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UPCOMING

JANUARY

- 1st New Years Day: Drill Night
- 3rd Academy Starts
- 8th Association Meeting
- 14th Board Meeting
- 15th Drill Night
- 20th Martin Luther King Day
- 22nd Drill Night
- 29th Drill Night



SPOT OF RECOGNITION

The following individuals have resigned from their volunteer position at Silverton Fire District. Thank you for your service!

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| • Aaron Graf | • Nathaniel Gubbels |
| • James Tolmachoff | • Anthony Cortes |
| • Mercedes Sosa-Rodriguez | • Jamie Morrison |
| • Deb Conner | • Derek Hoagland |
| • Kurt Sommer | |

A warm welcome to the new recruits currently going through the 2024 Academy!

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| • Taylor Alexander | • Henry Bielenberg |
| • Deanna Grimstead | • Killian Knaus |
| • Lillie Peterson | • Trevor Redman-Brown |
| • Brody Sullivan | |



FEBRUARY

- 5th Drill Night
- 12th Association Meeting
- 11th Board Meeting
- 14th Valentines Day
- 15th Annual Awards Banquet
- 17th Presidents Day
- 19th Drill Night
- 26th Drill Night

MARCH

- 5th Drill Night
- 11th Board Meeting
- 12th Association Meeting
- 17th St Patrick's Day
- 19th Drill Night
- 26th Drill Night

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

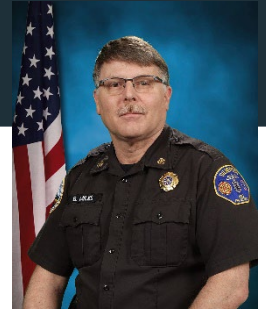
- CPR Recert

CERTIFICATE COURSES:

- FF1 Academy
- CPR Certification

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Bill Miles



Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that 2024 is over and 2025 is here. Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good holiday season.

To the dedicated men and women of the Silverton Fire District, as we ring in the New Year, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment to our community. Your courage, professionalism, and selfless service shine through every day, whether responding to emergencies or educating our residents on fire safety. Let's continue to build upon our strong team spirit, always prioritizing the safety of our community and each other. Happy New Year, and here's to another year of serving with pride!



As we finish the 2024 reporting and associated paperwork, we look back at all we have accomplished, and there is a lot to be proud of. Once again there have been many of you this past year who have accomplished a lot and have obtained certifications as EMT's, EMR's, Drivers, and Fire Officers. I am very proud of everyone's hard work and dedication.

Thanks to Lt. Dan Brown for continuing to do a fantastic job of recruiting and bringing in 7 combat volunteers and for all the hard work of organizing and running the Academy. There is a huge amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to make the Academy go. I also want to give a big thanks to all the volunteers and staff that give up their weekends to instruct and assist training these new volunteers. Training new volunteers is one of the most vital programs we have and it is one of the most rewarding and important things our members do as trainers and mentors.

The 2025 Training Academy starts Friday, January 3rd with 10 students; 7 from Silverton, 2 Monitor, and 1 Drakes Crossing.

I want to give a huge "shout out" to Lt. Ray Dandeneau for his leadership and tireless dedication in running a successful Food and Toy Drive again this year. His efforts continue to produce huge food and toy donations which coupled with his partnerships with Zenith Women's Club, SACA and several other community groups, go to help hundreds of families in the Silver Falls School District. Thank you Lt. Dandeneau!

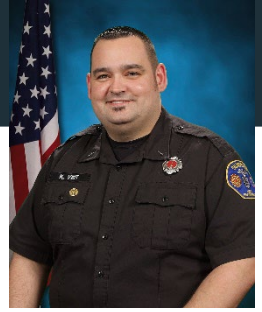
Winter is upon us! Let's enjoy those cool nights safely. If you are using a space heater, I urge you to do it safely. Establish a three-foot kid and pet-free zone around the heater, and never put a heater inside a child's room. Keep your space heater at least three feet away from combustible materials, and make sure you turn the heater off when you go to bed or leave the room.



As we reflect on the past year, let's remember the importance of community and the strength that we share. Your commitment to fire prevention, emergency preparedness, and looking out for each other plays a crucial role in making our communities a safer place to live.

