

Annual Report

for the year
2022

**CROOKED RIVER
RANCH FIRE &
RESCUE**



"SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF
CROOKED RIVER RANCH BY
PROVIDING SUPERIOR SERVICE
THROUGH PREVENTION, EDUCATION,
EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT"



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF, SEAN HARTLEY

It is my pleasure to present our Annual Report for 2022. It proved to be a busy year for the fire district and we hope you find this to be an educational resource for the residents and businesses of Crooked River Ranch. Thank you to the staff and volunteers for their continued dedication to our community and for helping us provide Crooked River Ranch a high level of service.

We responded to 613 calls for service in 2022. This was the third busiest year in the history of the fire district. The majority of these calls, 76%, were requests for emergency medical services. The total number of fire calls only made up 3% of our total call volume. Even though these calls make up the lowest percentage of total call volume they are often the most personnel intensive. They can also be some of the most devastating and costly to our residents without a rapid response from our personnel. The remaining 21% of our calls involve service calls, false alarms, and good intent calls.

To respond to the high volume of calls we continue to train our staff and volunteers. As we emerge from the COVID pandemic we have been able to return to a more traditional training schedule. Your firefighters, EMTs, and Paramedics meet weekly for training on all manner of topics. In 2022 the staff and volunteers completed a combined total of 1,722 training hours. We would not be able to provide the services our community has come to expect without the dedication of everyone at the fire district.

As we are all aware, we live in the wildland urban interface. In 2022 we helped 31 residents receive Title III grants through Jefferson County for making their homes more resilient against wildfire. The fire district volunteers and staff performed the property assessments required for the grants to be awarded. This was the largest number of grants completed and awarded in a single year in any fire district in Jefferson County.

We continue to promote fire prevention and safety. The volunteers who oversee the smoke alarm program have been busy going to residents' homes to assess and replace alarms that are expired or faulty. Working smoke alarms save lives and we want to make sure you have them in your home.

In 2022 we received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to install a new vehicle exhaust capture system. This system captures the carcinogenic exhaust fumes from our apparatus and vents them outside of the fire station. This helps prevent our firefighters from being exposed to the carcinogens and will help keep them healthy throughout their years of service.

I am very proud to lead this dedicated organization as we move forward. I encourage everyone to visit our website, crrfire.org, to learn more about the fire district. Follow us on Facebook and connect with us on Nextdoor. We look forward to serving you in 2023 and beyond.

Sean Hartley
Fire Chief

MEET OUR STAFF...



Sean Hartley

Fire Chief



Dana Schulke

Administrative
Assistant



David McDonald

A Shift
Captain/Paramedic



Adam Wiley

B Shift
Firefighter/Paramedic



Alysha Delorto

C Shift
Captain/Paramedic



DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS

Emma Borlen, Firefighter/EMT
Grant Caudel, Paramedic
Frank Day, Lieutenant, Firefighter
Travis Delorto, Firefighter/Paramedic
Parker English, Firefighter
Tom Fast, Firefighter/Paramedic
Damion Hatch, Firefighter/Paramedic
Dan Marsh, Firefighter
Marta McGovern-Philpott, Wildland Firefighter/EMT-I
Torrey Piatt, Firefighter
Elizabeth Ramirez, Firefighter/EMT
Ryan Rhodes, Firefighter/EMT
Jeff Scheetz, Wildland Firefighter/Rope Rescue Technician
Dennis Senko, Community Services Officer/EMT
Colton Steinke, Firefighter/Paramedic
Myrsideys Steinke, Firefighter/Paramedic
Amy Weddle, Firefighter/Paramedic

YOUR CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Brad Pahl

Position #1

(term expires 6/2025)



Kay Norberg

Position #2

(term expires 6/2025)



Jeff Green

Position #3

(term expires 6/30/2023)



Barbara Oakley

Position #4

(term expires 6/30/2023)



Mark W. Wilson

Position #5

(term expires 6/30/2023)

***"Serving our Community with Courage,
Pride, Honor, Commitment and Integrity"***

CALL VOLUME STATISTICS

	2020	2021	2022	Description
Vegetation/Structure/Vehicle Fires	37	22	20	Wildland or Structure Fires, Vehicle Fires
Overpressure Rapture/Explosion/Overheat (No Fire)	0	0	0	Explosion, Overheats and Ruptures
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	406	468	464	Rescues and Emergency Medical Assistance, Traffic Accidents/Crashes
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	5	7	5	Down Power Lines, etc.
Service Call	84	62	50	Illegal Burning, Lift Assist
Good Intent	62	64	55	Medical Call, No Patient Transport, or Canceled Call
False Alarm/False Calls	14	4	18	Commercial/Residential Fire Alarms
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0	0	Ice Storm, Snowstorm, Wildfire, etc.
Special Incident	2	0	1	Event Standby Requests
Total:	611	627	613	*Includes EMS canceled in route and no patient calls.

Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue responds to emergencies twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Our firefighters are also trained as emergency medical professionals and are equipped to respond to any emergency. That is why you may see both a fire engine and ambulances responding to incidents.

We are honored to serve our residents in many other capacities, such as hazardous materials incidents, high angle rescues, downed power line situations, etc. Community Risk Reduction is also important to us. We prioritize local risks, followed by the integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact. We are constantly helping the community prepare for emergencies by performing inspections, public safety education and community outreach.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

General Fund	Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Actual Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Actual Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Proposed & Adopted Expenditures/Supplemental Budget
Personnel Services	802,354	822,284	1,010,019
Materials & Services	418,950	473,949	522,363
Capital Outlay	10,502	43,246	0
Debt Services	27,046	27,045	27,046
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	148,149	50,000	75,000
Operating Contingency	35,696	61,297	37,204
Unappropriated Ending	595,745	665,067	245,000
Total	2,038,442	2,142,888	1,916,632

The District's financial functions include accounting and budgeting, accounts payable/receivable, payroll, grant management, annual reporting and auditing, cash flow projections and various other financial tasks. Our fiscal year is from July 1st through June 30th.

