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NOTES:
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Assisting Agencies
Ashland Fire & Rescue
Ashland Police Dept.
Ashland Utilities
Avista Utilities
Emer. Comm of So. Oregon
Jackson County Sheriff's Office
Josephine County Fire Agencies
Medford Fire & Rescue
Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF)
Oregon Dept. of Transp. (ODOT)
OR State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
Pacific Power (PP&L)
Phoenix Police Dept.

COLOR CODE:
RED: CRITICAL
YELLOW: SERIOUS
GREEN: CLOSE CALL
DATE: December 17, 2017

TIME OF ALARM: 10:14 PM

TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire

LOCATION: 812 S. Pacific Hwy # 25, Talent

RESPONSE: 4 Engines, 1 Batt. Chief, 1 Fire Chief, 1 Chaplain, 1 Type VI, 1 Ambulance

TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 7

ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue, Medford Fire-Rescue, Oregon State Fire Marshall’s Office, Talent Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff’s Office

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 and automatic aid units responded to a structure fire with occupants trapped. On arrival they found a single wide mobile home approximately 50% involved in fire. Heavy smoke and fire had was issuing from “A”, “B” and “D” side windows and had burned through the roof. Crews received reports of a victim trapped in the rear bedroom. 8301 attempted to knock down the fire while simultaneously attempting a rescue. Fire activity, structural contents and limited access/egress made patient removal difficult without additional assistance. Rescuers were forced from the building by heat and smoke conditions. The exterior wall of the trailer was removed, and the patient was extricated. Patient was in full cardiac arrest. Advanced life support measures were taken, patient was packaged for transport and delivered by ambulance to a local hospital where she succumbed. A bystander was injured while attempting to warn the residents, treated and transported.

DATE: April 25, 2018

TIME OF ALARM: 4:17 PM

TYPE OF ALARM: Residential Structure Fire (Mutual Aid to 8100), Structural Strike Team Response

LOCATION: Bowmont Circle, Medford, OR

RESPONSE: 8 Engines, 1 Ladder, 3 Battalion Chiefs, 1 Deputy Fire Chief, 2 Fire Investigators, 1 Ambulance

TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 4

ASSISTING AGENCIES: Jackson County Fire Districts 5 &3, Medford Police, Mercy Flights, Josephine Co.

GENERAL: Engine 8301 responded automatic aid to a structure fire with occupants trapped. On arrival they found a fully engulfed motor home that had extended into 2 houses. 8301 was assigned Fire Attack and Search. On entry they found heavy fire and smoke and fire conditions. Subsequently a wall collapsed, and egress was blocked burying the hose line. A firefighter was pushed away from the house by the force of the structural failure. The three remaining firefighters continued battling the blaze, escaping through a window. One JCFD No.5 firefighter was treated at the scene for heat exhaustion and smoke inhalation and transported by ambulance to a local hospital for evaluation.

FIRE DEATH: One victim was trapped in the structure and died from smoke inhalation. One adult male and two children were able to escape the structure. The adult male sustained an injury.

INJURY: Firefighter mayday. 3 firefighters transported to hospital with injuries due to a structural collapse and entrapment.
DATE: May 20, 2017

TIME OF ALARM: 8:58 PM

TYPE OF ALARM: Residential Structure Fire, Multi-Family Dwelling

LOCATION: 330 Independence Circle Apt. D, Phoenix

RESPONSE: 2 Engines, 1 Ambulance, 1 Fire Chief

TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 9

ASSISTING AGENCIES: Mercy Flights Ambulance

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 and automatic aid units responded to a reported structure fire at 330 Independence Circle Unit D. Supplemental information included a subject that was having trouble breathing. On arrival, crews found smoke showing from the structure. The victim was unresponsive in the door way with smoke throughout the unit. Crews provided advanced life support and searched the building for additional residents and fire extension. The fire had originated in a large cooking pot filled with charcoal and rubbing alcohol that apparently had been placed in the bathtub by the victim in an attempt to commit suicide by CO poisoning.