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Keith Veit



Updates Around the District

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Project:

The district received a grant for new NFPA 1851 compliant PPE extractors and dryers. The scope of this project includes two new extractors with chemical pumps, two new drying cabinets and required facility upgrades such as plumbing and electrical work. Contractors have been selected and the facility upgrades are well under way. I estimate this project to be completed in early February.

FEMA AFG Grant Application:

The most recent FEMA AFG grant application period has also opened and closed. After careful consideration, we selected the scope of this project to include replacement of our SCBA filling station and compressor unit. Our current unit has been well maintained and has served us well; however, the unit is approximately 25 years old. This grant application was submitted as a regional grant in partnership with Drakes Crossing Fire District. It is not clear when the grant review process will begin and potential award notifications will be made, but we will keep the membership informed.

SPIRE Program Award:

Last year, the district was awarded a grant from Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) under the SPIRE program. The scope of the award is a fuel transport trailer. OEM recently reached out to report that they are currently entering into the procurement process to purchase the trailers. Our intent is to utilize this trailer during a potential disaster to facilitate going outside the district to obtain fuel if our supply becomes depleted in district to ensure emergency response and disaster mitigation/recovery efforts can occur.

B407:

The new B407 project is moving along. We have submitted our order to purchase the chassis (RAM 5500). More updates to come!

Upcoming Events and Information

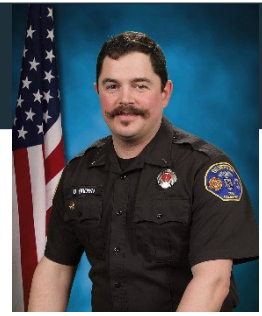
- Once the new PPE extractors/dryers have been installed, we will be delivering training on the operation of the new equipment.
- Academy '25 has started! Lots of help is always needed to help instruct. Please contact Lt. Dan Brown if you are interested!
- Officers Testing: The district will soon announce an officers testing promotional process. Once completed, successful candidates will be placed onto an eligibility list and/or into currently vacant positions. More information to come!



Thank you for all your good work. Let's continue to support one another as we move forward into 2025!

TRAINING & RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR

Lt. Dan Brown



SO THAT HAPPENED.....


Check out all the Certifications we won in 2024! (This list doesn't include the applications still in the queue at DPSST, or EMS certs that haven't been finalized before 12-17-2024).

Once again... as usual, we're KILLING IT as far as training goes! Drill attendance is up. We've been seeing a great variation in instructors for EMS. Regular drill nights have been full of great opportunities to learn AND instruct! Officers are stepping up. Our EMS numbers are beyond reproach. Fire certs are flowing in like the salmon of Capistrano!! We're kickin' ass, Seabass!!

We have a TON of great ideas coming to fruition over the next year on the training schedule. Thanks to everyone's input and the Training Advisory Group putting it all together for us. If you have any ideas, wants, or needs for training, talk to one of us! Myself, Chief Veit, Jen Homutoff, Cleo Zars, Lt Redman-Brown. If you're from the South Battalion and are interested in being part of the TAG group, let's talk!

As we head into 2025: remember to get your IMCT stuff done early and often. Officers: please push your crews to comply so we look good in the eyes of the OSHA gods. Come help out at Academy! The schedule is posted at Station 1 on the cork board. 7 from Silverton, 2 from Monitor, and possibly 2 from Drake's this year...small class, but anyone available to assist with training will be gladly accepted! We make ourselves better when we instruct, which in turn makes those we teach STRONGER!!

Be more involved. Learn more. Do more. THIS IS THE WAY.

