training, props, budget items as it pertains to training, please get ahold of any of the TAG members so they can be presented to the group! Here's what we got accomplished in the last year: Rescue Randy rebuilt, and a 3rd Randy; a 2nd airway head; training command/accountability boards; adding CPR dummies and trainer AED's to our inventory, not only for our members, but also to teach CPR to the public. We also received a PubEd grant from OSFM to update and increase our outreach of Fire Safety to the public, allowing us to update recruiting/PubEd materials, as well as a much-anticipated refresh of the Recruiting/PubEd trailer, due to be completed Early October...come check it out! Keep an ear and eyes out for Interview Panels! We will be conducting interviews for Academy in mid-October. We will also need help with the Academy Physical Agility course. NFPA Certified Instructors: Keep an ear out for Academy Instructor meetings coming up in November! We also have many Burn-to-Learn opportunities coming up in the next couple months, November 23rd for sure!



We will be conducting Open Houses again the 21st – 25th of October...keep an eye out for station dates, and represent your Station/Battalion at each station!



Here we are in the last quarter of 2024! Some announcements are as follows:

- EMR Class is starting in October
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month is October, which means I will have pink EMS gloves for those that would like to use them and show support

Our 2024 EMS Certification Recognition:

EMT-B

Jared Breitbach
 David Kneeland
 Matthew Lockman
 Weston Luthi
 Wyatt Tegen
 Parker Hopkins
 Stefan Zahn

AEMT

Max Hughes
 Ted Klopfenstein
 Julie Hansen



FIRE PREVENTION

Max Hughes

FIRE PREVENTION SPOTLIGHT: Celebrating Garnet Cooke, 2024 Silver Sparky Award Recipient!

We are thrilled to recognize Garnet Cooke as the 2024 recipient of the Silver Sparky Award for her outstanding contributions to fire prevention in the Silverton community. For the past eight years, Garnet has passionately championed wildfire preparedness, bringing critical information to local events, fairs, and community gatherings.



Her hands-on demonstrations and approachable style have empowered countless Oregonians to better understand how to reduce fire risks and protect their homes from wildfires. What makes Garnet's work truly special is her dedication as an independent advocate – working tirelessly on her own, without being tied to any organization. She simply sees the need and steps up to meet it.

Through her consistent efforts, Garnet has made a lasting impact on wildfire safety awareness. Her passion for protecting our community has helped residents take concrete steps toward preparedness, and we are honored to acknowledge her hard work with this award.

Thank you, Garnet, for your incredible dedication and service to our community!

QUARTER MASTER

River Savage



Hey everyone! With Fire Season starting to dwindle down, let's start thinking about our structure PPE again. If there are any issues with your PPE, please reach out.

Talking about turnouts, we have another order of Lakeland turnouts in the work. I have also ordered some new/different traffic vests for us to try out. Once they go into service, I would appreciate any feedback, good or bad!

Last thing, just a reminder. I do still have spare hoods in my office if anyone is in need.



MAINTENANCE

Ian Peterson

Annual testing timeline for 2024:

October

- Annual hose testing and ground ladder testing.

November-December

- SCBA annual flow testing.

Completed Projects and Repairs:

- New decking on the trailer at Station 1
- New generator at Station 8
- New tank lid on T418
- Adding toolboxes on T418 and T428 on top of the tanks
- New tires on U432 and E416



OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Candace Cantu

Although we still have much to celebrate this year, 2024 is almost over 😊 During this time, I begin thinking about W2's and want to ensure that I have your current mailing address on file. If you have recently changed your mailing address, please send me a quick email with the updated information.

Speaking of celebrating, we are looking forward to our Annual Awards Banquet in February 2025. As in previous years, we are forming a banquet committee that can coordinate decorations, food, invitations, clean up and slide show. If you and/or your significant other would be interested in participating on the committee (as much or as little as you want), please contact Kaylee at kaylee.spencer@silvertonfire.com with your response! More information to come to begin discussion and planning.

BIG HUGS to each of you who ensured that your timesheets were submitted on-time for upstaff and backfill shifts!

