



**Sandy Fire District #72**

# **Board Meeting Briefing Packet**

**March 18, 2026**

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## Board of Directors Meeting

**MARCH 18, 2026**

**Meeting Location: Station 71 Annex/Remote Video Conference**

**5:00 pm**

### AGENDA

#### REGULAR SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER PER ORS 192.610 TO 192.705**  
ORS 192.650 – The meeting is being recorded.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **CHANGES TO AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Board Meeting on February 18, 2026
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (*The President will call for statements from citizens regarding District business, not to exceed three minutes per person.*)
6. **BUSINESS** – Action required
  - B-1 **Request Board approval of Resolution 26-01 amending the ORS citation in Resolution 25-03** – Assistant Chief Steve Deters
7. **OTHER BUSINESS** – No action required
  - OB-1 **Board Committee/Liaison Reports**  
Joint Oversight Committee
  - OB-2 **Board Informational Updates/Comments**
8. **INFORMATIONAL ONLY**
  - A. **Division/Department Reports**
    - R-1a Office of the Fire Chief – Fire Chief Nick Browne
    - R-1b Office of Business Services – Assistant Chief Steve Deters

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

R-1d Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County Local 1159 – Union Representative

R-1e Volunteer Association Report – Assn. Representative

**B. Public Affairs & Engagement**

**C. Open Agenda**

**D. Next Meeting**

The next Board of Directors' meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be hybrid, with the public invited to attend either by remote video conference or in person at Station 71 Annex (17459 Bruns Ave., Sandy, OR 97055).

**9. ADJOURNMENT**



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2, 2026

### ATTENDANCE

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

Staff Present: Nick Browne, Steve Deters, Mark Whitaker, Shelby Hopkins, Brent Starr

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, with timestamps for each section below.

### REGULAR SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER PER ORS 192.610 TO 192.705**  
**ORS 192.650 – The meeting is being recorded.**

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **CHANGES TO AGENDA**  
No changes.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Board Meeting on January 21, 2026

**Board Chair Hein called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on January 21, 2026. Director Lesowski made the motion, and Sec/Treasurer Fox seconded it. All in favor; none opposed—motion passed 3/0.**

Timestamp: 00:53 – 01:32

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (*The President will call for statements from citizens regarding District business, not to exceed three minutes per person.*)  
No comments.

6. **BUSINESS** – Action required

**B-1 Request Board Approval of Sandy Fire Ballot Title, Question, Summary & Explanatory Statement** – Assistant Chief Steve Deters

AC Deters requested the Board’s approval of the Sandy Fire Ballot Title, Question, Summary & Explanatory Statement.

**Board Chair Hein requested a motion to approve the Sandy Fire Ballot Title, Question, Summary & Explanatory Statement. Director Lesowski made a motion, and Sec/Treasurer Fox seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed – motion passed 3/0.**

Timestamp: 01:39 – 4:11

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

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

Joint Oversight Committee

Director Lesowski gave an update from the Joint Oversight Committee.  
Board Chair Hein shared an update regarding a new social media committee she is a part of with Lindsey Hendren.

Timestamp: 04:12 – 07:51

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

No comments.

8. **INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**A. Division/Department Reports**

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

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

Timestamp: 07:53 – 14:09

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

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

Timestamp: 14:10 – 19:05

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

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

Timestamp: 19:06 – 20:04

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

No report given.

**R-1e Volunteer Association Report – Assn. Representative**

Brent Starr provided an update from the Volunteer Association.

Timestamp: 20:05 – 21:30

**B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS & ENGAGEMENT**

No comments.

**C. OPEN AGENDA**

**D. NEXT MEETING**

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Board Chair Sue Hein called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Lesowski made the motion, and Sec/Treasurer Fox seconded. All in favor, none opposed – motion passed 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm

Minutes recorded by Executive Manager Shelby Hopkins and prepared by Administrative Technician Maliyah Thompson.