Silverton Fire District

 2025 Training Plan

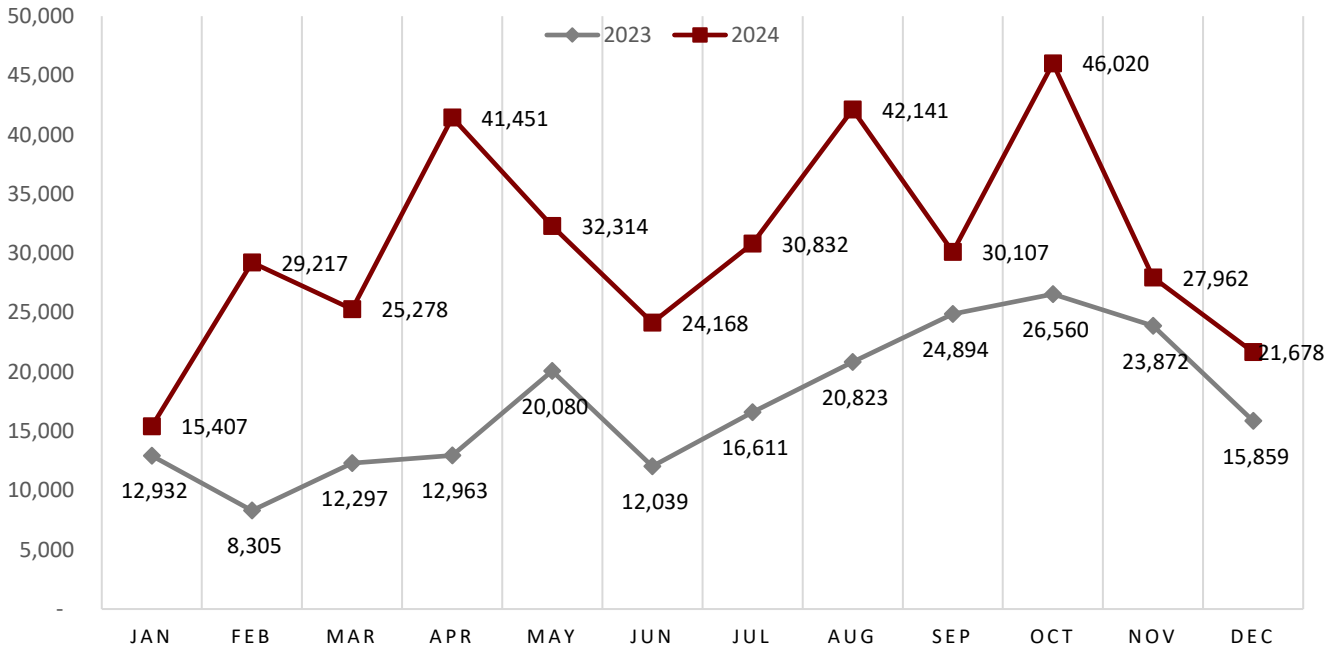
Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-June	July - Sept.	Oct.- Dec.
FIRE/RESCUE Operations 5th Wed= Size ups 1/29 C= Zars & Matteson	FIRE/RESCUE Wildland 5th Wed = ??? 4/29 C= Redman & Klopfenstein	FIRE/RESCUE MVA/Haz Mat 5th Wed = Picnic 7/30 C= Tarpley & Brown	FIRE/RESCUE Structure 5th Wed = ??? Oct 29 C= Veit & Jen Homutoff
DPSST- FLAG Prop SOG - OPS BIR/Size ups 1st 5 min Medical/Trauma MVA patient assessment 1st 5 mins Public Service	Pumper Relay Farm Machinery Rescue -April Bump & Run with Tenders Brush Rig Rodeo 1st 5 min Wildland Life Flight LZ ATV Ops	MVA Scenarios Airplane EV/Hybrid 1st 5 min MVA 1st 5 min Haz Mat Gas Monitors	1st 5 min Structure 1st 5 min Odor/Fire Alarm Downtown Target Hazards Company Evolutions Aerial Ops Search & Rescue
EMS Airway/Breathing/ Cardiology	EMS General Medical	EMS Trauma	EMS Mental Health
Cardiac Arrest Management Cardiac Arr Scenarios/AutoPulse	Medical Carnival Bedside Manner	Trauma Carnival Respiratory Emergencies	Burn Unit Special Needs
IMCT	IMCT	IMCT	IMCT
CPR recertification	Wildland PPE Inspections (NWCGR)RT130 (OSHA)Smoke/Heat Illness EMT RECERT 6-30-2025	IMCT Make ups	(OSHA)FIT Testing (OSHA) Structural PPE Inspection OSHA HazCom (OSHA)Annual BBP
Certification Training	Certification Training	Certification Training	Certification Training
FF1 Academy CPR	FF 1 Academy Wildland FFT2 & FFT1 MVS A/O?	NFPA Pumper/Operator NFPA Driver	EMR (Nov) FF1 - 12 month (TPE)

