



CROOKED RIVER RANCH FIRE & RESCUE



7/1/19

ANNUAL REPORT

“Serving the Community of Crooked River Ranch by providing superior service through prevention, education, emergency response and community involvement”



MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF...HARRY WARD

On behalf of the staff and volunteers of Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue, I am pleased to present the 2018/2019 Annual Report.

2018 has come and gone; it was a busy year for not only emergency response but for fires as well. Last year we responded to a total of 622 calls which is the highest on record for this District. As I reflect on all that has happened at Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue in a year that seemed to fly by, it is our continued commitment to the safety and welfare of our community that is most important.

As always, we are placing heavy emphasis on Community Risk Management for Crooked River Ranch. As wildfires continue to mass produce throughout this past decade, we have implemented an Emergency Preparedness Open House every spring to be prepared for any disaster that may arise here on the Ranch. We hope you were able to attend and meet with the various agencies that are ready at a moment's notice to assist us and the community. With that, I am thrilled on the completion of our alternate exit out of the Ranch. Our neighboring fire districts, such as Cloverdale and Sisters will now be able to reach us with a quicker response time.

On another note, I encourage you to become familiar with our website. It offers much of the information we get asked on a daily basis. From our website you can request records, sign up for our Fire Med ambulance transport membership, learn the burning regulations are, view the scheduled Board meetings, check out what community services are offered, and much more. We even have links that go directly to our Facebook and Twitter feeds through www.crrfire.org.

There is a strong dedication to being the best we can be when we encounter many people on their worst day. Being prepared – having the right training, the right tools and the right attitude is what makes Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue such a great organization. I cannot fully express how committed each and every person is to Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue each and every day. Our team is here ready to serve you in what every way we can. In keeping with our Mission, Vision and Core Values, Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue staff and volunteers consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to protect the quality of life and property of this community.

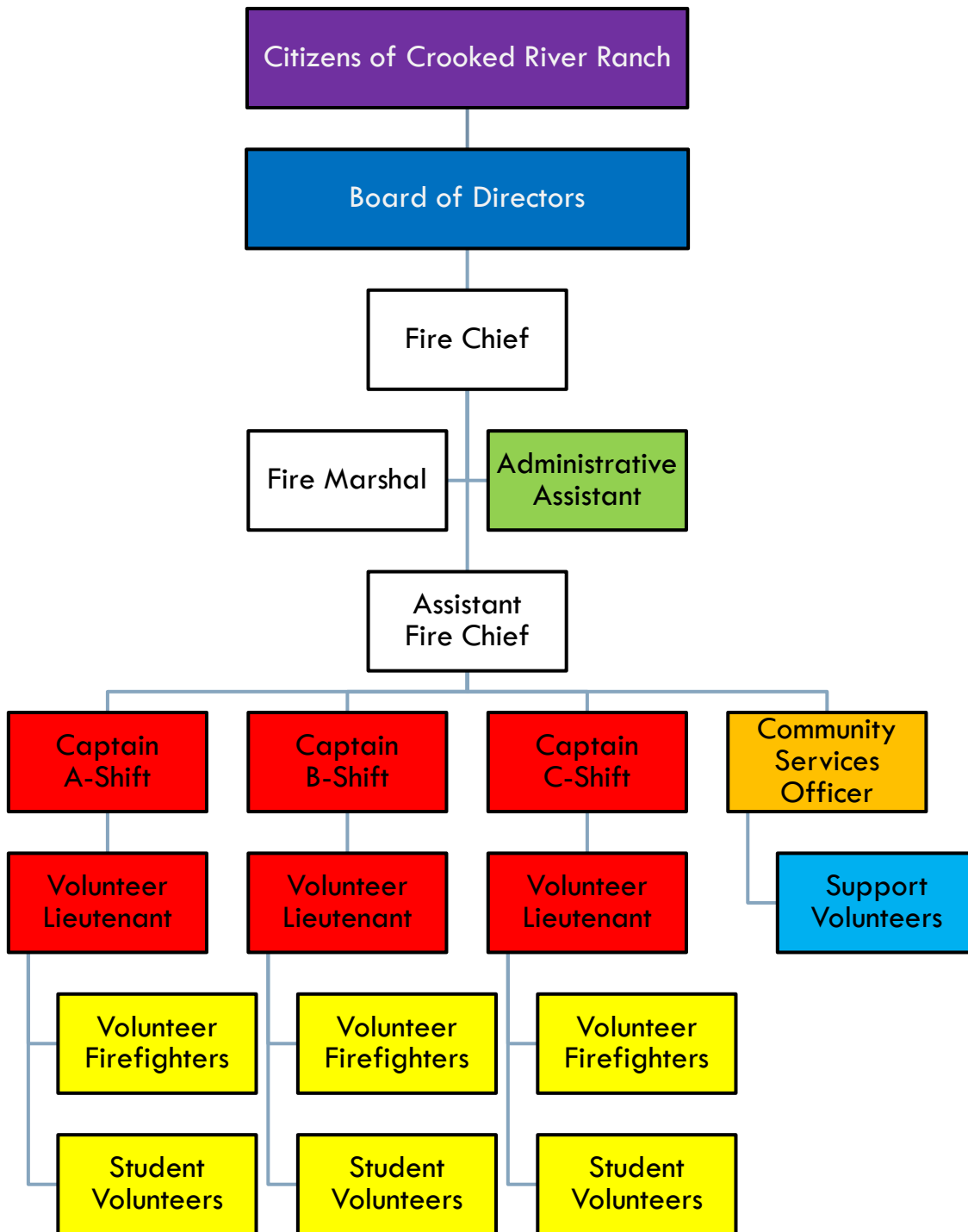
This annual report to the community is designed to give our residents and our customers a snapshot of our District, and provide a summary of our plans and future endeavors. It highlights accomplishments of our staff and volunteers, as well as giving you insight on progress, future training plans and purchases needed to maintain the functionality of this District.