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Board Chair Sue Hein

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Secretary/Treasurer Ryan Fox

# FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

# HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2026

- Facilities met with Energy Trust of Oregon to investigate rebates on energy efficiency.
- CFD hosted a full-scale Hazmat Air Monitoring Exercise with HM307, US EPA, and the National Guard. (Clean Harbors donated their property for this exercise).
- CFD hosted a Logistics Support workshop for Logistics Chiefs from CFD, TVF&R, Fire Defense Board, OEM, and OSFM.
- The Training Warehouse remodel has been completed – Upgrades include a fully enclosed classroom, additional lockers, restrooms, shower facilities, a fitness space, and the installation of bailout training windows.
- CFD hosted the Regional Telestaff Meetup with agencies from across Oregon.
- Class 26-01 has officially begun their 16 week academy.
- Battalion drills concluded with Ventilation operations and has shifted to Search.
- CFD hosted Good Morning Sandy on 2/18.



Fire Chief Browne speaking to community members at Good Morning Sandy

## Notable Events

### 2/3 Commercial Fire in Canby

Crews responded to a commercial fire at a fabrication facility in Canby with reports of an explosion that caused significant damage to the building, including a large section of the roof that was blown off. Three employees reported injuries with one person being transported by a Canby Fire medic. Due to the force of the explosion, there was concern for further collapse of the remaining structure. Employees explained their operation involved argon gas and one of the pressurized vessels had exploded. TVF&R's State HazMat team were called in early and all crews worked at a 60-foot distance and up wind. A second pressurized tank was also at risk of exploding due to the compromised cooling system. Canby Fire Command initiated a Level 3 evacuation through public works and with police assistance of Canby PD. The tank was monitored overnight with the Level 3 evacuations being lifted later the next day. Clackamas Fire also provided a drone on scene to assist with remote surveillance of the scene.

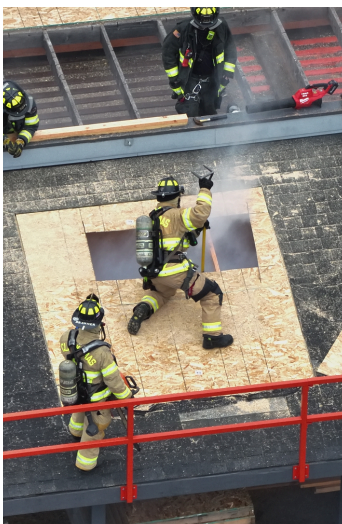
### 2/12 Residential Fire in Damascus

Crews responded to a residential fire on SE Highway 224 in Damascus. Upon arrival, crews found a fully involved mobile home with heavy smoke and flames visible. One occupant and her dog safely had already safely evacuated. Crews initiated an offensive fire attack, preventing the fire from spreading to neighboring homes located about 20 feet away. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

### 2/19 Residential Fire in Beavercreek

BC303 responded with a first alarm to a residential fire. Crews arrived to heavy fire on the Alpha (front) side of the structure. The resident was found outside with injuries, but declined medical attention. Firefighters were able get a bulk of the fire knocked down on the structure but some hard to reach hotspots, mainly on the second floor, remained problematic. Fire was benchmarked under control around the 50 minute mark. During overhaul, three firefighters were involved in a floor collapse. A Mayday was called and on scene resources mobilized. The firefighters were quickly removed from the building under their own power. All three were treated and released from a local hospital.

