



**Sandy Fire District #72**

# **Board Meeting Briefing Packet**

**February 19, 2025**

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# SANDY FIRE DISTRICT

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## Board of Directors Meeting

FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Meeting Location: Station 71 Annex/Remote Video Conferencing

5:00 pm

### AGENDA

#### REGULAR SESSION

- I. **CALL TO ORDER PER ORS 192.610 TO 192.690**  
ORS 192.650 – The meeting is being recorded.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **CHANGES TO AGENDA**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 15, 2025** (Packet Pg. 3)
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (*The President will call for statements from citizens regarding District business, not to exceed three minutes per person.*)
- VI. **BUSINESS – Action required**  
  
B-1
- VII. **OTHER BUSINESS – No action required**  
  
**OB-1 Board Committee/Liaison Reports**  
Joint Oversight Committee  
  
**OB-2 Board Informational Updates/Comments**
- VIII. **INFORMATIONAL ONLY**
  - A. **Division/Department Reports**
    - R-1a Office of the Fire Chief – Fire Chief Nick Browne (Packet Pg. 6)
    - R-1b Office of Business Services – Assistant Chief Steve Deters
    - R-1c Office of Financial Services – Chief Financial Officer Mark Whitaker (Packet Pg. 9)
    - R-1d Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County Local 1159 – Union Representative

**B. CORRESPONDENCE and INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** (Packet Pg. 11)

**C. OPEN AGENDA**

**D. NEXT MEETING**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be hybrid, with the public invited to attend either by remote video conferencing or in person at Station 71 Annex (17459 Burns Ave. Sandy, OR 97055).

**X. ADJOURNMENT**



# SANDY FIRE DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 15, 2025

### ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors: Board Chair Sue Hein, Vice Chair Mark Maunder (absent), Sec/Treasurer Ryan Fox, Director Andrew Brian, Director Ron Lesowski

Others present: Nick Browne, Steve Deters, Shelby Hopkins, Kenton Johnson, Mark Whitaker

Other community members and citizens may have been in attendance. The full video conferencing attendance can be provided upon request. A video recording of this meeting is available, and the timestamps are noted for each section below.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER PER ORS 192.610 TO 192.690

**ORS 192.650 – The meeting is being recorded.**

Board Chair Sue Hein called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### III. CHANGES TO AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

Timestamp: 01:50 – 01:55

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 18, 2024

**Board Chair Hein asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on December 18, 2024. Director Brian made a motion, and Director Lesowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0.**

Timestamp: 01:55– 02:19

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENT *(The Chair will call for statements from citizens regarding District business, not to exceed three minutes per person.)*

No Comments.

Timestamp: 02:19 – 02:19

**VI. PRESENTATION – OPERATION SANTA – ASSISTANT CHIEF STEVE DETERS**

Kenton Johnson gave a presentation of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Santa.

Timestamp: 02:19 – 07:05

**VII. BUSINESS – Action required**

**B-1 – No Business**

Timestamp: 07:05– 07:05

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS – No action required**

**OB-1 Board Committee/Liaison Reports  
Joint Oversight Committee**

No meetings to report on.

Timestamp: 07:05 – 08:28

**OB-2 Board Informational Updates/Comments**

No updates.

Timestamp: 08:28 – 08:28

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**A. Division/Department Reports**

**R-1a Office of the Fire Chief – Fire Chief Nick Browne**

Chief Browne shared an update from the Office of the Fire Chief.

Timestamp: 08:28 – 11:50

**R-1b Office of Business Services – Assistant Chief Steve Deters**

AC Deters shared an update from the Office of Business Services.

Director Brian asked about the surplus equipment. A discussion followed.

Timestamp: 11:50 – 14:49

**R-1c Office of Financial Services – Chief Financial Officer Mark Whitaker**

CFO Whitaker shared an update from the Office of Financial Services.

Timestamp: 14:49 – 16:54

**R-1d Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County Local 1159 – Union Rep.**

No report. A union representative was not present at the meeting.

Timestamp: 16:54 – 16:54

**R-1e Volunteer Association Report – Volunteer President Joe Johanesen**  
Vice President Kenton Johnson shared an update from the Volunteer Association.

