



FIRE DISTRICT 3

JACKSON COUNTY, OR

District Vision

To reduce and eliminate risk from fire, rescue and medical events in the communities we serve.

District Mission

To preserve quality of life and protect property through public education, prevention activities and emergency response services.

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

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FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE:

Greetings,

First and foremost, a sincere expression of appreciation to our community for your support of each other and our Fire District while navigating through the ever-changing challenges of the pandemic. We are grateful for the support our team received throughout the last couple of years. Thank you!

Your Fire District has been working to continue to develop programs and plans to help set you, our patrons, up for success... preventing emergencies before they happen and preserving your quality of life. Since our last newsletter, we have celebrated the careers of several professionals who retired from the District and welcomed a new cohort of professionals in all of our service areas. The strength of this Fire District is in our people, and we are proud of the team that serves you!

If you have not already done so, see the page in the newsletter with directions to sign up for FD3's Community Connect! This is the platform where you will receive the most up to date information on programs designed to help you, free risk reduction resources, and specific events that may be targeted towards your neighborhood! Community Connect is how we delivered dozens of COVID-19 tests to our patrons, stay informed on hundreds of burn notifications/permits, and move our Fuels Reduction Trailer around the District. That is right, connect with us, meet with our friendly fire safety professionals, and get access to free wildfire risk reduction resources! We are all safer when we work together, one household at a time. Page through this newsletter and visit our website at www.jcfd3.com for more information on all of the programs that are available to you.

The leadership of your Fire District works aggressively to ensure we are providing the best service we can today while watching for trends and signals to ensure we meet the needs of

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FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE CONTINUED:

our community in the future. We are engaged throughout the state, provide input on legislative issues related to fire, medical and life safety, and seek to ensure members of our community have access to existing services across the community so that we can preserve quality of life and limit, if not eliminate, emergencies from impacting you. From advocating at the highest levels regarding southern Oregon's fire problem to supporting access to broadband for rural communities, we want you to be assured that we are watching out for our community and acting when appropriate to reduce the risk of an emergency that may negatively impact your life.

I am proud to be your Fire Chief and thank you again for all your support. Please enjoy this newsletter packed full of information on value added resources from your Fire District. To stay current on events and other happenings in your Fire District, sign-up for Community Connect and follow us on social media. We are proud to serve you!

Respectfully,

Bob

Bob Horton
Fire Chief

COMMUNITY STATS

6,637

PulsePoint Subscribers

525

Smoke Alarms
Installed

1

FireWise USA
Site Created

SOCIAL MEDIA STATS

10,339

Facebook Followers

644

Instagram
Followers

553

Twitter
Followers



GET YOUR BURN PERMIT BY SIGNING UP FOR COMMUNITY CONNECT



SIGN UP HERE!

What is Community Connect?

Community Connect is an online portal for our community members. Once signed up, you can engage with the District by documenting information about your home or business that you want first responders to know in the event of an emergency. Fire District 3 will also be able to reach out to you via email to share valuable information about safety information, hazardous vegetation/fuels reduction events, and more! Once you are signed up look for the "Add Permit" button and your permit will be added to your account. No mail-in necessary!

1

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Sign up for free and get started doing your part. It just takes your email, phone number, and address.

2

ENTER THE INFO THAT MATTERS MOST

Enter valuable information that can help us assist more effectively during an emergency.

3

HELP YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN THE SECONDS COUNT

That's it. Just keep us updated when things change over time so we can always be prepared.

RECRUIT ACADEMY 22-01

Fire District 3 is pleased to announce the hiring of seven new firefighters who will begin a recruit academy on April 4, 2022.

Service delivery to our patrons is a critical component of our Mission. Our recruit academy prepares personnel for the variety of calls for service we receive from those who live and travel throughout our fire district. These calls for service range from medical-related events, vehicle collisions, rescue events, and building fires. Due to the vast nature and complexity of our industry, our recruits undergo extensive training during their one year of probation, beginning with a recruit academy.

Throughout the 11-week recruit academy, the recruits participate in various firefighting skills such as hose deployment, search and rescue, ladder carries and placement, smoke removal from a residence, forcible entry techniques, and driving of fire apparatus. Additionally, the recruits will learn about life-saving medical techniques and procedures, removing trapped patients from vehicles, and basic rope rescue techniques. Our goal throughout the academy is to prepare the recruits to be a high-functioning member of their assigned engine company upon graduation. With approximately 440 hours of focused training, we are confident in their ability to provide quality service to our patrons when requested.