2024 NFPA/NWCG/DPSST CERTIFICATIONS

* Not including outstanding applications for certification

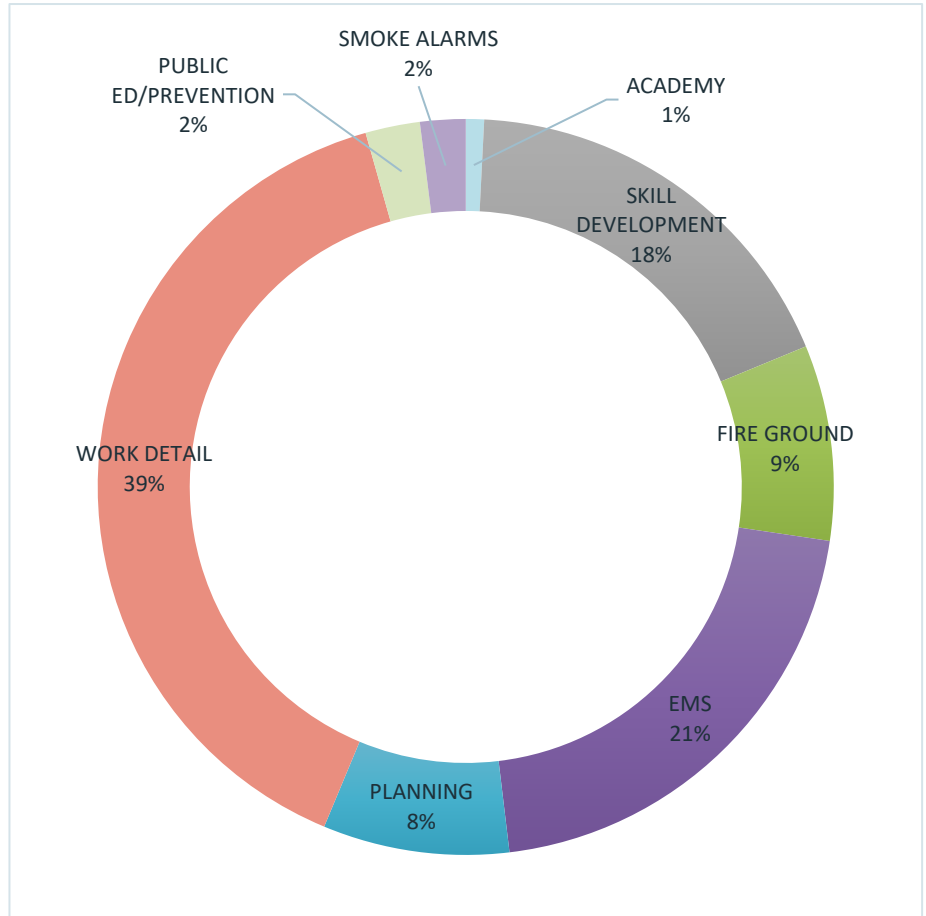
- **NFPA Firefighter 1**
Henry Butsch
Diego Flores
Parker Hopkins
Nathan Howell
Ian Isherwood
Clayton Kuenzi
Weston Luthi
Johnathan Milner
Tyler Nightingale
Noah Price
Brandon Schurter
Corey Selfridge
Abigail Tallent
Stefan Zahn
- **NFPA Firefighter 2**
Ryan Redman-Brown
Wyat Tegen
- **NFPA Fire App. Driver/Op**
Carson Brock
Parker Hopkins
Weston Luthi
Giovanni Neves
Tyler Nightingale
James Ruks
Corey Selfridge
- **NFPA App. Equipped w/Fire Pump**
Jared Breitbach
Parker Hopkins
Don Matteson
Ben Netter
Giovanni Neves
Corey Selfridge
Ben Sichley
Jason Tarpley
River Savage
Claire Varney
Stefan Zahn
- **NFPA Mobile Water Supply**
Steve Baker
Dan Brown
Joe Homutoff
Jesse Hulett
Ted Klopfenstein
Joseph Marinos
Ian Peterson
Buck Pilmore
Randle Redman-Brown
Corey Selfridge
Andrew Terhaar
Jim Terhaar
Keith Veit
- **NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations**
Henry Butsch
Diego Flores
Parker Hopkins
Nathan Howell
Ian Isherwood
Clayton Kuenzi
Weston Luthi
Johnathan Milner
Tyler Nightingale
Noah Price
Brandon Schurter
Corey Selfridge
Abigail Tallent
Darrin Warriner
Stefan Zahn
- **NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness**
Danyelle Ort
Rochelle Schmidt
- **NFPA Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 1**
Julie Hansen
Abigail Hulett
Dawn Montoya
Ben Netter
- **NFPA Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 3**
Keith Veit
- **NFPA Live Fire Instructor in Charge**
Dan Brown
Buck Pilmore
- **NFPA Fire Officer 1**
Steve Baker
Dan Brown
Jesse Hulett
James Klopfenstein
Ted Klopfenstein
Buck Pilmore
Wyatt Tegen
- **Wildland Firefighter Type 2**
Henry Butsch
Diego Flores
Matt Guenther
Jen Homutoff
Parker Hopkins
Ian Isherwood
Clayton Kuenzi
Weston Luthi
Johnathan Milner
Giovanni Neves
Tyler Nightingale
Danyelle Ort
Noah Price
Rochelle Schmidt
Brandon Schurter
Ben Sichley
Abigail Tallent
Jason Tarpley
Darrin Warriner
Stefan Zahn
- **Wildland Firefighter Type 1**
River Savage
- **Wildland Engine Boss, Single Resource**
Joe Homutoff
- **Oregon Emergency Medical Responder**
Matt Guenther
Nathan Howell
Anthony Klopfenstein
Clayton Kuenzi
Tyler Nightingale
Danyelle Ort
Noah Price
Abigail Tallent
Andrew Terhaar
- **Oregon Emergency Medical Technician**
Parker Hopkins
Ian Isherwood
David Kneeland
Weston Luthi
Johnathan Milner
Giovanni Neves
Wyatt Tegen
Stefan Zahn
- **Oregon Advanced Emergency Medical Technician**
Julie Hansen
Max Hughes
Ted Klopfenstein
- **Oregon Advanced Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic**
Ryan Breitbach