Most of the District's funding comes from property taxes paid by residents who own property within the boundaries of the Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District. Additional revenue is generated by fees charged when patients are transported by ambulance to the hospital. Miscellaneous income is from donations, refunds, and insurance credits. Occasionally, the District participates in State Fire Mobilizations through the summer months, resulting in additional reimbursement revenue, which is only incorporated into our operating budget when an actual conflagration occurs. We go through an annual auditing process, and the finalized reports are submitted to the District and our Board of Directors.

What's New at the District



Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue is very proud to initiate and sponsor the only CERT program in the Central Oregon area. What is CERT you ask? The Community Emergency Response Team program educates people about disaster preparedness and training. There are several training courses, beginning with Basic Training Introduction Material, Disaster Preparation, CERT Organization, Disaster Medical Operations, Disaster Psychology, Fire Safety & Utility Controls, Light Search & Rescue, and Terrorism.

The pictures below are from our June 2022 Basic Training weekend. We want to thank Nathan Garibay and Ashley Volz from Deschutes County Sheriff's office who assisted us in coordinating the weekend.



We would like to introduce Linda Kay Widmer who has completed her Program Manager course. For those of you who would like to know more about the program, please contact us at the station.



Our Community Events for 2022



The Labor Day Pancake Breakfast returns



Emergency Preparedness



Fourth of July Celebration



Winner of our Emergency Preparedness Bug-Out Bag



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES IN 2022

Agency	Description of Request	Amount Awarded	CRRF&R Portion	Status
AFG Grant	Direct Exhaust Capture	\$95,238.09	\$4,761.91	Awarded (begin Feb. 2023)
CERT Equipment Grant	Traffic & Crowd Control Equipment	\$1,000.00	0	Awarded
Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office	Wildland Seasonal Staffing	\$35,000.00	0	Awarded
Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office	Wildland Urban Interface Engine	State-Provided Engine	0	Pending
Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office	Fire Service Capacity Program	\$361,499.04 (over 3 years)	10% First Year 25% Second Year 50% Third Year	Pending

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (or AFG) - AFG is one of the most well-known grant programs. This program provides federal grants directly to local fire departments and unaffiliated Emergency Medical Service organizations to help address a variety of needs regarding equipment, training and other firefighter health and safety research and development through the Firefighter Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant program.

These grants are not guaranteed to every station/district, and many are denied. Award decisions are made by the Criteria Development Panel based on merits of the application and needs of the community that the station/district serves. Congress approves the AFG budget annually. After grants have been distributed, there are specific purposes for which grant money can be used, such as training firefighting personnel, acquiring firefighting vehicles, modifying fire stations, educating the public about arson prevention, and more activities.

CERT Equipment Grant - This is a competitive grant that looks at emergency management and Homeland Security projects for local governments.

OSFM Wildland Seasonal Staffing Grant - These funds allow districts to hire additional staff during the wildfire season.

OSFM Wildland Urban Interface Assistance Grant - Through this grant, the State will provide a tactical tender, allowing local districts to play a pivotal role in wildland fire prevention and suppression.

OSFM Fire Service Capacity Program - This is a three-year grant provided to fill two full-time firefighters/paramedics and turnouts/PPE. The share from CRRF&R covers the cost of personnel salary and benefits.



DID YOU KNOW???

- The cost of a new fire truck is \$300,000 to over \$1.5 million.
- The cost of a new ambulance is \$160,000 to \$200,000.
- The cost of new set of turnouts/PPE is approximately \$3,500 for each firefighter.
- We offer lot assessments for defensible space.
- We provide green address signs for your lot.
- We offer smoke alarm checks.

Our biggest challenges continue to be...

- Locating, recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters and EMT's for the District.
- Rising costs of retirement benefits/PERS, health care and other personnel costs.
- An aging fleet of apparatus and funds for replacement.

Farewell & thank you for your service

Harry Ward, Fire Chief for 6 years, has returned to Missouri to become the new Director of the University of Missouri Fire & Rescue Training Institute. Working in conjunction with the Missouri Fire Service, Chief Ward's goal is to bring MUFRTI to the forefront of fire training in the state.



Tom Fast, B Shift Captain/Paramedic, is moving to a neighboring district after 18 years with CRRF&R. He will continue as a volunteer, assisting with rope rescue operations.



Congratulations to new Fire Chief Sean Hartley

On January 3, 2023, Sean Hartley was sworn in as the new fire chief of the district. The ceremony was witnessed by many colleagues and community members, as well as personnel from several other fire districts.

Chief Hartley has been serving the Fire District since October 2008 and has held the role of Volunteer Firefighter, Volunteer Lieutenant, Captain/Administrative Assistant, and Assistant Chief. As a Captain and Assistant Chief his responsibilities included administration and acting as the chief financial officer for the District. Before coming to Crooked River Ranch, Chief Hartley began in the fire service as an Explorer Scout with the Waldport Fire Department (now Central Coast Fire & Rescue) in 1997. In 2002 he came to central Oregon to attend Central Oregon Community College for his associate degrees in Fire Science and Emergency Medical Services. While attending college he was a student at the Black Butte Ranch Fire District. In 2005 he graduated from COCC.

After graduation he held positions at Crescent Fire District as a Firefighter/Paramedic and at Central Oregon Community College, where he instructed both Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic classes. During the summers while he worked at COCC he worked at the Yachats Fire District on the Oregon Coast.



Chief Hartley is sworn in by Board Director, Kay Norberg



Mrs. Hartley pins on the Chief's Badge