Crews participating in vertical ventilation training



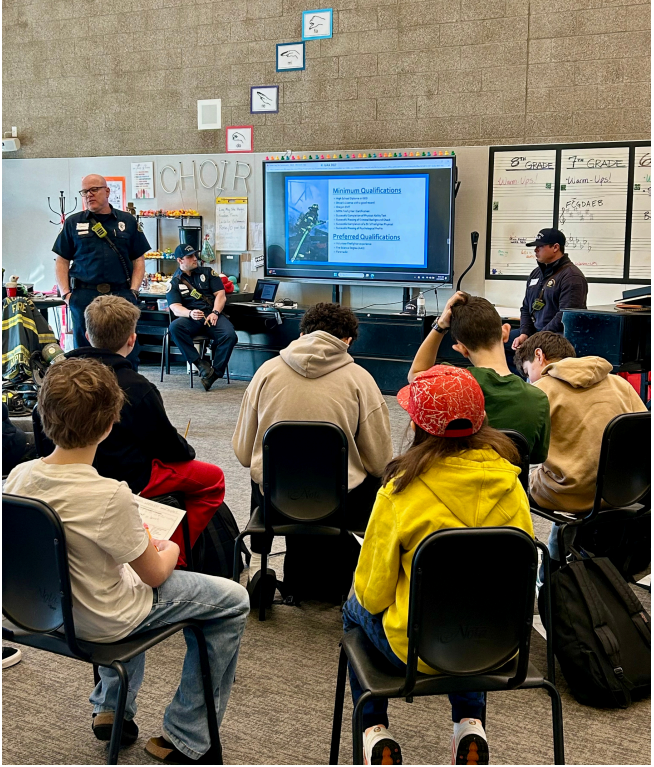
Full-scale Hazmat Air Monitoring Exercise





Crews facilitating a station tour

Crews teaching at a school in the community



The new fitness space in the Training Warehouse

# FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

# DISTRICT DATA

FEBRUARY 2026

**AVERAGE COMPANY TIME COMMITTED**

**257:19:00**  
HOURS COMMITTED

**39.01%**  
PERCENT OF MONTH

## VOLUNTEER DATA

EVENTS  
**0**

STATION 21 | RH321  
**8/28**  
DUTY SHIFTS

STATION 2 | RH302  
**2/28**  
DUTY SHIFTS

STATION 74  
**24/28**  
DUTY SHIFTS

**32**  
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

**5**  
TRAINING/ DRILLS



# CLACKAMAS FIRE BY THE NUMBERS FEBRUARY 2026

## APPARATUS RESPONSES

**2,733**  $\checkmark$  21%  
FROM  
JANUARY

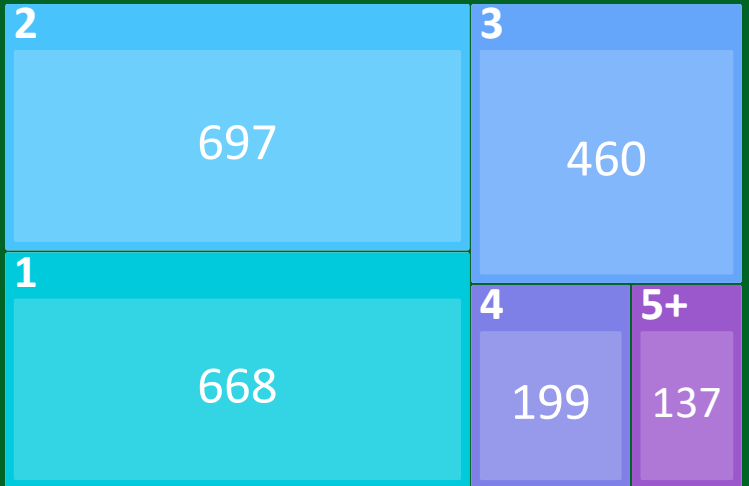
## TOTAL

**14**  
LIVES SAVED

## MONTHLY AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME

**01:24**

## CONCURRENT CALLS



## TOTAL

**14**

## SEASONAL

(WILDLAND - BRUSH - GRASS)

## TOTAL

**14**

## CARDIAC

ARRESTS

## TOTAL

**98**

## ACCIDENTS

(VEH - PED - NON-INJURY)