I thank you for letting me serve as your Fire Chief and look forward to the next few years of growth and development for this District.

Respectfully,

Harry Ward, Fire Chief

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



VISION STATEMENT - "Provide the Best Service and Protection for our Community, in a Cost-Effective Manner"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OVERVIEW

The Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue is an independent Fire District governed by a five-member, local elected Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors serve the policy-making body of the Fire District and are responsible for providing financial oversight and establishing policy direction that maximizes the value of services to the residents of Crooked River Ranch.

The fire district Board of Directors are committed to serving our community with faithfulness, integrity, respect and excellence. Our public meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday of every month, as well as other special meetings and workshops, as needed. The following are your Board Directors:

- Position #1 – Jim Dille (resigned), Term Expired 6/30/2021
- Position #2 - John Meredith, Term Expires 6/30/2021
- Position #3 - Dennis Kirk, Term Expires 6/30/2019
- Position #4 - Barbara Oakley, Term Expires 6/30/2019
- Position #5 - Bob Bengtson, Term Expires 6/30/2019

CORE VALUES

SERVICE – Dedication to our Community

PROFESSIONALISM – Honoring the Firefighter Oath

INTEGRITY – Upholding moral and ethical conduct at all times

RESPECT – Embracing diversity and recognizing individual worth

INNOVATION – Taking creative risks to adapt and improve

TRUST – Reliance on the integrity, strength and ability of our members

BRAVERY – Courage is the foundation of our character

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY – Protect the public trust by being fiscal

RESPONSE DATA FOR CROOKED RIVER RANCH

Types of calls	2015	2016	2017	2018
Vegetation/Structure/Vehicle Fires	18	18	33	33
Overpressure Rapture/Explosion/Overheat (No Fire)	0	1	0	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	291	320	334	400
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	2	7	7
Service Call	50	52	79	102
Good Intent	76	68	80	58
False Alarm & False Calls	0	1	0	20
Special Incident	0	0	2	2
Total	437	462	535	622

The definition of “response time” depends on the perspective from which one approaches data. In the fire service, “total” response time is usually measured from when the call is received by the communications center to the arrival of the first apparatus at the scene. Response time components include call processing and dispatch, turnout time, and drive to the scene. Turn out time is measured from the time the alarm is received to the time the apparatus leaves the station. Drive time starts when the apparatus leaves the fire station and stops when the apparatus is curbside of the address of the incident. Drive time can be affected by traffic patterns, time of day, weather patterns and distance to the incident.

Here at our Station, we have 6 career staff which includes:

Fire Chief/EMT, Harry Ward

Assistant Fire Chief, Sean Hartley

Administrative Assistant, Dana Schulke

Captain/Paramedic, David McDonald

Captain/Paramedic, Tom Fast

Captain/Paramedic, Alysha Delorto

Our Captains work on a 48/96 rotation, on either an A, B or C shift. We have six student volunteers from Central Oregon Community College and regular volunteers filling in. We do have the station staffed 24 hours with Administrative staff at the station from 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday.