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A WORD FROM THE SOUTH BATTALION



PORTLAND STAIR CLIMB

On September 15th, FF Weston Luthi, FF Emily Zars, FF Clair Varney, and Lt. Ray Dandeneau participated in Portland Firefighter Stair Climb Challenge. The event is a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and consists of climbing 40 flights at the US Bancorp Tower in Portland in full turnouts and on air. This year, they raised \$1001.04 for the foundation. If you are interested in participating next year or want to help raise money for the team, please contact Lt. Dandeneau.

TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

The 24th annual Silverton Firefighter's Toy and Food Drive will run November 11th through December 20th. We have a goal each year of collecting 10,000 lbs. of food for our local food bank and collecting a toy for every child in the Tree of Giving program. Here are some key dates:

Week of December 1st: Pre-bag homes

Saturday December 7th: Door to Door Collection

Sunday December 8th: Door to Door Collection and Toy Drop Off

Monday December 9th: Food Delivery to SACA

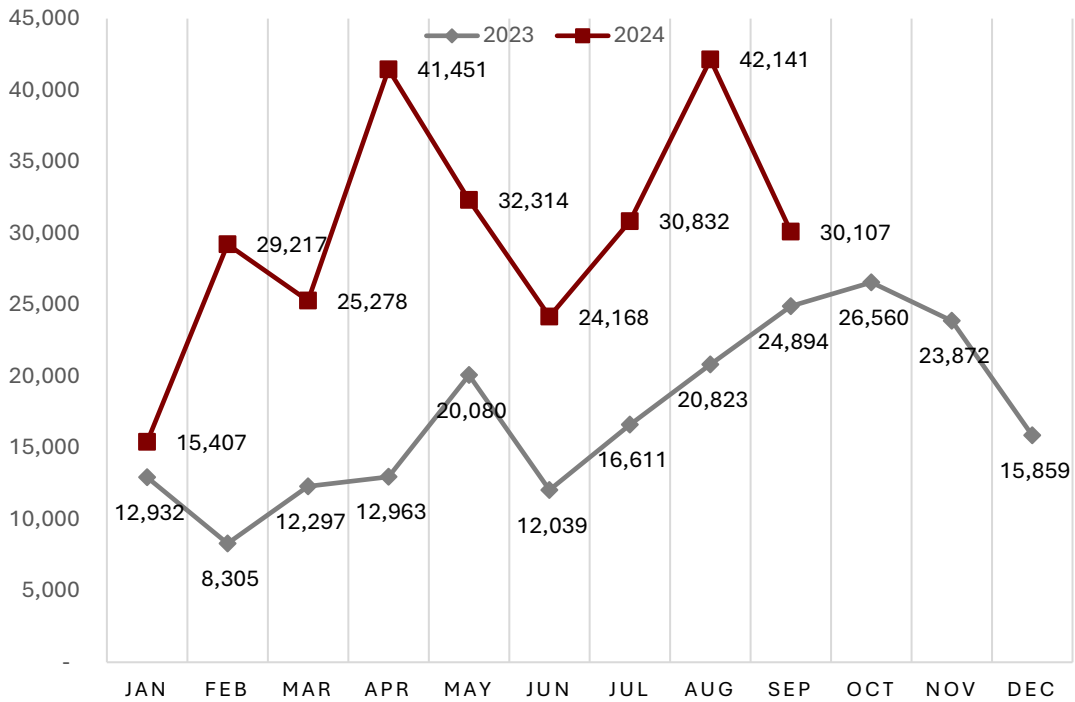
TBD: Building stockings for SACA

TBD: Santa Events (Assisting local businesses such as Les Schwab and Silverton Bake Shop)



Help is needed to make this drive successful with the most help needed when we pre bag the homes (distributing over 3000 bags) and on Saturday, December 7th, where we will collect the bulk of the food. Friends and family members are welcome to assist, and these events are also a good opportunity to get drive time. A signup sheet will be posted at Station 1 when we get closer.

