

2020

Annual Report



Jefferson County Fire District #1

765 South Fifth St.

Madras, Oregon 97741

JCFD-1.org



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Our Mission

To protect life and property from fire, hazardous materials, and other perils, provide necessary basic life support services, and to preserve the quality of life for the citizens whom we protect.

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Year in Review

Brian Huff

2020 started off as a very normal or average year for the fire district. Then when the pandemic hit; the year became very unique with a lot of challenges. It was definitely interesting to have to scavenge for simple things like toilet paper, etc. We never expected to be wearing surgical masks while sitting at your desk if a co-worker comes into your work space, but we did it. We also got extra training at how to properly sanitize, everything! Then the summer hit and Oregon saw the most devastating wildland fires in history. Jefferson County sent firefighters and I out on the Lion's Head Fire. I have to say, after over 20 years of responding on large fire events, this year will never be forgotten. Some of the images will be forever in our minds.

While the year ended with a lot of challenges, your fire district personnel rose to the occasion and did an amazing job! I want to thank the many women and men of the fire district for sticking with it during this crazy year!

While 2020 was an extraordinary year for wildland fires, we also assisted other agencies with other types of incidents such as emergency medical services (EMS) at record levels. Year over year, we responded to assist on approximately 20% more medical related events over last year. This is not just a local trend. Fire and EMS agencies are seeing very large increases in medical calls for service.

Some accomplishments of the year; the fire district paid for new extrication tools (jaws of life) within budget. These tools will allow the fire district to gain access into the cabins of newer vehicles that have higher strength cabins or higher resistance to cutting and spreading tools. This was approximately \$63,000. Through our great partnership with the Federal wildland fire services in Central Oregon, the fire district was able to host our very own Smokey the Bear with a Fire Danger Sign, stop by and check him out!

As your fire district, we are here to serve you and what you have to say matters to us. We desire to continue to be interactive with our community through community events and social media. We have a Facebook page, you can comment, ask questions or make suggestions there as well as in person or over the phone.

We are all proud to serve the communities of Culver, Metolius, Madras and surrounding rural areas.

Thank you for supporting your fire district!

Brian Huff

Operation & Statistics

2020 Total Calls: 959

- 115- Fire Calls
- 431- Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident
- 27- Hazardous condition/ No fire
- 115 - Service Call
- 38- Good Intent
- 233- False Alarm & False Call

Madras Station Calls- 705

Culver Station Calls- 254



Hydrant Report:

As you have driven around town you might have noticed that the bonnet (top of the hydrants) are painted. These colors coincide with NFPA to let the firefighter know what they can expect for deliverable water from the hydrant. The technical answer is red is 0-499 gpm, orange is 500-999 gpm, green 1000-1499 gpm and blue is anything above 1500gpm. My statement to the public is red is rotten, orange is ok, green is good and blue is best. 20% of the hydrants are tested each year with the remaining hydrants being flushed to ensure operability.

Hydrants Tested: 109

Hydrants Flowed:173

Kirk Hagman,

Lieutenant



Public Education & Fire Prevention

Spring event- Took in 574 loads totaling 94.41 tons of yard debris in two weekends

Fall event- Took in 439 loads totaling 80.62 tons of yard debris.

This year's spring event totals were affected by a catastrophic wind event which went through the area approximately one month prior to the event and caused an extreme amount of damage to trees and property. The local communities provided locations for residence to dump their trees and limbs at no cost.

Fire Code Inspections & Consultations 2020

2020 Calculations- 3

2020 Total Inspections-

- 5 Assembly
- 4 Business
- 8 Educational School
- 4 Educational daycares
- 9 Factory
- 2 Institution – Healthcare
- 1 Institutional Prison/Jail
- 4 Mercantile
- 6 R2- Apartments/ Motels
- 8 Special Inspection
- 0 Business Licenses
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Juvenile Fire Setter Program

- Juveniles Screened-2
- Juveniles Provided with Fire Safety Education-2

Public Education & Fire Prevention

Due to COVID we were not able to attend any school events. We did have some station tours, provided public education through Facebook, paper and visitors.

- We Installed 12 smoke alarms at residents and warming shelters.

Activities

- POW/MIA Memorial HWY Ride
- June BBQ
- July 4th Patrol
- July 4th Parade
- Veterans Day Parade
- Christmas Lights Parade
- Nurse Appreciation Day Parade
- Culver Community Clean up
- Culver Food Basket Drive



Training Program

It is the goal of the training program to ensure all personnel are adequately trained to safely and efficiently complete duties that may be assigned and to meet or exceed all national, state, and local mandated training requirements.

To accomplish this in 2020, in-house training sessions were offered three times a week plus some weekends. Other training was also made available. Some topics included structural and wildland firefighting, emergency medicine, technical rescue, hazardous materials response, and emergency vehicle operation.

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) implements minimum standards for fire service personnel and certify qualified personnel. In 2020, we registered 12 new personnel and resigned 13 personnel with DPSST. 2020 was also a Maintenance Re-Certification Year. Recertification forms were sent in for all our personnel.

Our personnel dedicate numerous hours to training. In 2020, we documented 3987 hours of training.