Timestamp: 16:54 – 18:38

**B. CORRESPONDENCE and INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

As noted.

Timestamp: 18:38 – 18:50

**OPEN AGENDA**

Director Lesowski praised Clackamas Fire for its response to an incident.

Chief Browne reported that Clackamas Fire participated in the mobilization to southern California to help with the wildfires.

Timestamp: 18:50 – 32:38

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**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular Board of Directors' meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

**Board Chair Hein asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Fox made a motion and Director Lesowski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0.**

Minutes recorded by Executive Manager Shelby Hopkins and prepared by Administrative Technician Kelly Franzen.

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**Board Chair Sue Hein**

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**Secretary/Treasurer Ryan Fox**

# FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

January 2025



3 Alarm Fire at Blue Heron January 30



Clackamas County Strike Teams head to California Wildfires January 8

## Highlights

- Clackamas Fire responded to 34,119 calls in 2024.
- Levy funds helped acquire a new quick response vehicle. On January 1, Rescue 301 was added to Station 1.
- On January 8, Clackamas Fire answered the call to assist with the wildfires in Southern California. Two separate Clackamas County strike teams were activated by the Oregon State Fire Marshal. Crews were deployed for two weeks.
- Recruit Academy 24-02 graduated January 1 with 15 firefighters.
- The volunteer recruitment process for 2025 opened January 2.
- Clackamas Fire completed Crew 30 interviews (seasonal wildland crew) for the 2025 season. There will be 12 returning from last season. The crew size will be 23 total.

## Notable Events/Calls

1/14 – Commercial Fire at an apartment building in Milwaukie

Crews investigated and discovered the smoke was coming from the garbage enclosure on the first floor. They removed the dumpster from the building and confirmed that there was no extension. Smoke had spread throughout the building via the garbage chute system. Crews ventilated the smoke from the building.

1/30 – Commercial Fire at an apartment building in Oregon City

Fire appeared to have started on the first floor and extended to the second and third floors via external decking. Multiple crews had initial knockdown on the fire within 10 minutes of arriving on scene and the fire was under control within 30 minutes.

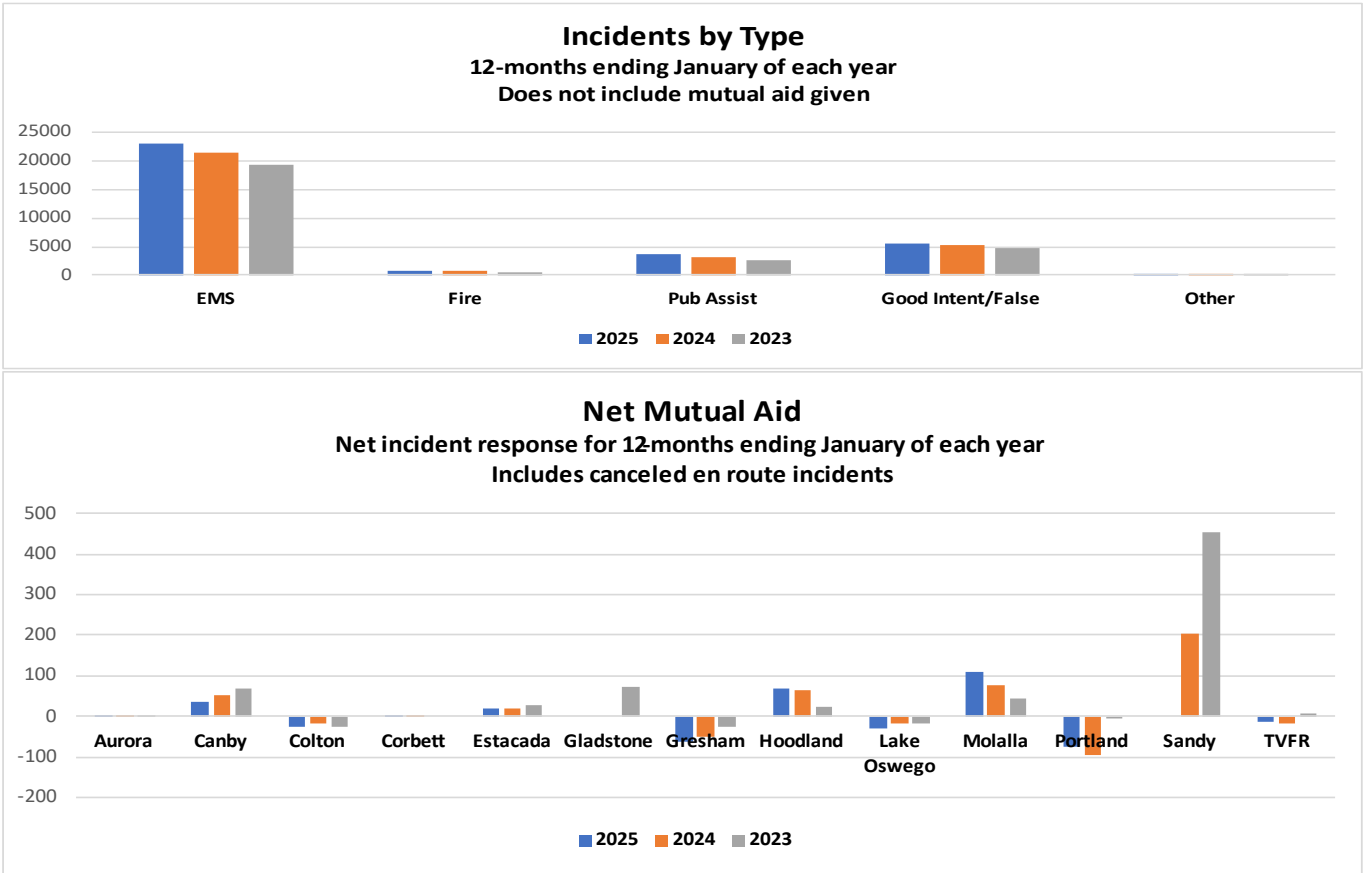
1/30 – Three-alarm commercial fire at the Blue Heron Paper Mill in Oregon City