## TOTAL

**7**

## STRUCTURE

FIRES

## TOTAL

**4**

## SPECIALTY

RESCUES

## TOTAL

**\$210K**

## PROPERTY SAVED

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**29**

(10 CIVIC EVENTS)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

**950**

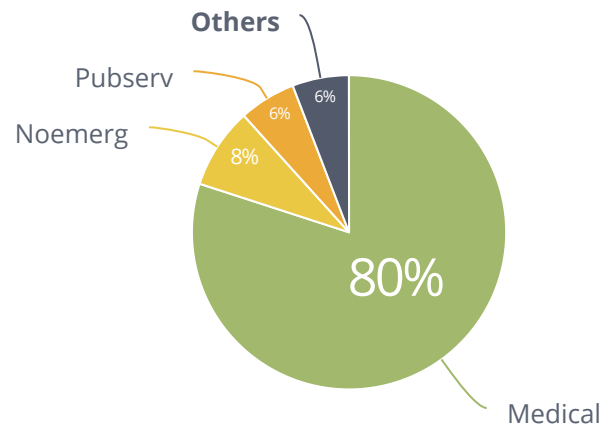
Sandy Incidents - February 2026

Primary Incident Type Group	# of Incidents
Fire	3
Hazsit	3
Lawenforce	1
Medical	96
Noemerg	10
Pubserv	7
<b># of Incidents</b>	<b>120</b>

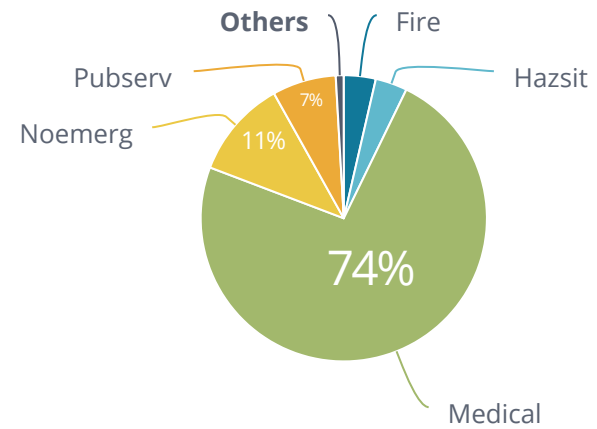
Sandy Incidents - 2026

Primary Incident Type Group	# of Incidents
Fire	12
Hazsit	12
Lawenforce	3
Medical	245
Noemerg	37
Pubserv	24
<b># of Incidents</b>	<b>333</b>

Sandy Incidents - February 2026



Sandy Incidents - 2026



Bank Reconciliation  
February 2026

**Local Government Investment Pool**

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$4,350,461.70
2/6/2026	Clackamas County Tax Distribution	\$43,807.96
2/28/2026	Interest	<u>\$13,589.72</u>
	<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$4,407,859.38

**Checking Account**

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$83,846.55
Interest		<u>\$6.16</u>
	<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$83,852.71

**Total Cash Balance 02/28/2026      \$4,491,712.09**

FY 2025-26 Budget to Actuals  
February 2026

**General Fund**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>		
Current Year Property Tax	\$4,807,876	\$5,091,600
Prior Year Property Tax	\$43,094	\$65,000
Other Taxes	\$9,352	\$8,000
Investment Interest	\$73,873	\$85,000
	<b>\$4,934,195</b>	<b>\$5,249,600</b>
<b><u>Expense</u></b>		
Contract for Services	\$3,843,735	\$5,136,600
Professional Services	\$0	\$15,000
Transfers Out	\$0	\$160,000
	<b>\$3,843,735</b>	<b>\$5,311,600</b>