Training Program

Number of certifications received through DPSST:

- Driver 1
- Pumper Operator 3
- Mobile Water Supply Operator 2
- Firefighter I 3
- Firefighter II 2
- Wildland Firefighter Type 2 4
- HAZMAT Awareness/OPS 3
- Fire Instructor I 1
- Fire Officer I 1

Academies held this year include:

- Pumper Operator
- HazMat
- Firefighter I
- Rope Rescue Operations
- Water Supply Operations

Our volunteers continue to show their dedication to the fire district and the people within its boundaries through continued wiliness to practice and improve their emergency response skills.

Mark Johnson, Training Captain

Volunteer Program

Our Volunteer Program is a vital part of operations for Jefferson County Fire District #1. Volunteers truly are the heart and soul of Jefferson County Fire District # 1. The amount of time and energy our volunteers put in is immeasurable. Often spending many hours in training and on calls all while balancing busy lives, therefore their time is especially valuable.

We provide a variety of positions to our interested volunteers: Firefighting (Structural and/or Wildland), Medical (Basic Life Support), Hazmat, Technical Rescue (Confined Space, Rope and Water), Incident Support and Fire Prevention/Public Education. Our Mission is to “Protect life and property from fire, hazardous materials, and other perils, provide necessary basic life support services, and to preserve the quality of life for the citizens whom we protect.”

In addition, we also offer a Junior Volunteer program available for High School students between the ages of 16 and 18. During their time in the program they are trained and help support the emergency scene until they turn 18 at which time they are eligible to turn their training and experience into certifications.

2020 began with a roster of 43 Volunteers and ended with 40 on the roster. The breakout of these Volunteers is as follows:

- 18- In-District Firefighters
- 7- Out- of- District Firefighters
- 10 of these are shift firefighters for neighboring Fire/EMS agencies.
- 2- Junior Firefighters
- 8- Associates
- 5- Student Interns

Every year our Volunteers are recognized for the time and efforts given for their service at the Annual Awards Banquet. Recognition is given for individuals who respond on the most calls, for Culver as well as Madras stations, and for

individuals who attend the most training hours throughout the year. Years of service pins are rewarded on 5-year increments. Special recognition for “Rookie of the Year” (an individual who is a member in good standing for no less than 6-months and no more than 18-months) and “Firefighter of the Year” (a member in good standing for no less than 18 months and has not received the award in the past five years). We did not get to have a normal banquet this year due to COVID-19 and may have to do something different in 2021.

The fire district had a very busy and difficult year from pandemic to fires, as Chief Huff stated before. We all were faced with new challenges from COVID-19 to historic fires in our region. We adapted and overcame many new challenges. This core group of volunteers, interns and staff work so hard to provide service to our community. I appreciate everyone who is part of our fire district and thank you all for your service.

As of the start of 2021 we have 1 volunteer ready for orientation and 2 interested. The District will continue to reach out in attempt to maintain the numbers needed to provide the highest level of service to our patrons.

Kasey Skaar

Deputy Chief

Volunteer Recruitment

& Retention Officer



Student Program

Jefferson County Fire District #1's student program provides selected applicants with training, on-the-job experience, tuition reimbursement, and residence at our fire stations.

This year we had more student turn over than usual. Two students left the program early; one remains as a volunteer and was hired locally as a Firefighter/EMT, the other moved out of the area. Two students completed their two-year program; one moved out of the area for more college and the other remains a volunteer and was hired locally as a Firefighter/Paramedic.

We have been actively filling student vacancies throughout the year. One student was selected in February to fill a new vacancy. In the spring/summer, we selected two new students through the Central Oregon Fire Agencies Joint Recruitment process. In August, we selected another student to fill a new vacancy. These new students come from both Bend and Vancouver. One had been volunteering for a month before being offered an internship.

Students enroll and attend classes at Central Oregon Community College and other colleges as needed.

Our students continue to add a special dynamic to our district. We enjoy teaching them and watching them develop into quality emergency responders. In return, they support us in accomplishing our fire district mission. This program is planned to continue in the future.

Mark Johnson,
Training Captain



Maintenance Report

It is a goal of the Maintenance Department to monitor and maintain the Facilities, 31 yrs. of age, to serve the needs of the Staff and the Public and to ensure use for many years to come.

Maintaining a fleet of apparatus with an average age of 20.3 years (Fire Apparatus) and 13.4 years (Utility vehicles), can be a challenge to ensure that each are ready and able to perform as the need arises.



Some highlights for the year 2020:

- Replaced all the original storm gutters on the station with continuous gutters.
- Removed two pieces of apparatus from the fleet which were not being utilized for operations. One was returned to Oregon Department of Forestry to be reassigned to a Rangeland District elsewhere in the State through the FEPP (Federal Excess Personal Property) where the piece of equipment is loaned to the fire agency for use but ownership remains as the Oregon Department of Forestry. The second piece of apparatus was an Incident Support unit which was not being used and was sold through the surplus process.

- Acquired a Support Unit from the City of Portland (Portland Fire). This unit is a self-contained portable air unit which will allow the Fire District to provide on scene filling of breathing air cylinders. It also is equipped with a light tower which is capable of providing scene lighting during night time operations. We have already experienced the benefit of this apparatus when our stationary compressor went down and parts were not readily available, we were able to continue to remain in full service without having to rely on a neighboring agency to provide our breathing air cylinder filling.

Special thanks go out to all of our volunteers and staff for their time and effort in helping to keep things maintained and operational around the fire stations.

Tom Jaca

Support Services Captain