Crews were dispatched at 0347 and worked through the night. Mutual aid support was received from regional agencies. An internal Incident Management Team was established and fire mitigation is still ongoing.

# FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

January 2025

## Organizational Data



Volunteers	Training/ Drills	Events	Duty Shifts Station 74	Station 21 (RH321)	Station 2 (RH302)
36	6	0	26/31	10/31	4/31
Average Company Time Committed					
Time: 305 hours and 37 minutes			Percent of Month: 44.36%		
Includes Preparation and Response: Incidents, Apparatus/Equipment Checks, Physical Fitness, Training					

Current Staffing					
	Local 1159	Non Rep.	Total	Ratio: Between 3-7 Optimum 5	% of Workforce
Support Services	18	51	69	1 Support Staff to 5.17 Employees	19% of total personnel
Line Positions	282	0	282		
Community Medic+ Crew 30	4	2	6		81% of total personnel
Total Employees			357		
	Current #	%Workforce			
Day Chiefs~Support	11	3%			
CFO/HSC/SSO/Exec. Man	4	1%			
Managers/CRO	5	1%			
Captains	7	2%			
Total	27	8%			



Station 71, 73, 74 - Incident Overview

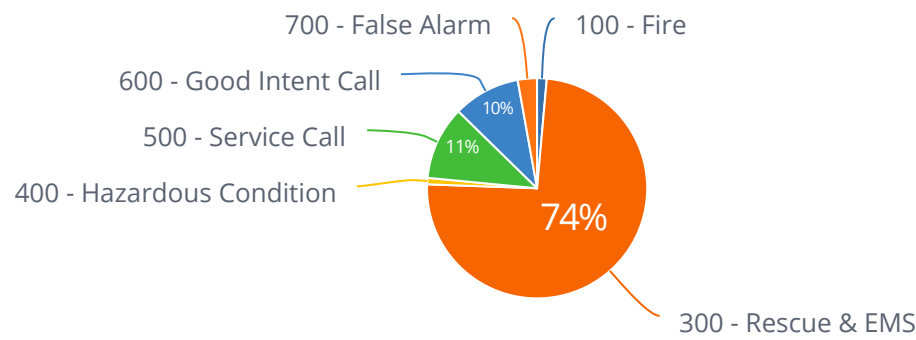
Sandy Incidents - January 2025

Incident Type Group	# of unique Incident Number
100 - Fire	3
300 - Rescue & EMS	158
400 - Hazardous Condition	2
500 - Service Call	23
600 - Good Intent Call	21
700 - False Alarm	6
# of unique Incident Number	213