DATE: July 18, 2017

TIME OF ALARM: 3:01 PM

TYPE OF ALARM: Vehicle Fire/ Motor Home

LOCATION: 201 Fern Valley Rd., Phoenix

RESPONSE: 2 Engines, 1 Type VI, 1 Ambulance

TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 8

ASSISTING AGENCIES: Mercy Flights Ambulance, Law Enforcement

GENERAL: 8303 responded to a reported fire in a motorhome. On arrival they found a recreational vehicle in flames, threatening a structure and a nearby propane tank. Crews fought the blaze and subsequently discovered a victim had suffered facial and lung injuries. JCFD No.5 paramedics initiated rapid sequence intubation, treated the burn injuries and packaged the patient for transport via ground ambulance.

INJURY: Victim treated for smoke inhalation and transported by ambulance.

INJURY: The individual operating the fill site was transported to the hospital with severely compromised airway and full thickness burns.
DATE: May 2, 2018
TIME OF ALARM: 7:52 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Passenger Vehicle Fire
LOCATION: I-5 SB MP 8 Ashland, OR
RESPONSE: 1 Engine, 1 Tender, 1 Type VI
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 5
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Police

GENERAL: 8302 responded to a reported vehicle fire on I-5 at MP8. On arrival they found an engine compartment fire in a passenger van. While extinguishing the blaze, a semi-truck became disabled in the number one (1) lane. This was adjacent to 8302 creating a significant traffic hazard. Multiple vehicles swerved to miss the semi-truck and an Oregon State Trooper was nearly struck while performing traffic control. Poor reception contributed to inconsistent radio communication between responding units.

DATE: April 08, 2018
TIME OF ALARM: 11:47 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Residential Structure Fire
LOCATION: 671 W. Valley View Rd., Talent, OR
RESPONSE: 5 Engines, 1 Tender, 1 Battalion Chief, 1 Deputy Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 9
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Talent Police Department, Ashland Fire & Rescue, Medford Fire-Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 was dispatched to a reported vegetation fire. Arriving crews found a well involved tree threatening a structure. Occupants of the residence were not aware of the fire and were evacuated by fire crews. Fire was extinguished and overhauled and no civilian or firefighter injuries occurred.

NEAR MISS: Vehicle fire operations on a major interstate. An uninvolved disabled semi-truck was blocking the fast lane creating an unsafe working area for fire crews. Multiple near miss MVC’s including a state trooper nearly getting rear ended. Poor radio reception was an additional safety concern.

NEAR MISS: Occupants in adjacent structure were unaware of the fire and were evacuated by fire crews.
DATE: June 25, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 12:45 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Grass/ Vegetation Fire
LOCATION: 475 Pompadour Dr., Ashland
RESPONSE: 2 Engines, 2 Tenders, 3 Type VI, 1 Battalion Chief, 1 Fire Chief, (unknown ODF apparatus)
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 9
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue, ODF

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 responded to reported vegetation fire. On arrival companies found a rapidly spreading grass fire threatening a structure. Crews called for a second alarm and began extinguishment. No structures were lost or injuries to firefighters or civilians occurred.

DATE: June 06, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 12:40 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 594 S Valley View Rd., Ashland
RESPONSE: 4 Engines, 2 Tenders, 1 Battalion Chief, 1 Deputy Chief, 1 Fire Chief, 1 Support Vehicle
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 14
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue, Ashland Police Department, PP&L

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 and automatic aid units responded to the report of a structure fire. On arrival they found a single story, single family dwelling with heavy fire and black pressurized smoke showing. 8301 set up command and deployed hose lines. 8303 and 8811 supplied water and extra personnel. 2nd alarm was called due to wildland and exposure protection. 8302 arrived and protected exposures. Water tenders provided water supply. Primary and secondary searches were completed. No injuries occurred to firefighters or residents.

NEAR MISS: 9-acre wildland fire with 3 structures threatened. Additional alarm needed to extinguish fire and protect homes.

NEAR MISS: Structure fire with sleeping occupants. Occupants rapidly exited the building after discovering the fire.
DATE: July 09, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 2:58 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Vegetation Fire Threatening Structures
LOCATION: 951 Emigrant Creek Rd., Ashland
RESPONSE: 1 Type I Engine, 3 Type VI, 1 Tender, 2 Chief Officers, ODF
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 7
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue, ODF

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 and automatic aid units responded to a vegetation fire threatening a home. Units initiated fire attack on the head and flanks of the fire, 8302 took structure protection. Batt. 1 assumed Command which was subsequently transferred to ODF 543.