During the summer months, the District hires part-time EMS/Firefighter personnel to assist us with Wildfire season, as well as increased volume calls for rope-rescue operations and rescues.

FINANCE

General Fund	Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Actual Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Adopted Expenditures (final figures to be completed through audit process	Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Proposed & Adopted Expenditures
Personnel Services	\$795,435.	\$778,772.	\$816,748.
Materials & Services	\$379,962.	\$357,860.	\$361,334.
Capital Outlay	\$53,500.	\$6,914.	-0-
Debt Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	\$20,190.	-0-	\$20,000.
Operating Contingency	\$12,562.	\$3,359.	\$5,000.
Ending Balance (Prior Years)	-0-	-0-	-0-
Unappropriated Ending	\$200,000.	\$174,910.	\$215,000.
Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total	\$1,461,649.	\$1,312,776.	\$1,418,082.

We would like to thank our residents who continue to support us and our mission. Last year, our voters approved our 5-year Operations Levy. This Operations Levy assist in funding our career staff, equipment maintenance and replacement and facility maintenance.



COMMUNICATIONS

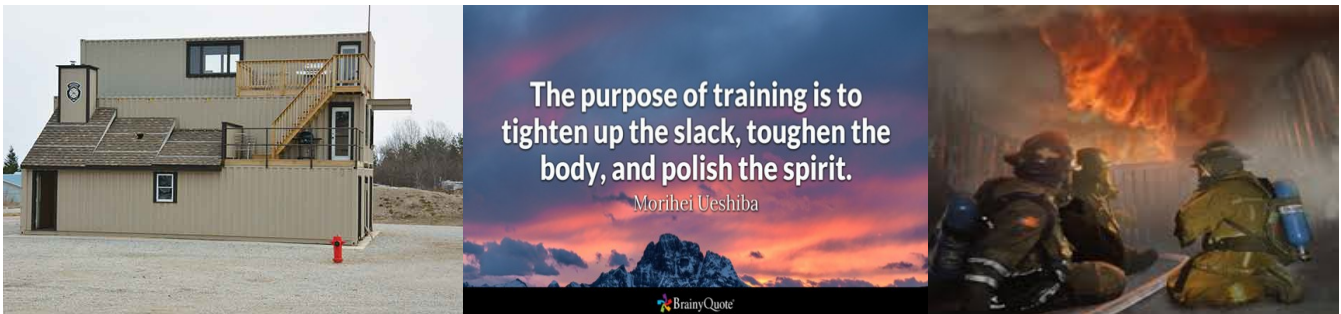
Crooked River Ranch is serviced by the Deschutes County 911 dispatch system. In 2018 the District was able to participate in a regional wide grant for new digital radios. As of May of this year we were able to “go live” with the new digital technology which has progressed in radio communications. As we partner with our mutual aid agencies, such as Redmond Fire & Rescue, Cloverdale Fire and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire, we look forward to operating under the State of Oregon’s new digital radio system. The technology for the District has come along way since the fire district was established in 1977. From pagers, to VHF radios, to Smart Phones and iPads for charting patients. It is remarkable where we were, to where we are now in the Fire/EMS industry.

TRAINING

Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue emergency personnel are trained and ready to respond to any type of emergency incident that the community may face. Below are examples of training for emergency medical services personnel:

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Command and Control
- CPR
- Rope Rescue
- Wildland Firefighting
- Continuing Education Units for Paramedics
- Ladders
- Automobile Extrication Techniques
- Search & Rescue
- Structural Firefighting Tactics

This year, we are anticipating the completion of our tactical/high angle training grounds behind the fire station. Fire departments and fire fighter training academies are always looking for ways to simulate real life situations for initial and on-going training. Building and shipping containers offer a lot of flexibility for a training unit as we can split it in half to create different scenarios for many exercises. This new area will be in a controlled environment as well as provide a cost-effective alternative to constructed steel. Needless to say, these types of training props are growing rapidly in the fire service. We want to thank Les Schwab Tires for donating the used conex containers, as well as Knife River in Bend for donating the concrete for the slab. A special thank you goes out to one of our residents, George Gregory for his donation towards our new training facility. We look forward to hosting many fire and high angle rope classes at our District and we will continue to acquire many different fire props to assist in our training efforts through out the years to come.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This past year generated promotions, retirements and student graduations within our Volunteer Association. We said farewell on the retirement of Assistant Fire Chief, Mark Wilson, as well as Lieutenant Jeff Green and Firefighter, Todd Nace. They have dedicated countless hours of their own time to this community and we cannot thank them enough. With retirements comes promotions, and we would like to congratulate Robert Edwards to the position of Lieutenant/EMT for our District. We also saw the graduation of one of our students, Riley Jones who completed and obtained his Structural Fire Science Degree through Central Oregon Community College. Lastly, Justin Abts received a job offer from Gig Harbor Fire & Rescue and we congratulate both of them for their high achievements.



