



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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FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE:

On behalf of the members of Fire District 3, I proudly present the District's 2023 Spring Newsletter as a reflection of the dedication, professionalism, and commitment to our mission "To preserve quality of life and protect property through public education, prevention activities and emergency response services."

The Fire District 3 family is proud of its work in the community and the value we provide to our residents. We strive to inform and engage our patrons, build resiliency within communities, provide timely and compassionate emergency response when needed and evolve our key services to meet the changing environment. We recognize that we cannot be effective without your trust and support.

2022 marked the second full year of a three-year community driven strategic plan. This plan guides the organization's initiatives, outreach, and investments in the service we provide. The staff collaboration and process that shapes implementation of the plan has proven valuable. The fire service has not been immune to the inflationary factor and supply chain issues in our post COVID environment. Our team continues to demonstrate creativity and responsibility in reducing the impacts.

2023 will prove to be another great year in serving our communities. Through a public facing budget process, we will invest in the Community Care program, pursue more capacity and tools to advance the risk reduction programs and maintain our high standards and commitment to remain ready to provide reliable response service.

Please take time to review our messages and guidance within; I hope you find it both insightful and applicable to your environment. We invite you to stop by our stations or contact our devoted staff if you have any questions regarding the activities of the District. Your feedback is important to us. I encourage you to share your personal experience of our services. There are different options available to you to let us know, they are listed throughout this newsletter and we want to hear from you. It is my honor to serve our communities and I am especially proud of the work our people are doing for you, your family, and your businesses.

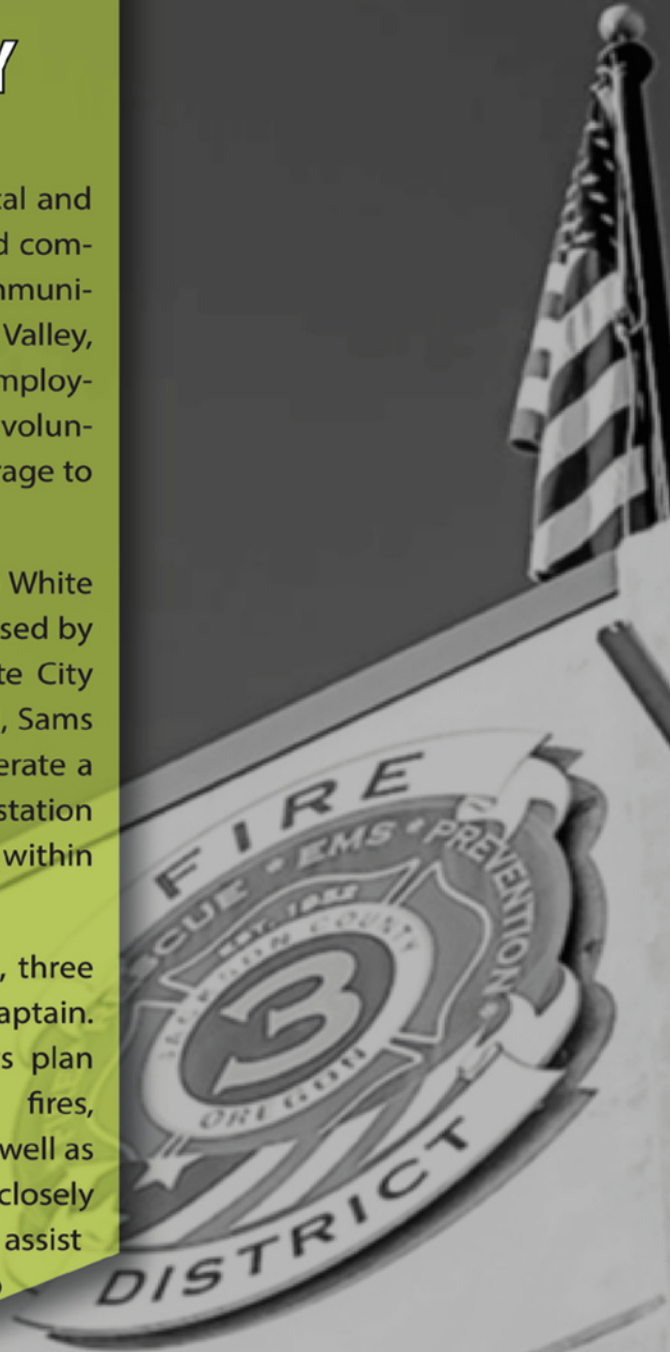
Respectfully,
Mike Hussey
Fire Chief, Fire District 3

WHO IS JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 3?

Fire District 3 provides fire suppression, emergency medical and rescue services, prevention and risk reduction services, and community care to more than 54,000 residents living in the communities of Central Point, White City, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Sams Valley, Dodge Bridge, and Agate Lake. The District's 73 full-time employees and 18 volunteers work from four career stations, four volunteer stations, and an Administration office to provide coverage to the 167 square miles that encompass the District.