2024 WEBSITE VIEWS



ACTIVITY HOURS
Quarter 4

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 4

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

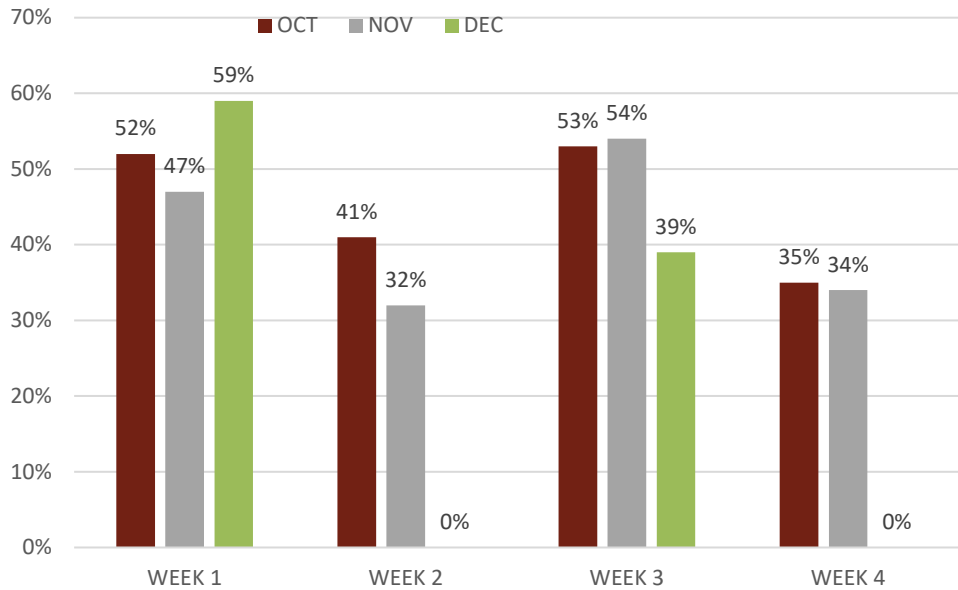
Apparatus Inspections, Fire Related Topic