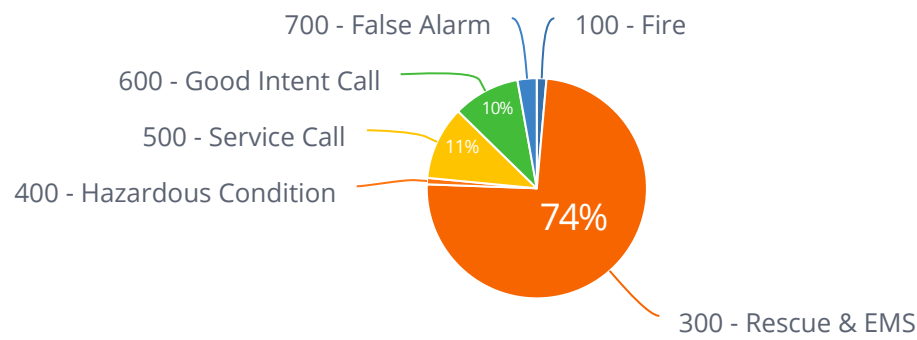
Sandy incidents - Year to Date

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Sandy Incidents - January 2025



Sandy Incidents - Year to Date



Bank Reconciliation  
January 2025

**Local Government Investment Pool**

		<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$5,261,462.09
1/9/2025	Clackamas County Tax Distribution		\$71,380.96
1/21/2025	Q3 Contract for Service Payment		-\$1,236,481.50
1/31/2025	Interest		<u>\$19,611.12</u>
		<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$4,115,972.67

**Checking Account**

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$83,007.98
Interest		<u>\$6.64</u>
	<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$83,014.62

**Total Cash Balance 01/31/2025      \$4,198,987.29**

Budget to Actuals  
January 2025

**General Fund**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>		
Current Year Property Tax	\$4,679,124	\$4,897,092
Prior Year Property Tax	\$33,476	\$65,000
Other Taxes	\$6,693	\$0
Investment Interest	\$74,249	\$115,000
	<b><u>\$4,793,542</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,077,092</u></b>
<b><u>Expense</u></b>		
Contract for Services	\$3,709,445	\$5,047,857
Professional Services	\$0	\$25,000
Transfers Out	\$230,000	\$230,000
	<b><u>\$3,939,445</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,302,857</u></b>

**Capital Replacement Fund**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>		
Investment Interest	\$15,257	\$20,000
Transfers In	\$230,000	\$230,000
	<b><u>\$245,257</u></b>	<b><u>\$250,000</u></b>
<b><u>Expense</u></b>		
Capital Replacement	\$0	\$100,000
EMS & Fire Equipment	\$0	\$25,000
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$125,000</u></b>

## CORRESPONDENCE

- C-1 Social Media Comments
- C-2 Thank you from resident at apartment fire January 14, 2025.
- C-3 Thank you from patient on medical response August 9, 2024.  
Personnel on call: E315: Lt Nisbet, AO Stevens, FF Genskay, FF Spence, E317: Lt Lambing, AO Graham, FF Kluever, FF Kaiser
- C-4 Thank you compliment from California resident for responding with a Team from Clackamas County to help fight southern California wildfires.
- C-5 Thank you call/voicemail from a former California resident for responding to wildfires in southern California.
- C-6 Thank you compliment from California
- C-7 Thank you from manager of a group home for the helpfulness, kindness, and patience employees displayed on call January 29, 2025.  
Personnel on call: E317 Lt Lambing, AO Lahodney, FF Kaiser

## CORRESPONDENCE

### C-1 Social Media Comments

**Thankful to the two Clackamas County Strike Teams who responded to the California wildfires, January:**

Just saw you heroes on the 5 headed South 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 thank you so much! 🙏 we're all so grateful for your dedication and sacrifice!