DATE: July 27, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 4:27 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Semi-Truck/Freight Fire
LOCATION: Southbound I-5 MP 6
RESPONSE: 1 Engine, 1 Tender, ODF (unknown units)
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 2
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 responded to a reported to a tractor-trailer on fire. On arrival units found a fully involved semi with threat to the wildland. ODF protected the wildland, 8302 extinguished the truck fire and OSP provided traffic control. Scene turned over to ODOT.

DATE: August 10, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 1:24 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 1383 HWY 99, Ashland
RESPONSE: 6 Engines, 2 Type VI, 4 Chief Officers
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 6
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 and automatic aid units responded to reported structure fire in a commercial occupancy. Arriving units found heavy smoke and flame issuing from an auto body shop with a significant threat to the wildland and adjacent homes. Units established a permanent water supply and initiated fire attack. Fire originated near a paint booth. A painter had a dry rag ignite in his hands and start a fire. Occupants escaped without further injury.
DATE: November 22, 2017  
TIME OF ALARM: 3:37 PM  
TYPE OF ALARM: Vehicle Fire  
LOCATION: SB I-5 MP 11  
RESPONSE: 1 Engine, 1 Tender  
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 4  
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation  
GENERAL: JCFD No.5 responded to the report of a vehicle fire on I-5. On arrival, units found a Jeep Liberty on fire. Fire was extinguished and 8302 shuttled the stranded occupants to safety in nearby Ashland.

DATE: April 19, 2018  
TIME OF ALARM: 10:17 PM  
TYPE OF ALARM: Vehicle Fire  
LOCATION: SB I-5, MP 4  
RESPONSE: 1 Engine, 1 Tender  
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 5  
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon State Police, ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation)  
GENERAL: JCFD No.5 responded to a reported truck and trailer fire at MP4, I-5 Southbound. Arriving units found a Jeep Cherokee well involved in fire. No occupants were initially located. Fire was extinguished and overhauled without further incident. Contact was subsequently made with vehicle owner who had escaped to safety during the fire. She advised that it was just her and her dog in the vehicle and that she was uninjured. Shelter was provided for her in Engine 8302 until she could be left in the care of ODOT.

DATE: March 5, 2018  
TIME OF ALARM: 11:49 AM  
TYPE OF ALARM: Vegetation Fire  
LOCATION: 502 W. Hilltop Rd., Talent  
RESPONSE: 2 Engines, 1 Type VI, 1 Battalion Chief  
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 8  
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue  
GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and automatic aid units responded to an escaped control burn. Arriving units found ¼ acre grass fire adjacent to structures. Fire was brought under control without additional incident.
DATE: February 20, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 12:30 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 210 N. Pacific Hwy, Talent
RESPONSE: 3 Engines, 1 Battalion Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 8
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 and automatic aid units responded to the report of a structure fire at 210 N Pacific Hwy. On arrival they found the fire had been extinguished by the occupants of the residence. Still smoldering objects were removed along with the stove. Positive Pressure Ventilation was utilized for smoke removal and thermal imaging devices were employed to check for fire extension in the walls and attic. Scene was turned over to the manager of the complex.

DATE: February 24, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 5:32 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 4135 Cedar Lane, Medford
RESPONSE: 3 Engines, 1 Tender, 1 Battalion Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 7
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Medford Fire-Rescue, PP&L

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and automatic aid units responded to a reported structure fire. Arriving units found smoke showing from the roof line of a small occupied residence. 8303 made entry, and 8301 assumed command. Further investigation found an attic fire. Fire was extinguished and overhauled. Fire cause was occupant drying clothing above a wood stove. The articles caught fire and extended into living area and attic space. Power was disconnected and building released back to the homeowner.

