

WHAT SANDY GAINS BY JOINING CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT

WHY HAS THE SANDY FIRE BOARD PROPOSED ANNEXING INTO CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT FOR FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROTECTION?

For more than a century, Sandy Fire District has served this community. As Sandy has grown, so have emergency calls, wildfire risk, and the cost of providing modern fire and EMS services. The Sandy Fire District Board is proposing annexation into Clackamas Fire District (an independent district not associated with Clackamas County) to protect the improvements already made and ensure reliable emergency services into the future.

WHAT HAS IMPROVED SINCE PARTNERING WITH CLACKAMAS FIRE?

Since the first contract began in 2021, Sandy-area residents have already seen meaningful service improvements.

- 24/7 staffing at the Eagle Creek Fire Station with three full-time firefighter paramedics and EMTs
- A new staffed rescue unit operating 12 hours per day, seven days a week
- Two response crews available during peak hours, when call volume is highest
- More firefighters on duty compared to the previous model of three per shift
- Faster and more reliable response when multiple emergencies occur at once
- Increased volunteer participation and expanded coverage at the Firwood Rd (Dover) station

WHAT WOULD ANNEXATION DO?

Annexation would make these improvements permanent, maintain firefighters and ensure high quality services for the growing community.

- Keeps existing firefighters in the Sandy community on a permanent basis
- Expands rescue coverage from 12 to 24 hours per day to enhance response in multiple call scenarios
- Increases 24/7 staffing at Sandy's main fire station, adding more firefighters in the community
- Keeps Sandy and Firwood Rd. stations open and staffed with career and volunteer firefighters
- Preserves and strengthens volunteer and explorer programs to strengthen recruitment
- Gives Sandy residents representation on the Clackamas Fire District Board of Directors



EXPANDED REGIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE SANDY AREA

Through annexation, Sandy would have permanent access to:

- Additional firefighter paramedics and EMTs
- Engines, rescue units, brush units, and specialized apparatus for all-hazards response
- Advanced medical services and technical rescue teams, including hazmat and water and rope rescue
- Regional wildfire response resources, including Clackamas Fire's Type 2 (IA) wildland firefighting hand crew
- Shared training, equipment, and operational support

COST & COMMUNITY IMPACT

Current Sandy Fire tax rate:

\$2.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value

Clackamas Fire permanent rate:

\$2.40 per \$1,000

Difference:

About \$0.23 per \$1,000. Most homeowners will see an increase of less than \$5 per month.