**Capital Replacement Fund**

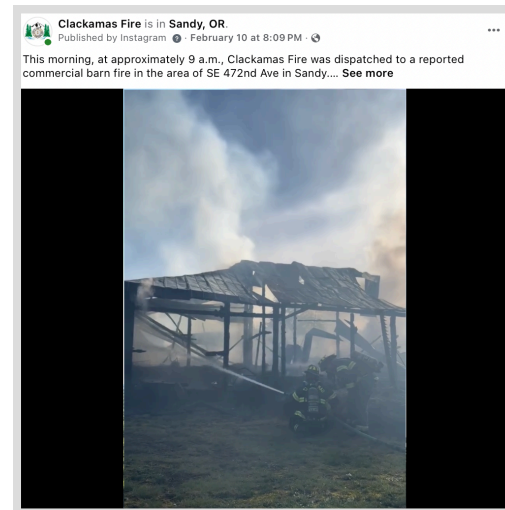
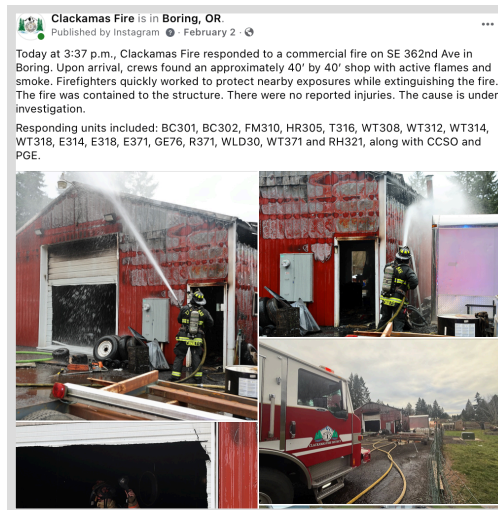
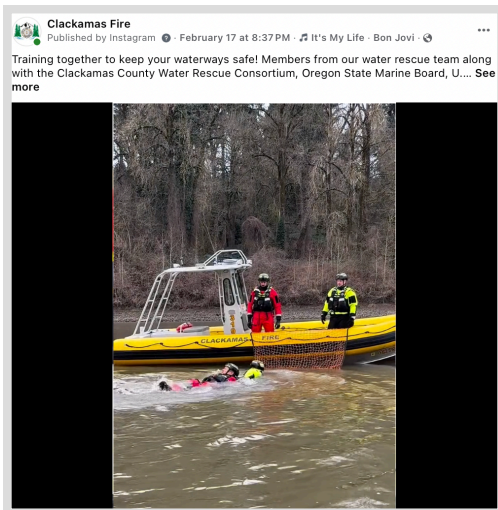
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>		
Investment Interest	\$21,776	\$22,000
Transfers In	\$0	\$160,000
	<b>\$21,776</b>	<b>\$182,000</b>
<b><u>Expense</u></b>		
Capital Replacement	\$0	\$100,000
EMS & Fire Equipment	\$0	\$25,000
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

# PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ENGAGEMENT

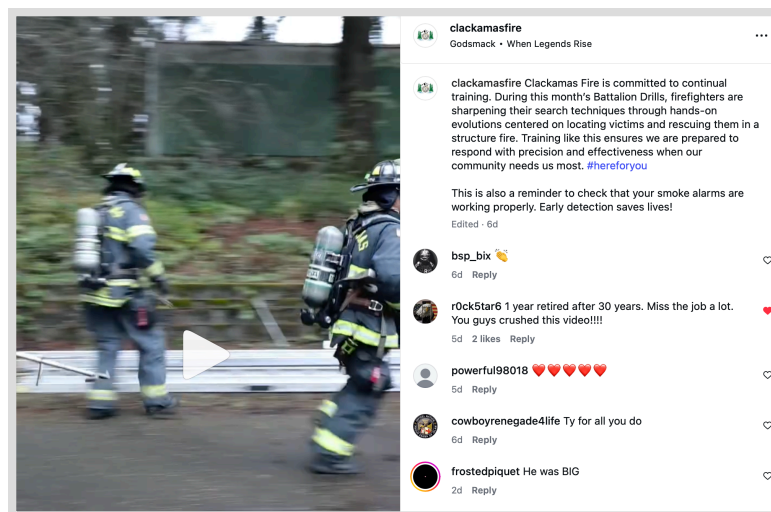
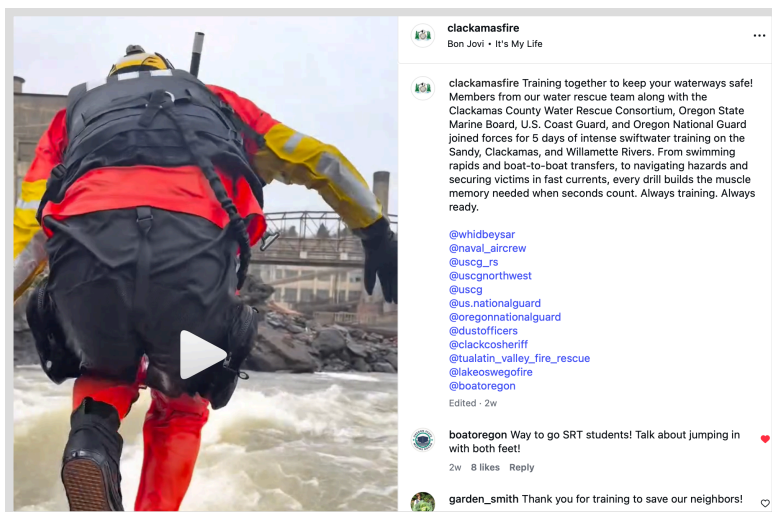
# SOCIAL MEDIA