Top fan

A huge thank you for always being there for our community and the ability and willingness to provide support to areas in need.

Extra THANK YOUs to those headed out in support of the fire and to their families. I know it is a sacrifice and worry until all return home safely.

Safe travels

We ❤️ You All!! Thanks 🙏 for saving us!!!!!! We appreciate you!!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

**Thankful to Clackamas Fire and the levy for R301 going into service, Jan. 7:**

These are tax dollars I am proud to give, thank you for sharing this exciting new benefit to Clackamas County

**Thankful to the crews who responded to the brush fire in Redland, Jan. 29:**

Was wondering what all that smoke was on my way home. Thank you to the fire fighters!

**Thankful to the crews who responded to the commercial fire at the Blue Heron Paper Mill, Jan. 30-31:**

Clackamas Fire thank you for your service, keeping us safe, and doing a great job of getting the flames put out! You are appreciated! Thank you 🙏❤️

Thank you firefighters for all you're doing for us!

Thank you Fire Crews for all you do! Stay safe! 💜

Clackamas Fire Thank you! We appreciate you all

Stay safe! Praying for you all 🙏

Another day at work! Heroes everyday! Thank you! 🙏🙏🙏

Voicemail from [redacted] on Jan 14 2025 9:10 PM

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[redacted] /voicemail box [redacted] <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>

To Franzen, Kelly

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Expires 1/12/2035

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Tue 1/14/2025 9:13 PM

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Time: Tuesday, January 14 2025 9:10 PM

From: [redacted]

Duration: 1 minute 21 seconds

Voicemail box: [redacted]

Transcript: Hello. My name is Alicia. I'm calling tonight. First off, I hope this is appropriate. But, Clackamas fire, it's pain, and helped put out a fire at my apartment complex tonight at Fuller Station. It was not me. I mean, it was not my home. It was a home on a higher floor. but I just wanted to take a moment to call and thank every single one of the firefighters who responded. You guys were all here so quick and really put in the work to take care of us and get that fire out as soon as possible. Everybody was safe and everybody's inside and I just truly want to extend my gratitude to each and every single one of you guys on the team. The work you guys do is heroic, and I hope that you all get the appreciation you deserve. And I just wanted to call this as just a thank-you call. No need to call back. I just wanted to say thank you. I hope everybody is having a wonderful night and has a wonderful rest of your week. All right. Thanks again. Bye bye.

January 11, 2025

Clackamas County Fire District  
11300 SE Fuller Road  
Milwaukie, OR 97222

Help: Please get these Thank You notes to the Fire Stations that responded to my 911 call on Friday, August 9th, 2024, around 9:15 to 9:30 PM. Our address is [REDACTED] Avenue, Oregon City, OR 97045. Multiple neighbors reported that two fire trucks, two Police cars, and one ambulance responded to our emergency call. (I will write a note to the Police responders separately.)

On that scary evening, my husband, Bill Dixon, became unresponsive. I called 911 within 2 minutes of the event, which was determined to be a heart attack. The amazing first responders showed up within 4 minutes of that call and went to work.

Bill had been suffering from severe acid reflux for over two years and saw his doctor early on for the condition. The cardiologist told us that heart issues often get confused with acid reflux. Paramedics performed a miracle after their first attempt to get Bill's heart beating with a defibrillator failed. They transported Bill to Kaiser Sunnyside Hospital, which was the perfect place to continue Bill's medical care.

Bill spent a small amount of time in the ER that night before being moved to an ICU unit around midnight. On Sunday morning, August 11th, at 4:30 AM, Bill's breathing tube was removed. Our family watched that painful process wondering if the man we love and have counted on for over 48 years would show up and he did!!! His first whispered words: "What happened to me?" "Where am I?"

Bill had Triple Bypass Open Heart surgery on August 17th - 8 days after paramedics saved his life. Tests revealed that 2 arteries were completely blocked and another was 95% blocked. After surgery, I asked the heart surgeon if I would get 10 more years with this guy? He responded, "You will get way more than that."

I've enclosed our Christmas card, which shows our whole family celebrating Thanksgiving together last November. Everyone at that table has been given more time to make precious memories with someone they love as husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather, because dedicated people like yourself stand up and do some of the hardest and most stressful jobs in our community.