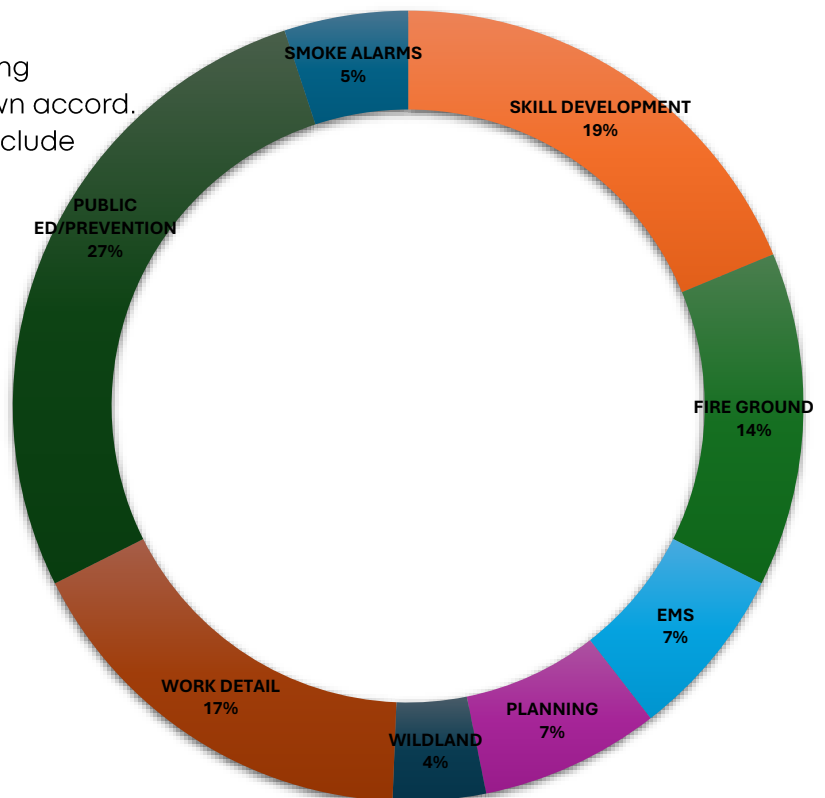
2024 WEBSITE VIEWS



ACTIVITY HOURS

Quarter 3

Activities by members are hours beyond regular Wednesday night drills. These include Academy training and other training completed by members on their own accord. Public education and public assistance events can include many different functions; school assemblies, first Fridays, installing smoke alarms and batteries. Work Detail is when a volunteer(s) help with maintenance, cleaning, EMS Standby for sports etc.



DRILL PARTICIPATION Quarter 3

Data used for this report is rendered from the number of current active firefighters on our roll sheets divided by the number of personnel that attended drill night.

Additionally, drill nights typically follow a consistent training activity schedule as listed below:

1st Wednesday

Safety Committee, Apparatus Inspections, EMS Related Topic

2nd Wednesday

Officer's Meeting, Apparatus Inspections, Association Meetings

3rd Wednesday

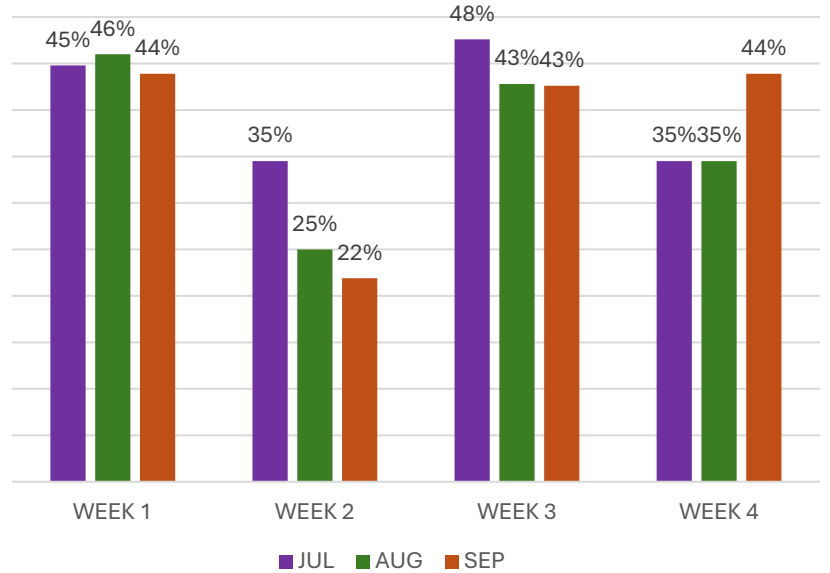
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4th Wednesday

