**Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District**

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**Fire Chief’s Report**

**AUGUST 2023**

**Incident Data:**

* **96 Dispatch Incidents for July (591 year to date)**

**Significant Incidents:**

* Wood Chip pile (mountain) and grass fire at Beach Access/Two Rivers.
* Provided mutual aid for two separate structure fires in Hermiston.
* Provided mutual aid for gas main break in Hermiston.

**Apparatus/Equipment Update:**

* Brush 13 - back in service after small engine repairs.
* Brush 11 – tire repair Les Schwab.
* Engine 11 – tire repair Les Schwab.
* Freightliner Tender – working on language for interlocal use agreement.
* Ladder truck will be posted the first week of September.

**Meetings Attended:**

Umatilla County GIS – Working with GIS to identify incident impact areas based on a zone map of the Fire District and County.

Umatilla County Dispatch – Met with fire leadership to discuss services, run cards, priority unit level dispatching and access to CAD data.

Hermiston City IT – Met with IT team to discuss URFPD needs and services.

Umatilla County Hazard Mitigation – Quarterly meeting to discuss Emergency Management and agency resilience and recovery in the event of a disaster.

Station 12 Construction Meeting – Met for update meeting on seismic upgrade. Concrete footing being completed and structural steel being installed. Discussion with architect and engineer regarding fire wall separation for crew lounge/sleeping area. Cost estimates are near $150k.

Umatilla City Council – Attended City Council meeting.

Rock The Locks – Two meetings to discuss security and Fire/EMS staffing and deployment. City signed contract with Adventure Medics for onsite (venue) EMS/First Aid station, staffing for medic & FF from Boardman Fire, and a verbal agreement for cost recovery for 2 URFPD members to staff 24/7 during the 3-day event.

UCFD 1 Community Paramedic – Crews assisted with 3 site visits which included rebuilding the breaks for a patient’s walker.

Special Districts Association of Oregon – Training on best practices, authorities, duties, and liabilities of Special District Board Members and Staff.

School District Modular Building – Tour and safety provisions while alarm system was being updated.

Two Rivers Penitentiary – Met with Safety and Facilities staff along with OSFM Glenn Geiger and reviewed the fire hydrant installation.

DPSST – Meet with staff in Salem to ensure transition of members took place to include training documentation.

CCFD 6 – Was required to give a deposition regarding a tort claim from a former member of the fire district.

**Community Events Attended:**

National Night Out – August 1st. Meet many community members and provided opportunities to see our equipment and to engage with the duty crew.

**Personnel Update:**

Summer seasonal firefighters are doing great and have increased our staffing to three members, 5 days a week.

FF Benson resignation.

Entry Level firefighter testing takes place on September 22nd.

Student Intern beginning on September 4th.

**External Training Events:**

* SDOA – District Clerk Bowman, Director Huxel, Chief Grant

**A-Shift Report**

* Dakota was assigned recruitment and retention responsibilities, firefighting equipment program manager. Safety Committee member.
* Open firefighter position currently being filled with call back personnel.

**B-Shift Report**

* Jordy was assigned to oversee the student intern program, Department Safety Committee Chair, Special Operations (Water Rescue) Lead, and PPE/Uniforms (Quartermaster).
* Hunter will take the role of Department EMS Officer.

**C-Shift Report**

* Ray assigned the Department Training Officers role. Small tools and equipment, wildland firefighter lead.
* Seth will develop and oversee public/community education programs.

**Current Projects**

* Developing water rescue awareness and operations policies and training to support water rescue incidents.
* Developing pre-incident plans for Rock the Locks.
* Station cleaning and inventory of Station 11. The surplus list will be presented after moving back into Station 12.
* Hydrant flushing and flow testing will take place once a formal plan is in place with Public Works.
* Cost estimates for station refurbishment to meet building/life safety code requirements and that of a manufactured home on the property near Station 11. Waiting for return information regarding USDA Rural Development Grant program.

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