DATE: February 26, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 12:03 AM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 300 Luman Rd. #99, Phoenix
RESPONSE: 3 Engines, 1 Battalion Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 7
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Medford Fire-Rescue, PP&L

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and automatic aid units responded to the report of a structure fire. Supplemental information included reports of flames showing and elderly occupants in the residence attempting to extinguish the fire. Arriving units found an occupied double wide mobile home, with smoke showing. 8303 established incident command and initiated fire attack. Occupants were evacuated, and active fire was extinguished. Crews checked for extension by removing siding and using the Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC). Positive pressure ventilation was utilized for smoke removal. Salvage and overhaul was completed, and a still smoldering couch was removed from an enclosed porch.
DATE: March 02, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 6:59 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Vehicle Fire
LOCATION: SB Interstate 5 MP 23
RESPONSE: 1 Engine, 1 Tender
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 5
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation

GENERAL: 8301 and 8341 responded to a reported vehicle fire. On arrival they found a fully engulfed van/camper conversion. Crews extinguished and overhauled the blaze. Owner stated that he had plugged in his propane heater inside his van to warm it up. When he turned it on to high it flashed and accelerated down the fuel line to the propane tank. He apparently put the heater and tank outside the vehicle and turned it off. As he returned to the vehicle he noticed flames inside the van. After investigation, it was determined that a faulty propane line and heater started the fire. The vehicle was turned over to OSP for a rotation tow.

DATE: March 28, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 11:28 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 180 Poppy Bay Pl., Talent
RESPONSE: 3 Engines, 1 Battalion Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE:
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue, Talent Police Department

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and automatic aid units responded to the report of structure fire at 180 Poppy Bay Pl in Talent. On arrival, responding units observed light smoke coming from the interior of the structure and all occupants were outside. A neighbor was attempting to extinguish the fire and was subsequently evacuated after fire companies arrived. Crews extinguished the blaze. Fire was confined to the back-porch area with some overhead charring. Siding was removed, and a thermal imaging camera was utilized to check for extension.

DATE: April 20, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 7:02 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Flu Fire
LOCATION: 808 E. Bolz Rd., Phoenix
RESPONSE: 1 Engine
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 3
ASSISTING AGENCIES:

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 responded to the report of a chimney fire in a residence. On arrival crews found occupants attempting to extinguish the blaze. The fire was extinguished, and smoke removed. Fire was confined to the flu with no extension to the rest of the structure. Residents were advised to call 911 if the conditions changed.

NEAR MISS: Fire in recreational vehicle. Occupant quickly noticed fire and called 911.

NEAR MISS: Occupied residential fire in high density housing area.

NEAR MISS: Flu fire in occupied structure.
DATE: April 22, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 1:35 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 102 Lapree St., Talent
RESPONSE: 3 Engines
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 3
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 and automatic aid units responded to a reported structure fire. On arrival crews found a resident attempting to control the blaze on the back porch of the home. Crews extinguished and overhauled the fire. There was no additional extension found in the residence.

DATE: April 25, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 10:06 AM
TYPE OF ALARM: Vehicle Fire/ Semi Truck
LOCATION: SB Interstate 5 MP 3
RESPONSE: 1 Engine, 2 Tenders
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 5
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 responded to a reported tractor trailer fire on I-5 @ MP3. On arrival crews found a fully engulfed tractor extending into the attached trailer which was threatening the wildland. Crews extinguished the blaze and overhauled the fire. Driver escaped the smoking cab as it caught fire.

DATE: May 05, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 1:42 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 100 E. Main St. #Z, Talent
RESPONSE: 3 Engines
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 5
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and automatic aid units responded to the report of an electrical fire in a coffee shop. On arrival crews found light smoke showing throughout the business and the odor of burning electrical. Fire had been extinguished by quick thinking employees with an extinguisher. Fire was confined to a refrigerator unit. The motor had burnt up. Upon investigation it was deemed that the fire was unintentional and was caused by a short, which then tripped the circuit breaker at the panel. The owner was advised to keep the breaker off and the refrigerator unplugged until an electrician could diagnose the problem.
DATE: June 15, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 9:46 AM
TYPE OF ALARM: Vehicle/ Semi-Truck Fire
LOCATION: NB I-5, MP 16.5
RESPONSE: 1 Engine, 1 Tender
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 3
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation

GENERAL: 8302 and 8341 responded to a reported vehicle fire I-5 NB @MP17. On arrival they found semi-truck hauling 8 vehicles with smoke and flames issuing from the rear tires and brakes extending into the vehicles being hauled. Crews extinguished and overhauled the fire and 8341 maintained a water supply. 8302 remained on scene to monitor heat with a thermal imaging camera. Scene was turned over to OSP and ODOT.