Two career fire stations are located in Central Point, one in White City, and one in Eagle Point. The career stations are supervised by a Battalion Chief who is centrally based out of the White City station. Four volunteer fire stations are located in Gold Hill, Sams Valley, Dodge Bridge, and Agate Lake. These stations generate a response from resident volunteers who live on-site at the station property. Volunteers living in their own rural communities within the District also contribute to the emergency response.

Our Risk Reduction Division is staffed with a Fire Marshal, three Deputy Fire Marshals, and a Community Risk Reduction Captain. This Division inspects commercial occupancies, conducts plan reviews for commercial construction, investigates all fires, performs home assessments, provides public education as well as hazardous fuels mitigation services. The department works closely with businesses and industries to promote growth and assist them with meeting fire code requirements and help reduce risk in the community.



COMMUNITY STATS

7,969

PulsePoint Subscribers

123

Smoke Alarms
Installed

44

Wildfire Home
Assessments

SOCIAL MEDIA STATS

11,706

Facebook Followers

977

Instagram
Followers

718

Twitter
Followers

PARTNER WITH US AND GET YOUR BURN PERMIT BY SIGNING UP FOR COMMUNITY CONNECT



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 regarding safety, hazardous vegetation/fuels reduction events, and more!

1

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Sign up for free and begin 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.

**SIGN UP
HERE!**



OUTDOOR BURNING

As we approach spring and summer, the number of outdoor burning inquiries increase. It is important to take the proper steps before beginning open or barrel burning. Please note open and barrel burning is prohibited November 1st through the end of February within the Air Quality Maintenance Area.

Steps to Successful Open/Barrel Burning

1. Determine if you live inside or outside the The Air Quality Maintenance Area (AQMA). Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera to see the AQMA Map.



2. Sign up for Community Connect to obtain a burn permit, or go to www.jcfd3.com and click the "burn permit" button. Once you are signed up look for the "Add Permit" button and your permit will be added to your account. No mail-in necessary!

Please follow permit requirements.

3. If you are inside a city, call the appropriate city number.

4. Call the burn advisory at 541-776-7007 to hear the daily status.

RECRUIT ACADEMY

22-01 UPDATE

Throughout the 11-week academy, the recruits participated 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 learned about life-saving medical techniques and procedures, removing trapped patients from vehicles, and basic rope rescue techniques. Our goal throughout the academy was to prepare the recruits to be high-functioning members 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 their probationary year, the recruits continued focused training with their assigned crew. The topics were structured to build on what they learned in the academy, helping them understand more of a global perspective of the District. This includes familiarization with District geography, policy and procedures, and the use of specialized tools and equipment. After numerous written exams and skill evaluations, the recruits have earned 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, which are required by the District for our personnel.

We congratulate the seven new firefighters on completing their probationary year as of March 2023 and we look forward to their service in our community for many years to come!



JOIN OUR TEAM!

WANT TO JOIN FD3?

Career, student, and volunteer programs are available! Whether your interest is in firefighting, emergency medical services, prevention, risk reduction, community care, or support services, we have positions for those of you who are passionate about serving your community.



WHAT IT TAKES TO PROVIDE SERVICE



INSIDE LOOK AT ROLES THAT AID OUR CREWS IN EFFECTIVE AND QUALITY SERVICE

Many different components must come together to keep our quality of service high and response times low. The Logistics Division provides agency-wide support in the areas of station supplies, apparatus equipment, emergency medical supplies, along with issuing and managing a uniform program for firefighter personnel.

The Logistics staff provide dedicated support and direct action to keep the operations of the fire department running. Some of the activities performed by personnel include:

- Inventory control
- Tracking and the distribution of office supplies, station supplies, medical supplies, and inter-office mail
- Providing additional supplies during inclement weather or delivering additional equipment to emergency scenes
- Working with multiple vendors to acquire new equipment for fire apparatus and fire stations

As the fire service evolves, the Information Technology Division works diligently to keep up with data and ever-changing programs which helps in early response action.

Various public service apps and mobile fire technology can provide helpful resources for firefighters by streamlining internal operations and communication within the District. Data can show how many apparatus are needed, how they should be staffed, where they should be located, and how firefighters and paramedics should be trained to ensure optimal performance of responders on scene. All these aspects of operations work together to facilitate a positive outcome on any incident.



RISK REDUCTION 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 to assist residents 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 at risk from hazardous vegetation and wildfire and are 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 for the chipping crew.

Special thanks to 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!



**LEARN ABOUT
DEFENSIBLE SPACE**

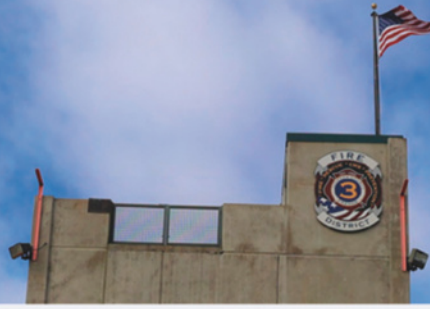


COMMUNITY CARE

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 are 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 find alternative opportunities to health-care such as tele-health solutions, urgent care, and physician 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 respond to emergency 911 calls when needed, they also follow-up on referrals from our engine crews and District patrons who need additional assistance, such as access to social and other value-added services. To connect directly with our Community Care Team, call us at (541) 499-2144.