4th Wednesday

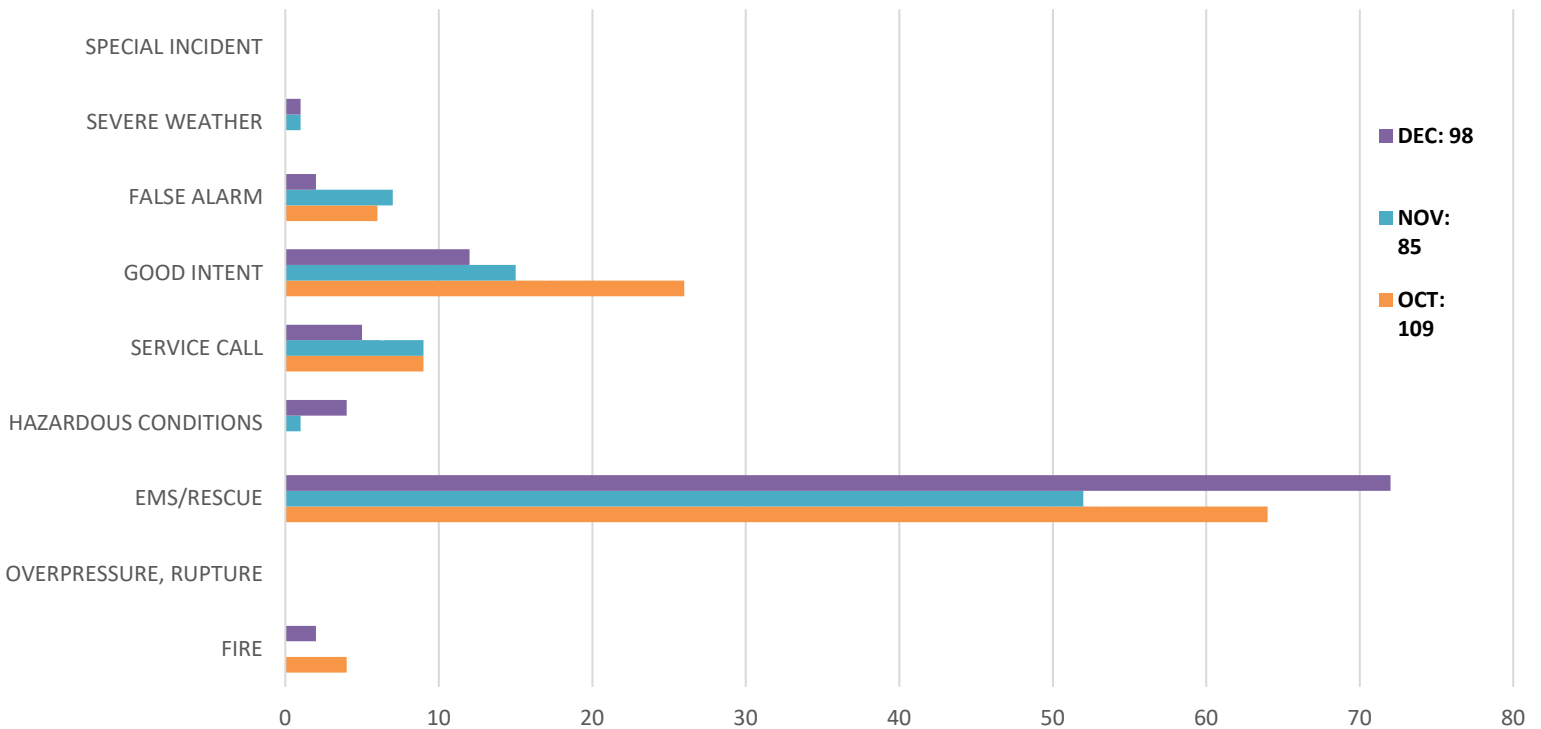
Apparatus Inspections, Fire Related Topic