DATE: June 21, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 4:39 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Grass/Brush Fire
LOCATION: 3800 Independence School Rd, Medford
RESPONSE: 2 Engines, 1 Type VI, 1 Deputy Chief, ODF
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 7
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon Department of Forestry

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 was dispatched to a reported vegetation fire. Enroute a white smoke column was observed by responding units. On arrival they found a ¼ acre fire threatening a hay barn. 8303 initiated structure protection tactics and 8351 assumed Command. The apparatus operator of 8303 pulled a second hoseline to assist in the firefighting efforts. 8301 secured the flank adjacent to Independence School Rd. 8361 assisted with extinguishment, mop-up and overhaul. ODF engines arrived scraped handline around the fire and assisted with fire investigation. Area of origin was determined to be near a coil of #8/3 stranded copper NM wire hanging from a T-post with a 220V type outlet on the end of the wire.
DATE: June 26, 2017  
TIME OF ALARM: 4:25 PM  
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire  
LOCATION: 306 Cheryl Ln., Phoenix  
RESPONSE: 3 Engines, 1 Battalion Chief  
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 6  
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Medford Fire-Rescue  
GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 responded to a reported structure fire in an apartment building. On arrival, crews found a single-story apartment unit with light smoke issuing from a kitchen window. Further investigation found flames confined to the stove and a hood system that had discharged. Crews extinguished the fire and used positive pressure ventilation to remove smoke from the structure. Fire was determined to be caused by hot oil. The automatic fire suppression system installed in the hood controlled the blaze until crews arrived. Occupants were out of the structure on arrival. Property manager was notified, and the resident was given a crisis kit.

DATE: July 04, 2017  
TIME OF ALARM: 11:22 PM  
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire  
LOCATION: 230 Wilson Rd., Ashland  
RESPONSE: 3 Engines, 2 Tenders, 2 Type VI, 1 Battalion Chief, 1 Ambulance  
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 3  
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue, Medford Fire & Rescue, Jacksonville Fire & Rescue  
GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and mutual aid companies responded to the report of a vegetation fire threatening structures. On arrival, 8361 found a small grass fire next to the roadway. Resident indicated he arrived home and found it was burning. Occupant began extinguishing the fire and called out to another resident to notify 911. 8361 put out the remaining fire and mopped up hot spots. Likely ignition source was an electrical outlet near where the fire appeared to start.
DATE: July 06, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 4:27 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Vehicle Fire
LOCATION: 6900 Coleman Creek Rd., Medford
RESPONSE: 2 Engines, 2 Type VI, 1 Tender, (unknown ODF response)
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 7
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon Department of Forestry

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 responded to the report of a vehicle fire. Arriving units found a fully involved passenger car that had spread to an adjacent pick-up truck, a nearby structure and was igniting dry grass and trees. 8301 began protecting the structure and initiated fire attack. Crews extinguished the fire and mopped up hot spots. The occupant indicated that they were inside the house and her daughter alerted her to a smell of smoke. They walked out and saw that the engine compartment of the vehicle was on fire. They immediately exited the house and called 911.

DATE: August 02, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 5:10 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Vehicle/ Semi-Truck and Cargo Fire
LOCATION: NB I-5 MP 13.5
RESPONSE: 4 Engines, 2 Type VI, 1 Tender, 1 Battalion Chief, 1 Deputy Chief, 1 Ambulance, ODF
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 10
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 responded to the report of a vehicle fire on I-5 NB @ MP 14. Incident was subsequently upgraded to a semi-truck fire. 8302 observed a dark smoke column from HWY 66 and requested additional units to the scene. The fire appeared adjacent to the Oak Knoll subdivision. 8302 arrived on scene with 8802 and BC-1. BC-1 established Command. Crews simultaneously attacked the tractor and trailer which were both engulfed in flames and the vegetation fire. Fire burned against a block wall holding the fire from spreading by ground into the Oak Knoll subdivision. Molten metal spread several yards along the roadway. Tires from the vehicle caught fire and exploded, showering he area with burning tread. Neighbors reported having items knocked off shelves from the percussion. Additional units patrolled the Oak Knoll Subdivision for embers and spot fires. OSP handled traffic control. Per agency request, ODOT used a back hoe to overhaul trailer contents (cases of wine). 8831 was requested and arrived for a heat related illness and rehabilitation. Driver stopped on shoulder of freeway and had unsuccessfully attempted to extinguish the fire.