We will be forever grateful for all of you,

Aue (& Bill) [REDACTED]

Saturday, January 11, 2025

# Compliments or Concerns

## Compliments or Concerns Form

Email

[Redacted]

Do wish you to share a compliment or concern?

Compliment

Date of Occurrence

Saturday, January 11, 2025

Location of Occurrence

Santa Monica, CA

We're happy to receive your compliment! Tell us about it

Hello from Santa Monica, CA! We saw seven of your trucks here early this morning and waved to all of them. Your kindness in traveling an enormous distance to help your fellow Americans will never be forgotten. HUGE THANK YOU to everyone at Clackamas Fire District for supporting us, with our deepest gratitude.



Voicemail from [REDACTED] on Jan 13 2025 8:02 PM

 [REDACTED] Voicemail box [REDACTED] <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>

To  [REDACTED]

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Expires 1/11/2035

C-5

Mon 1/13/2025 8:03 PM



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# You received a new voicemail message



New voicemail message

Time: Monday, January 13 2025 8:02 PM

From: [REDACTED]

Duration: 48 seconds

Voicemail box: [REDACTED]

Transcript: Hello, my name is [REDACTED] I'm in Los Angeles. I mean I'm in I'm in Grants Pass but I'm from Los Angeles originally and been living in Grants Pass for the last six years and I just saw the Clackamas Fire Department is sending trucks to the Southern California area to help fight the fires and I just called to say thank you. I called to say thanks for all of your work every day wherever you are but especially for taking the time and the initiative and the special effort to go to Los Angeles and help my fellow Angelenos down there it's a horrible situation and they need all the help they can get again thanks again my number is [REDACTED] and when grants pass name is Billy you don't have to call me back just saying thank you and God bless

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

# Compliments or Concerns

## Compliments or Concerns Form

Name

[Redacted]

Phone Number

[Redacted]

Email

[Redacted]@gmail.com

Address

707 17th street 604  
San Deigo, Ca, 92101

Do wish you to share a compliment or concern?

Compliment

Date of Occurrence

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Location of Occurrence

Response to assist in the extreme southern california  
wildfires in LA, Altadena, San Diego county wildfires.  
In Janurary 2025.

We're happy to receive your compliment! Tell us about it

I am extending my respect to each & every firefighter and team member of your crew with my utmost  
appreciation  
responding in the assistance  
fighting our southern california  
wildfires this month of Janurary 2025. The Santa Ana winds are an additionally difficult beastly fires. I pray  
all your team headed home do not have injuries. Rest well.  
God bless & safe season ahead.

**From:** [THE EDWARDS CEN - Voicemail box 2667](#)

**To:** [Franzen, Kelly](#)

**Subject:** Voicemail from (503) 913-8265 on Jan 29 2025 5:08 PM

**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 5:11:06 PM

**Attachments:** [1738199313-00001385.mp3](#)



## You received a new voicemail message



New voicemail message

**Time:** Wednesday, January 29 2025 5:08 PM

**From:** (503) 913-8265

**Duration:** 1 minute 2 seconds

**Voicemail box:** 2667

**Transcript:**

Hi there, my name is Allison, and I am a manager at a group home, and I called 911 this morning because I needed help with one of my residents, and a crew showed up from your station, and I just wanted somebody to know that they were helpful and informative and kind and patient, and I just wanted to give them an attaboy or kudos or however you want to describe it. it. I just really appreciated it and I work in an industry with adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities and they just treated our situation with care

and kindness and I just really appreciated it and I wanted somebody to know. So if you could forward this message to the powers that be within your organization and just let them know that they're doing a real good Okay. Thanks so much. Have a good day. Bye-bye.