The following are a list of current volunteers with our District: Frank Day (Lieutenant/EMT), Bobby Edwards (Lieutenant/EMT), Kacey Epplett (EMT), Samuel Jurasevich (Firefighter/EMT), Dan Marsh (Firefighter), Marta McGovern-Philpott (Firefighter/EMT-1), Jeff Scheetz (Rope Rescue/Wildland Firefighter), Dennis Senko (Firefighter/EMT), Colton Steinke (Firefighter/Paramedic), Myrsideys Steward (Firefighter/Paramedic), Gary White (Fire Marshal), Adam Wiley (Firefighter/Paramedic), Joe Woodruff (Firefighter).

Central Oregon Community College Student Volunteers: Ethan Brown, Cayla Forsythe, Garrett Schweigert, Amy Weddle, Jesse West and Nolan Wironen.



Our Volunteer Association is responsible for implementing our annual events, such as:

- Easter Egg Hunt @ Dick Chandler Ball Field
- Quarterly American Red Cross Blood Drives
- Participating in the Crooked River Ranch 4th of July festivities
- Labor Day Pancake Breakfast
- Shop with a Firefighter
- Food & Toy Drive

SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank our support volunteers who also assist in the events as well. Without them we would not be able to have these events for the community. Your support volunteers are Patti Bengtson, Debbie Bodenhamer, Sharon Chacon, Ruthy Ferguson, Jane Fisher, Edwin Gregory, Ron Gregory, Patricia Hayes, Dorene Huff, Mark Jaehnig, Zee Marsh, Joan McKenzie, Jim McNamara, Barbara Oakley, Faren Russell, Colleen Senko, Jeaneva Senko, Ramona Tweed and Tina Wilson.



KEY FIRE SERVICE PREDICTIONS FOR 2019

According to Fire Apparatus & Emergency Equipment magazine, data was collected through a company called ESO, which is the leading data and software company serving emergency medical services, fire departments, and hospitals. The following bullet points are just a few of the list of current challenges many fire service districts are facing:

- Awareness of mental health and overall wellness of EMS and Firefighters, in particular cancer and cancer prevention
- Large-scale events placing funding challenges and response time
- Visibility and accessibility to data will continue to increase in importance
- Budget scrutiny and pressure will continue to increase on fire departments



These are just a couple of the fires we attended to in 2018. Each one had different circumstances and scenarios.

DID YOU KNOW ...

- You should sleep with your bedroom doors closed to prevent the fire to spread throughout your home?
- Firefighters have less than two minutes to get all their turnouts on?
- Cancer is the number one killer of Firefighters in the past five years?
- Women have worked on par with men in the fire service since the 1800's?
- The District's call volume is 80% medical, to 20% fire related?
- Cooking is the most common cause of house fires?
- The minimum age to be a firefighter is at least 18 years and 21 years in some states?
- In 1736, Benjamin Franklin started the first fire company in Philadelphia?



Training burn at the Lions Limb Dump off of Sand Ridge Rd.