FEBRUARY 2026

## Top Facebook Posts\*



## Top Instagram Posts\*



## Community Comments

"These guys are savage!!!! I live here and I know how cold that water get and how rough those water really are! So thanks to these guys,cause not everyone is built for that kind of work!!"



**Clackamas Fire**

Published by Instagram · February 17 at 8:37 PM

Training together to keep your waterways safe! Members from our water rescue team along with the Clackamas County Water Rescue Consortium, Oregon State Marine Board, U.... See more

"These guys are so impressive. I've seen them practicing on the Sandy River. And they saved someone who I knew back in 2012. Love, respect, deep appreciation."



"Nothing but gratitude for your dedication to protecting the lives and safety of our communities"



**Clackamas Fire is in Sandy, OR.**

Published by Instagram · February 10 at 8:09 PM

This morning, at approximately 9 a.m., Clackamas Fire was dispatched to a reported commercial barn fire in the area of SE 472nd Ave in Sandy.... See more



"Always showing up. Amen. Never enough gratitude for what you do. Thank you."

"Wow. Very intense. Amazing job"



**Clackamas Fire is in Damascus, OR.**

Published by Instagram · February 12 at 9:57 PM

Today at 11:45 a.m., Clackamas Fire responded to a res the Riverview Mobile Home Park in Damascus.... See more



"Great response, They are safe. So proud of our fire department. Stay safe may God continue to protect each of you. Thank you your community cares."

"First Responders are our everyday unsung heroes. Thank you"

**Community Comments**



**53,205**  
FOLLOWERS

**729,752**  
VIEWS

**11,785**  
INTERACTIONS



**18,543**  
FOLLOWERS

**413,006**  
VIEWS

**26,599**  
INTERACTIONS

- KOIN 6 February 28, 2026 "Happy Valley Dog Named Sweetie Rescued from Manmade Pond, Taken to Vet"  
<https://www.koin.com/local/clackamas-county/happy-valley-dog-named-sweetie-rescued-from-manmade-pond-taken-to-veterinarian/>
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<https://theoutlookonline.com/2026/02/04/clackamas-fires-early-2026-filled-with-flames-training-community/>
- Gresham Outlook February 13, 2026 "Commentary: Protecting Lives, Property, and Emergency Services in Sandy"  
<https://theoutlookonline.com/2026/02/13/commentary-protecting-lives-property-and-emergency-services-in-sandy/>
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<https://estacadanews.com/2026/02/13/clackamas-fire-responds-to-blazes-in-sandy-damascus/>
- KPTV 12 February 25, 2026 "Homes in Milwaukie briefly evacuated due to gas leak"  
<https://www.kptv.com/2026/02/25/homes-milwaukie-briefly-evacuated-due-gas-leak/>