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## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- I – 1 KATU NEWS, January 1, 2025 “Oregon sends additional firefighting teams to aid Southern California” <https://katu.com/news/local/oregon-sends-additional-firefighting-teams-to-aid-southern-california>
- I – 2 KATU NEWS, January 1, 2025 “Oregon sends 300 firefighters to aid California wildfire battle” <https://katu.com/news/local/oregon-sends-240-firefighters-to-aid-california-wildfire-battle-state-fire-marshall-office>
- I – 3 KOIN NEWS, January 1, 2025 “Oregon firefighters answer call to help fight ‘biblical’ southern California wildfires” <https://www.koin.com/news/oregon-firefighters-help-fight-southern-california-fires-01082025/>
- I – 4 KMTR NEWS, January 1, 2025 “Oregon sends 300 firefighters to aid California wildfire battle” <https://nbc16.com/news/local/oregon-sends-240-firefighters-to-aid-california-wildfire-battle-state-fire-marshall-office>
- I – 5 KVAL NEWS, January 1, 2025 “Oregon sends 300 firefighters to aid California wildfire battle” <https://kval.com/news/local/oregon-sends-240-firefighters-to-aid-california-wildfire-battle-state-fire-marshall-office>
- I – 6 SAN DIEGO NEWS, January 21, 2025 “Firefighters from Oregon help battle Lilac Fire in Bonsall” <https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/lilac-fire-bonsall-oregon-firefighters/3730509/>
- I – 7 KOIN NEWS, January 30, 2025 “Crews remain after inferno at abandoned Blue Heron paper mill in Oregon City” <https://www.koin.com/local/clackamas-county/crews-battle-fire-at-blue-heron-paper-mill-thursday-morning/>
- I – 8 K103 NEWS, January 30, 2025 “Blue Herron Papermill Site Of Large Fire” <https://k103.iheart.com/content/2025-01-30-blue-herron-papermill-site-of-large-fire/>
- I – 9 KEX NEWS, January 30, 2025 “Blue Herron Papermill Site Of Large Fire” <https://1190kex.iheart.com/content/2025-01-30-blue-herron-papermill-site-of-large-fire/>
- I – 10 Oregonian, January 30, 2025 “Expect smoke over Oregon City as fire at former paper mill smolders” <https://www.oregonlive.com/clackamascounty/2025/01/expect-smoke-over-oregon-city-as-fire-at-former-paper-mill-smolders.html>

- I – 11 West Linn Tidings, January 30, 2025 “Large fire at Blue Heron Mill under control Thursday morning” [https://www.westlinntidings.com/news/large-fire-at-blue-heron-mill-under-control-thursday-morning/article\\_e28a5b29-5f47-5522-95b1-ae181f1ff0b1.html](https://www.westlinntidings.com/news/large-fire-at-blue-heron-mill-under-control-thursday-morning/article_e28a5b29-5f47-5522-95b1-ae181f1ff0b1.html)
- I – 12 OPB NEWS, January 30, 2025 “Fire at old paper mill rains ash and embers on downtown Oregon City” <https://www.opb.org/article/2025/01/30/oregon-city-fire-paper-mill-highway-99e/>
- I – 13 West Linn Tidings, January 30, 2025 “Update: Crews battling early morning fire at Blue Heron paper mill on Oregon City” [https://www.westlinntidings.com/news/crews-battling-early-morning-fire-at-blue-heron-paper-mill-on-oregon-city/article\\_fdc262dc-df16-11ef-925e-134983ce688d.html](https://www.westlinntidings.com/news/crews-battling-early-morning-fire-at-blue-heron-paper-mill-on-oregon-city/article_fdc262dc-df16-11ef-925e-134983ce688d.html)
- I – 14 KGW NEWS, January 30, 2025 “Large fire breaks out at old Blue Heron paper mill in Oregon City” <https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/fire-old-blue-heron-paper-mill-oregon-city/283-ec191a29-0aac-45a2-be70-c61e14805a7a>
- I – 15 FOX NEWS, January 30, 2025 “Police: Arson suspect pushed firefighter, interfered with fire investigation in Oregon City” <https://www.kptv.com/2025/01/30/police-man-pushed-firefighter-interfered-with-fire-investigation-oregon-city/>
- I – 16 Oregonian, January 30, 2025 “Fire at former Blue Heron paper mill in Oregon City causes lengthy closure of 99E” <https://www.oregonlive.com/commuting/2025/01/fire-at-former-blue-heron-paper-mill-in-oregon-city-closes-or-99e-in-both-directions.html>
- I – 17 FOX NEWS, January 30, 2025 “Crews battle massive fire at old paper mill in Oregon City” <https://www.kptv.com/2025/01/30/crews-battling-massive-fire-old-paper-mill-oregon-city/>
- I – 18 Flash Alert, January 30, 2025 “Fire Crews Battle A Blaze At The Former Blue Herron Paper Mill” (Photo)
- I – 19 Flash Alert, January 31, 2025 “Update: Blue Heron Fire, Oregon City” (Photo)