NEAR MISS: Vehicle fire threatening a home that spread to a structure and wildland in heavily wooded area.

NEAR MISS: Large transport vehicle and cargo fire with extension to wildland in immediate area of Oak Knoll subdivision. Firefighter treated for heat related illness.
DATE: August 28, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 7:27 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Vehicle Fire/Motor Home
LOCATION: SB I-5 MP 7
RESPONSE: 1 Engine, 1 Tender
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 4
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon State Police

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 responded to the report of a vehicle fire originally on I5 SB @ MP 14, subsequently updated to I-5 SB @ MP 7. On arrival crews found a motor home fully engulfed in flames. 8302 extinguished the blaze and overhauled remaining hot spots. 8341 supplied additional water and assisted with suppression activities. Command was terminated, and scene was turned over to OSP.

DATE: September 15, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 6:25 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 220 W Rapp Rd., Talent
RESPONSE: 3 Engines, 1 Battalion Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 6
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 responded to the report of a structure fire. On arrival crews found smoke showing from a single-family dwelling. Further investigation revealed the house full of smoke and a still burning stove fire. Responding units extinguished the blaze, ventilated the structure and overhauled remaining hotspots. Occupant indicated she was unable to extinguish the fire safely, smoke started to build, and she was forced to evacuate. Residents were sheltered with friends and property manager notified.

DATE: October 05, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 9:23 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Wildland/Tree Fire
LOCATION: Griffin Creek Rd. & Anderson Butte
RESPONSE: 2 Engines, 1 Tender, 2 Type Vi, 1 Deputy Chief, ODF
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 10
ASSISTING AGENCIES: ODF

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 responded to a reported vegetation fire. On arrival crews found grass and trees on fire. Units deployed lines, extinguished and overhauled the fire area. Fire turned over to ODF. Cause undetermined.

NEAR MISS: Motorhome fire on Interstate 5, adjacent to wildland area.

NEAR MISS: Fire in occupied multi-family dwelling. Resident rapidly exited the structure upon noticing the fire.

NEAR MISS: District resources were depleted for a rural wildland fire requiring a water tender shuttle operation.
DATE: October 07, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 6:19 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Flu Fire
LOCATION: 338 Lithia Ave., Talent
RESPONSE: 3 Engines, 1 Battalion Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 6
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and automatic aid companies responded to the report of a chimney fire with flames showing. On arrival crews found a fire partially extinguished by occupants. Units put out the blaze and overhauled remaining hotspots. Companies checked for extension in the attic utilizing a thermal imaging camera and laddered the building to check the flu and exterior of the roof. Units remained on scene until the surrounding area had cooled sufficiently and there was no visible smoke from the chimney.

DATE: October 10, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 11:45 AM
TYPE OF ALARM: Recreational Vehicle Fire
LOCATION: SB I-5
RESPONSE: 2 Engines, 1 Tender, 1 Type VI
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 7
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Police

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 responded to a motor home fire on the Siskiyou summit. Smoke was observed enroute and additional resources were requested. Units found a fully engulfed motor home and passenger vehicle and a vegetation fire. Companies extinguished the fire and overhauled hotspots. Owner indicated the vehicle began smoking and they had evacuated. The vehicle rolled backwards and jackknifed. Fluid was found on the roadway that was consistent with a transmission failure. Command was terminated, and scene released to OSP.

NEAR MISS: Flu fire in an occupied residential structure.

NEAR MISS: Occupants in moving recreational vehicle rapidly exited the vehicle after discovering the fire.
DATE: October 11, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 6:25 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 400 Old Greensprings HWY, Ashland
RESPONSE: 3 Engines, 1 Tender, 1 Battalion Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 4
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and automatic aid units responded to a reported structure fire. On arrival, crews found a 2-story ordinary wood frame building with no smoke or flames showing from the exterior. Further investigation revealed a light smoke condition in a vacant, attached in-law unit. The owner indicated she had just gotten home and heard the smoke detector and could smell smoke. She subsequently located a lamp decorated with small stones smoldering on the floor of the kitchen and a burner was lit on top of the stove. It appeared that the lamp had been placed on the burner but had fallen on to the floor. The lamp was not plugged into any power source. Area was checked for extension with a thermal imaging camera.