Throughout the remainder of their probationary year the recruits continue focused training with their assigned crew. The topics are structured to build on what they learned in the academy, helping them understand more of a global perspective of the fire district. This includes familiarization of district geography, policy and procedures, and use of specialized tools and equipment. After numerous written exams and skill evaluations throughout the year, the recruits earn certifications from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). These certifications verify a fire service professional's knowledge, skills, and abilities established by National standards and are required by the fire district as minimum standards for our personnel.

We welcome our newest members to the Fire District 3 family and we look forward to them serving our community for many years to come!



HOW TO BECOME A FIREFIGHTER

Scan the QR code on the bottom of the page to view current open positions at FD3 and view direct links that will guide you on your path to becoming a firefighter!

CAREER FIREFIGHTER

Each fall Fire District 3 is actively seeking both experienced and entry level candidates to establish an eligibility list for the spring Recruit Academy. Minimum requirements include: 18 years or older, graduation from high school or equivalent GED, certified Oregon or National EMT, and NFPA Firefighter 1 or equivalent by time of hire. Keep your eye on our social media this coming fall to apply!

STUDENT FIREFIGHTER

Prospective students are recruited through a joint application process with Rogue Community College (RCC). If accepted into the program, they are placed in a Firefighter 1 Academy where they receive specialized training. Upon academy graduation, the student firefighters are assigned to a career station where they reside, train, and respond to alarms with on-duty career firefighters for the duration of the two-year program. Students who complete the program will be prepared to meet the unique demands of a rewarding profession. Coursework follows standards set by: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Fire Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) and accredited coursework by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Volunteer Firefighters are needed to provide rural fire protection support in Sams Valley, Dodge Bridge, Gold Hill and Agate Lake. Our rural stations are volunteer supported by men and women just like you. Volunteer firefighters are neighbors helping neighbors and coming together when lives and property are threatened. Visit our website to apply!



WANT TO JOIN FD3?

Many of our firefighters start out as students and volunteers. Scan the QR code to see our current openings, how to become a student firefighter, or to apply to become a volunteer.

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

OUR MISSION:

“To preserve quality of life and protect property through public education, prevention activities and emergency response services.”



FUELS REDUCTION TRAILER

Fire District 3 wants to help you keep your property safe. Having a defensible space around your home and hardening your home by reducing or eliminating flammable vegetation is one of the best things a homeowner can do to protect their home from wildfire.

To help residents create a defensible space around their home, the District has a trailer available for residents to assist in hauling off their flammable vegetation. After we have completed a wildland home assessment of the property, residents can request the fuels reduction trailer to be delivered to their property. Once loaded by the resident, the trailer will be hauled off and emptied for free. Only approved material can be loaded into the trailer.





CHIPPER DAYS

Now introducing Chipper Days! Fire District 3 will seek out communities that are most at risk to wildfire and in need of the Chipper program. A 30-day notice will be given to the community to allow for sign up and for the homeowner to gather fire fuels, making them easily accessible.

We would like to thank the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office for their support by granting us the money for the chipper and making this program possible!

Keep an eye out for our QR noticeboard to see when the Chipper will be coming to your neighborhood!





COMMUNITY CARE

At Fire District 3, we believe that there are efficient means of meeting the community’s needs by strategically utilizing our resources based on the severity of an emergency. Often times, a fire engine with all-hazard trained Firefighter/Paramedics is not required for certain social and medical needs of our community members. Based on an advanced triage process through our valley’s emergency communications center (911), it may be more appropriate to send our Community Care Response Team to a request for service. The Community Care Response Team is a specially equipped SUV with medically trained responders who have enhanced training and skills to take a comprehensive approach to solving a host of different challenges facing our community.

The Community Care Program helps District patrons with navigating the complex health care system. When appropriate, our team can help patrons with healthcare navigation that includes alternative access to healthcare such as tele-health solutions, physician, and urgent care clinics. The Community Care Team works with our patrons to determine the best and most appropriate care plan for their situation. This approach empowers our team to utilize a mix of skills in emergency medicine, social services, problem solving, and a keen knowledge of community and health services that are available throughout the valley.

The Community Care Program is a critical part of our Community Risk Reduction efforts. Although they do response to emergency 911 calls when needed, they also follow-up on referrals from our fire engine crews and District patrons who need additional assistance, such as access to social and other value-added services.

COMMUNITY CARE: KEY STATS





FRAZIER BAGS

Fire District 3 Community Care Paramedic Michelle Frazier has developed and designed a children's sensory kit called a "Frazier Bag". Michelle has special needs children herself and designed the kits to help provide a calming effect and help with sensory processing for children with special needs during emergency calls.

Each bag costs roughly \$30 to make and includes: noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, a fidget spinner, an object called "stretchy string," a silicone food-grade necklace that can be chewed on, and a calming visual "liquid-motion bubbler."