**From:** [Clackamas Fire District](#)  
**To:** [Franzen, Kelly](#)  
**Subject:** Fire Crews battle a blaze at the former Blue Herron paper mill (Photo)  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 2:44:23 PM  
**Attachments:** [thumb\\_Clackamas Fire District\\_transparent-black\\_UPDATED.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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## FIRE CREWS BATTLE A BLAZE AT THE FORMER BLUE HERRON PAPER MILL (PHOTO)



News Release from **Clackamas Fire District**  
*Posted on FlashAlert: January 30th, 2025 2:43 PM*

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Downloadable file: [Mill 1.JPG](#)

Downloadable file: [Mill 2.jpg](#)

OREGON CITY, Or. -- Firefighters are working to control a three-alarm fire in Oregon City that came in early Thursday morning at the site of a former paper mill.

Clackamas Fire crews will be working over the next couple days to fully extinguish the complex fire at the home of tumwata village, which is the former home of the vacant Blue Herron Paper Mill that is owned by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Highway 99E in Oregon City is also closed down to divert traffic away from the area so firefighters can continue working to get the fire under control. A total of five fire trucks and 20 fire engines responded to the fire that was called in just before 4 a.m. The Fire crews that responded to the 3-alarm incident included some from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Canby Fire, and Portland Fire and Rescue. PGE was also on scene to assist with shutting off power.

The public may see ash throughout the region due to the fire, and may have concerns regarding air quality but it poses no environmental concerns. DEQ representative Scott Smith was on scene and looked at the river and air quality monitoring and did not see that a hazmat response was necessary. He confirmed that normal DEQ cleanup and assessment will continue after the fire is fully extinguished. Members of the public can simply wash ash off with water. DEQ is also urging the public to stay clear of the property.

The public should expect to see smoke from the site for the next 24-48 hours as the fire continues to smolder. Fire officials will remain on site to extinguish any spots that flare up. Highway 99E is expected to remain closed between 10th Street and South End Road through the night to allow access for continuous mitigation.

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## UPDATE: BLUE HERON FIRE, OREGON CITY (PHOTO)

News Release from **Clackamas Fire District**  
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There was very little activity last night at the scene of the former Blue Heron paper mill in Oregon City, where a massive 3-alarm fire broke out early Thursday morning, January 30th. Clackamas Fire responded and quickly upgraded the incident. Resources from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Canby Fire, and Portland Fire & Rescue also responded to assist. Scappoose Fire District's Chief Jeff Pricher and staff provided a drone. Clackamas Fire Assistant Chief Dan Mulick stated

"Scappoose's response to our request for a drone mission was far exceeded. The drone capabilities provided the Incident Commander with critical information that led to sound strategy and tactics that helped mitigate this emergency."

Fire crews were able to control the spread of the fire by late Thursday morning. However, due to the complexity of the building and the property, demo and clean up operations will continue for the next few days, possibly through the weekend.

Clackamas Fire officials coordinated with the Grand Ronde Tribe to form a unified command. Together, they recognized the need to bring in heavy equipment to demolish the affected structure.

Starting today, Friday, January 31st, Fire crews remain on scene as heavy equipment begins debris clean up. While the scene has been declared under control, passersby may still see occasional flare-ups and continuous smoke from the structure. The Department of Environmental Quality has stated that, after on-scene observation, there is no public health issues present.

The public is urged not to call 911 or news tip lines about visible flames, as they are being monitored by on-site personnel. Observers are also asked to maintain a safe distance from the site.

Highway 99E and all surface streets have been reopened, and the railway is operating normally.

You can continue to monitor progress by following Clackamas Fire's social media (Facebook, Instagram, and X) as well as the City of Oregon City's social media. Updates will be provided as new information becomes available

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