DATE: October 17, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 8:32 AM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 2253 Highway 99 N, Ashland
RESPONSE: 3 Engines, 1 Tender, 1 Battalion Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 10
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and automatic aid units responded to a reported structure fire. On arrival they found light smoke showing from the chimney and smoke inside the residence. After attempting to extinguish the fire, occupants had evacuated the residence. Companies extinguished any remaining fire, overhaul hotspots and utilized positive pressure ventilation for smoke removal. Crews opened the wall behind the wood stove and searched for extension. Finding none the property was returned to the homeowner. Additionally, there were no working smoke detectors in the residence. Members of JCFD No.5 installed two smoke detectors in the home.
DATE: October 31, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 3:20 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 106 E Rapp Rd., Talent
RESPONSE: 4 Engines, 1 Battalion Chief, 1 Fire Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 5
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue, PP&L, Talent Police Department, Phoenix Police Department

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5, automatic aid units and Talent Police Department responded to a reported structure fire. On arrival, companies found light grey smoke showing from the front door of a single-family residence. Property owners indicated that all occupants had evacuated and there was fire in the master bedroom. Residents had attempted to put out the fire using a dry chemical fire extinguisher. Command transferred to Battalion 1 and crews extinguished and overhauled the remaining fire. Smoke was removed using positive pressure ventilation, walls were opened to check for extension and thermal imaging camera was utilized to search for fire spread. Smoke alarms were determined to be non-functioning, batteries missing and unplugged from hardwire system. Recommendation made to home owners to contact electrician and to replace all outdated smoke alarms.

DATE: September 2, 2017
TIME OF ALARM: 3:51 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Vehicle Fire
LOCATION: 604 Talent Ave., Talent
RESPONSE: 1 Engine, 1 Type VI
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 4
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Law Enforcement

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 responded to a reported traffic collision with accompanying vehicle fire. On arrival companies found the victim in the care of law enforcement. Patient was treated for smoke inhalation and the fire was extinguished and overhauled. Patient was packaged and transported by ambulance to an area hospital.

NEAR MISS: Fire in occupied residential structure. Residents rapidly exited the building after attempting to extinguish the fire.

NEAR MISS: Vehicle fire in occupied vehicle. One patient transported for breathing problems.
DATE: October 02, 2017

TIME OF ALARM:

TYPE OF ALARM: Vegetation Fire

LOCATION: 331 South Pacific Hwy, Talent

RESPONSE: 2 Engines, 1 Type VI

TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 7

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 responded to a vegetation fire, threatening structures. First arriving units found a landscape fire adjacent to a building. Fire was extinguished, mopped up and the area was gridded by hand. A thermal imaging camera was used to check for heat and extension. Units returned in service.

DATE: October 25, 2017

TIME OF ALARM: 9:47 AM

TYPE OF ALARM: Vehicle Fire

LOCATION: NB Interstate 5 MP 14

RESPONSE: 1 Engine, 1 Tender

TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 4

ASSISTING AGENCIES: Oregon State Police, ODF

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 responded to the report of a vehicle fire on I5 @ MP14. On arrival, companies found a motor home towing a passenger car which was fully engulfed in flames. Crews extinguished and overhauled the fire and the surrounding vegetation which had ignited. Scene was turned over to OSP and units returned in service.

DATE: January 13, 2018

TIME OF ALARM: 2:06 PM

TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire

LOCATION: 2800 E Main St., Ashland

RESPONSE: 2 Engines, 1 Tender

TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 5

ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 and automatic aid units responded to a reported structure fire. First arriving companies found the fire had partially been extinguished by occupants and was primarily confined to the stove top. Crews extinguished remaining fire, removed smoke and checked for extension. No fire spread was found in the vent or adjacent walls. Resident indicated they had been cooking and left the stove unattended. They returned to find a fire and smoke condition in the kitchen. Smoke detectors had activated. 911 was alerted and they quenched the flames with available materials. Further investigation determined damage was limited to the pot and stove top.

NEAR MISS: Vegetation fire blowing towards structure.