Car fire training at Monday night drill



Chimney Fire on Dove Rd. this past May

EMERGENCY

CALL

9-1-1

FIRE
POLICE
MEDICAL
RESCUE

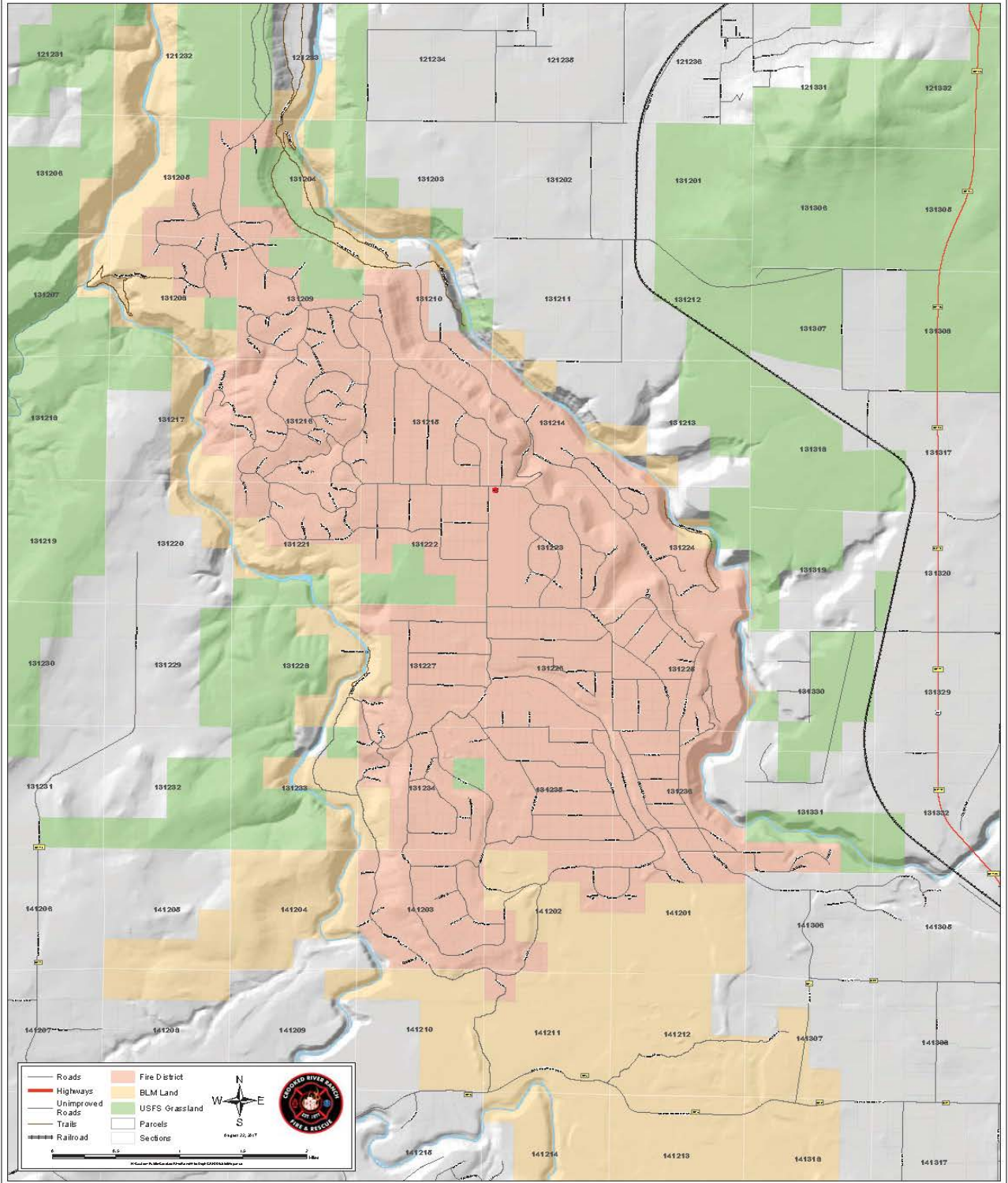
We would like to remind our residents to please call 9-1-1 when you have any type of medical emergency. An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the fire department, emergency medical services, or law enforcement. **DO NOT call the fire station business phone or drive to the station for help.** Why don't we recommend these two actions? It is simple, doing those can delay you receiving help in an emergency. When you call 9-1-1 trained Dispatchers can gather critical information, give you directions on what to do for your emergency, and dispatch us to your location.

ANNUAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OPEN HOUSE

Each year in the spring we encourage our residents to attend our Emergency Preparedness Open House. We always have various different vendors and agencies from the Central Oregon area attend this event which will help our residents learn how to prepare for any type of emergency that may arise. As you well know, we are in a prime area for a wildfire to develop and our goal is to make sure all residents are prepared with the key elements for toolkits, checklist and disaster plans for themselves and their families.



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019 ON THE RANCH...

- July 5 / Barn Dance at MacPherson Park
- July 6 / Independence Day Parade and festivities at Mac Pherson Park
- August 28 / Blood Drive at the Fire Station
- September 1st / Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station
- September 13-15 / Annual Community Yard Sale
- September 14 / Fire Prevention Open House at the Fire Station
- October 6-12 / Fire Prevention Week
- October 30 / Blood Drive at the Fire Station
- October 31 / Annual Trunk or Treat event at Ranch Chapel
- December 2-7 / Shop with a Firefighter week
- December 2-20 / Food & Toy Drive