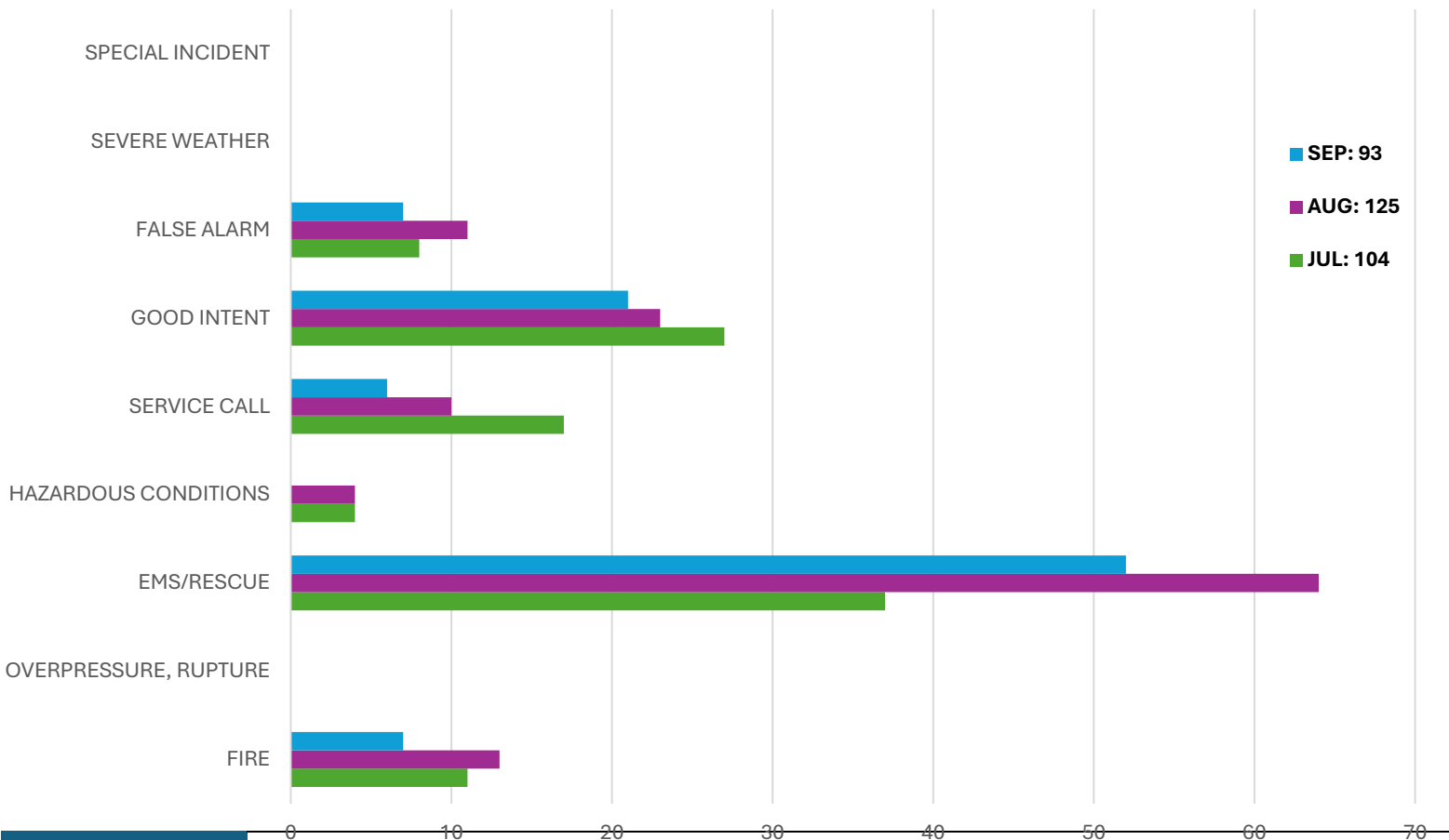
Apparatus Inspections, Fire Related Topic

5th Wednesday

When fifth Wednesdays are present in the month, Officer or specialty training is given.



CALL DATA Quarter 3



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Quarter 2