All items are intended to soothe and reduce anxiety levels and to help the child feel comfortable in his or her environment. This can be of key importance in the midst of so much commotion and over-stimulation. The child can keep the bag and contents with them for future comfort as well.

It is Michelle's goal is to have a Frazier Bag in every emergency vehicle in Jackson County.

To donate, checks can be made out to Fire District 3 with "Frazier Bags" in the memo portion or call (541) 826-7100.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Listed below is a directory of resources that are frequently requested. Keep this page for quick reference by cutting along the dotted lines!

BURN DAY INFORMATION: (541) 776-7007

DEQ ILLEGAL BURN LINE: (888) 997-7888

WOOD STOVE BURNING: (541) 776-9000

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY: (541) 664-3328

ECSO NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH: (541) 776-7206

CAR SEAT CHECKS: Although we no longer have car seats to hand out, we do help with installs and checks! (541) 826-7100

CITIZEN ALERT: www.JacksonCounty.org/alert



Don't see what you're looking for? Scan the QR code for our website's Community Resource page!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE!



Our website now includes a "Request a Fire Engine or Station Tour" tab!



RECURSOS COMUNITARIOS

Aquí tiene un directorio de recursos que se solicitan con frecuencia. Guarda esta página para referencias rápidas cortando a lo largo de la línea quebrada!

Información del día de quema: (541) 776-7007

Línea para quemaduras ilegales: (888) 997-7888

Quemar con estufas de leña: (541) 776-9000

Departamento de bosques en Oregón: (541) 664-3328

ECSO despacho de no emergencia: (541) 776-7206

Reviso de asientos de carro : Aunque ya no tenemos asientos para repartir, todavía ayudamos con revisiones y instalaciones! (541) 826-7100

Alerta al ciudadano: www.JacksonCounty.org/alert



¿No aparece lo que buscas? Puedes escanear el código QR para entrar a nuestra pagina de recursos comunitarios!

Visita nuestro nuevo y mejorado sitio!

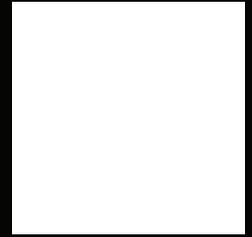


Nuestro sitio ahora incluye una pestaña para "Solicitar un tour por el camión de bomberos o la estación"!





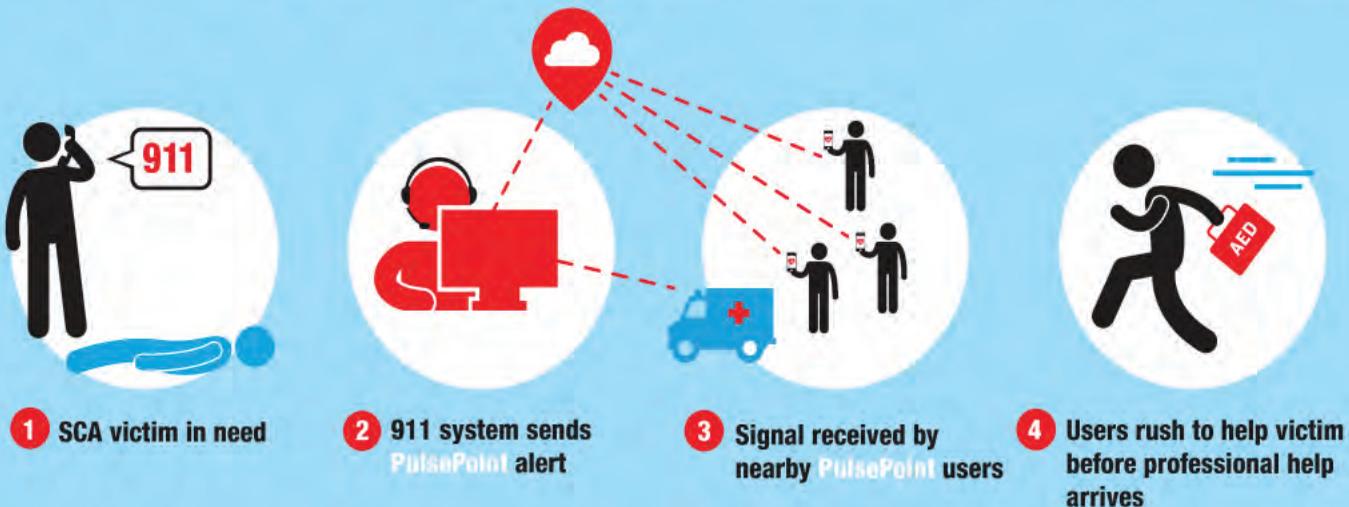
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