5th Wednesday

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



CALL DATA
Quarter 4



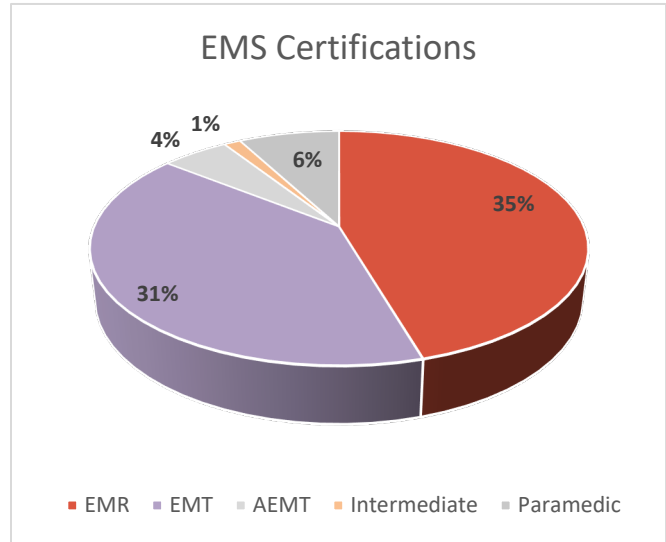


It's cold and flu season again! As we run calls, be aware and wear the appropriate PPE. Let's work together to make sure that equipment being used is sanitized and restored after calls. There are Sani-Wipes located in all of the stations for this.

Check out the EMS stats as of this quarter!

- EMR – 26 personnel
- EMT – 23 personnel
- AEMT – 3 personnel
- Intermediate – 1 personnel
- Paramedic – 4 personnel

Congrats to our newly certified EMR's and our new EMT's!



FIRE PREVENTION

Max Hughes



FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION UPDATE

Silverton Fire District recently installed a life-saving device: a bed shaker alarm for a local resident!

This specialized alarm is designed to assist individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing by providing an alternative way to be alerted during a fire emergency. Instead of detecting smoke itself, the bed shaker is activated when it hears a smoke alarm in the home. Once triggered, the device emits strong vibrations under the mattress and may include a flashing light, ensuring the user is alerted even when sleeping.

These devices play a crucial role in making fire safety accessible to everyone in our community. By ensuring all residents have equal opportunity for early fire detection, we're reducing risks and improving outcomes during emergencies. If you know someone who could benefit from an adaptive smoke alarm, have them contact our office for more information. Together we can make our community safer!



Hey everyone! With the new year starting, make sure your turnouts and other PPE are in good working order. If you have any issues, please reach out. Another order of Lakeland turnouts are on the way!

It's never too early to start thinking about wildland! As the next season approaches, start thinking about your wildland PPE. If anything is wrong with your gear, let me know ASAP! Wildland gear takes a long time to get here and even longer the closer we get to wildland season.

The new traffic vests are starting to be distributed. Keep an eye out for them!

Last reminder: I do still have some spare hoods in my office if anyone is in need.



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MAINTENANCE

Ian Peterson



SCBA testing is finished for the year!
Hydro testing for SCBA cylinders is scheduled for February.

Working on finishing the servicing for: L408, T428, T489
Please make sure you're filling out service orders as you come across any issues. It's winter and bad weather is on the way! Make sure everyone has tire chains ready to go!

2024 W2's WILL BE MAILED OUT MID-JANUARY!

*We look forward to seeing each of you at the **2025 Annual Awards Banquet on February 15, 2025!** Social hour will begin at 6:00pm at the Oregon Gardens! If you haven't already done so, please fill out the survey in the link emailed out to you. All feedback is appreciated!*

The district Award Program will recognize individuals who provide a standard of excellence to the District and its citizens through outstanding participation in the training, alarms, and volunteer activities. The awards are: Firefighter of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Medic of the Year, Officer of the Year, Support Member of the Year. The nominations for awards will be from Volunteers. Any member may nominate anyone. **Please complete a new form for each nomination-nominee.** Selection of award recipients will occur during the month of January. The Nominations will then be reviewed by chief officers who will select the award recipients. All personnel who are nominated will be recognized at the annual awards banquet in February.

Nominations must be submitted no later than 5:00pm on January 17, 2025. To make your nominations, visit our website under Members Only, 2024 District Award Nomination, or by scanning the following QR codes.