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

The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) of Rogue Valley: (541) 618-7572

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

Mental Health Crisis Line: 988

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





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

La Conexión de Recursos para el Envejecimiento y la Discapacidad (ADRC) de Rogue Valley: (541) 618-7572

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

Línea de Prevención del Suicidio y Crisis: 988

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



Smoke Alarms at Home

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards

Alarmas de humo en el hogar

LAS ALARMAS DE HUMO SON PARTE del plan de evacuación por incendio en cualquier hogar. En caso de incendio, el incendio se esparce rápidamente. Las alarmas de humo que funcionan brindan una advertencia temprana de modo de poder abandonar rápidamente el lugar.

CONSEJOS DE SEGURIDAD

- Instale alarmas de humo dentro y fuera de cada habitación y área para dormir. Instale alarmas en cada nivel de la vivienda. Instale alarmas en el sótano.
- Las grandes viviendas podrían requerir alarmas extra.
- Es preferible utilizar alarmas de humo interconectadas. Cuando se active una alarma de humo, se activarán todas.
- Pruebe todas las alarmas de humo por lo menos una vez al mes. Presione el botón de prueba para asegurarse de que la alarma de incendio esté funcionando.
- Existen dos tipos de alarmas. Las alarmas de humo por ionización son más rápidas en dar advertencia sobre incendios de llama. Las alarmas fotoeléctricas son más rápidas para dar advertencia sobre incendios incipientes. Lo mejor es utilizar ambos tipos de alarmas en la vivienda.
- La alarma de humo debe ser instalada en el cielo raso o en lo alto de un muro. Instale alarmas de humo lejos de cocinas para reducir las falsas alarmas. Deben colocarse por lo menos a 10 pies (3 metros) de la hornalla.
- Las personas sordas e hipoacúsicas pueden utilizar alarmas especiales. Estas alarmas cuentan con luces intermitentes y vibradores bajo almohada.
- Reemplace todas las alarmas de incendio cada 10 años.



ES UN HECHO

- ! Una puerta cerrada puede retrasar la propagación del humo, el calor y el fuego.
- ! Las alarmas de humo deben instalarse en cada dormitorio, fuera de cada área para dormir y en todos los pisos. Las alarmas deben estar conectadas, de manera que cuando una suene, lo hagan las otras. La mayoría de las casas no tienen este nivel de seguridad.
- ! Aproximadamente 3 de cada 5 muertes por incendio, se producen en hogares que no cuentan con alarmas de incendio o que cuentan con alarmas de incendio que no funcionan.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

La fuente líder en información y conocimiento sobre seguridad contra incendios, eléctrica y peligros relacionados



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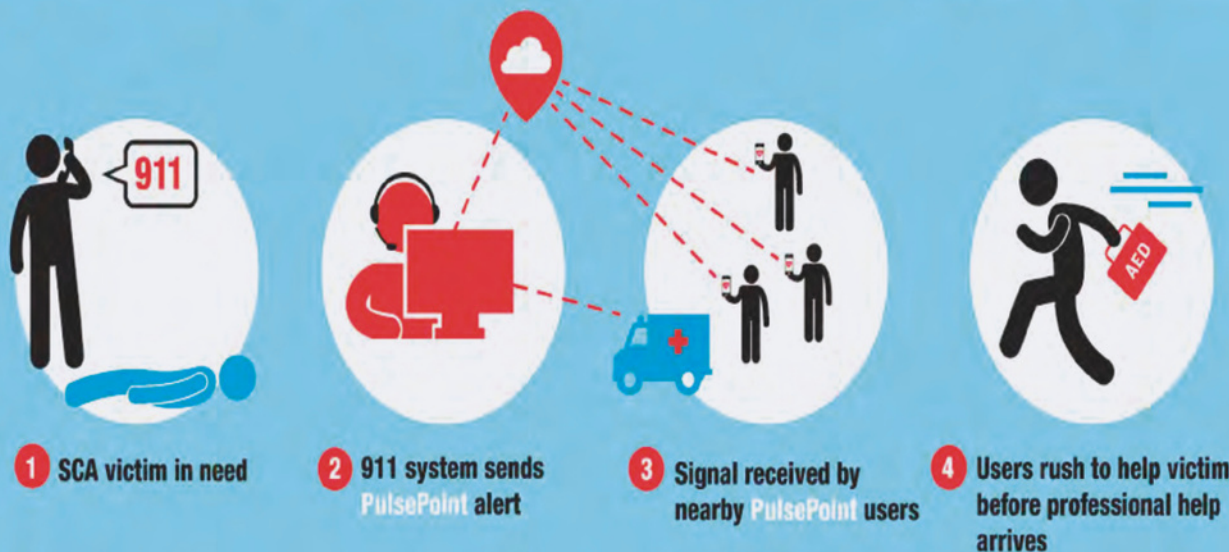
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