NEAR MISS: Wildland fire involvement off major freeway.

NEAR MISS: Unattended cooking fire. 8341 cross staffed with 8301 personnel leaving 8301 unstaffed.
DATE: January 17, 2018  
TIME OF ALARM: 12:54 AM  
TYPE OF ALARM: Flu Fire  
LOCATION: 3500 Buckhorn Springs, Ashland  
RESPONSE: 2 Engines, 1 Tender  
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 3  
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue (cancelled)  

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and automatic aid units responded to a reported chimney fire. Homeowners were awakened by a smoke condition and attempted to extinguish the fire. Arriving companies overhauled the area and checked for extension with a thermal imaging camera. Resident was advised to have the flu cleaned and inspected.

DATE: February 05, 2017  
TIME OF ALARM: 3:32 PM  
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire  
LOCATION: 5811 S. Pacific Hwy., Phoenix  
RESPONSE: 2 Engines  
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 7  
ASSISTING AGENCIES:  

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 responded to a reported fire alarm. First arriving companies found a light smoke condition. Further investigation revealed a stove top fire and smoke condition. Remaining fire was extinguished, overhauled and smoke removed from the structure. No additional extension was found. Damage was confined to stovetop.

DATE: February 06, 2018  
TIME OF ALARM: 5:32 AM  
TYPE OF ALARM: Flu Fire  
LOCATION: 120 Locke Ln., Phoenix  
RESPONSE: 2 Engines  
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 3  
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Medford Fire-Rescue, Phoenix Police Department  

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 and automatic aid units responded to a chimney fire. Arriving companies were met by the homeowner. Property owner was reluctant to allow firefighters to enter his property and suppress the fire. He expressed the desire to have the fire finish "cleaning his flue" and he was concerned firefighting activities would cause damage. PPD assisted in negotiating to allow crews to extinguish the fire. Two warm drinking water bottles were slowly poured into flue, knocking down the fire but allowed it to burn as a compromise with the homeowner. Further investigation revealed the stove had been dampened and an air gap of 3" existed between stovepipe elbow and the pipe that was feeding the flames.

NEAR MISS: Flu fire in occupied residence with homeowners sleeping. Rural response in non-hydrant area.

NEAR MISS: Unattended cooking fire, crews responding to a fire alarm.

NEAR MISS: Active high temperature flu fire with homeowner not wanting the fire extinguished. Residents were home during fire event.
DATE: February 11, 2018
TIME OF ALARM: 12:34 AM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire/Occupied 5th Wheel
LOCATION: 6718 Hwy 66, Ashland
RESPONSE: 3 Engines, 2 Tenders, 1 Battalion Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 4
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue, Medford Fire-Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 responded to the report of a structure fire at 6718 Hwy 66. Additional information indicated that all occupants were out of the residence. First due companies found smoke and flames issuing from the roof of a 5th wheel trailer. The resident was attempting to douse the blaze with a garden hose. Crews initiated interior fire attack and knocked down the fire. Battalion One (1) assumed command and additional units supplied the pumping engine with water. Fire was extinguished, overhauled and the structure ventilated without further incident. Overhaul was extensive due to clutter both inside and outside the trailer. A thermal imaging camera was used to check for extension. The resident indicated that he awoke to the sound of the smoke detector and his dog barking at which time they evacuated the trailer. He further described seeing smoke and flames coming from above his refrigerator. He believed that was where the fire started. Follow up investigation and observations by District personnel found the general area of the appliance to be the likely point of origin.

DATE: February 14, 2018
TIME OF ALARM: 4:26 AM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 1407 Talent Ave., Talent
RESPONSE: 6 Engines, 1 Battalion Chief, 1 Deputy Chief, 1 Fire Investigator
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 10
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue, Medford Fire-Rescue, Talent Police Department, PP&L, Avista Utilities

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and automatic aid companies responded to a structure fire at 1407 Talent Avenue. First due companies found a single-story wood frame structure heavily involved in fire with smoke and flames issuing out windows and doors. The property owner indicated that there were no occupants inside. The resident stated that he had been sleeping inside a trailer on the property and woke up to a "crash." He looked out saw the fire and called 911. While crews were readying to extinguish the blaze, a propane tank ruptured on the front porch. Utilities were secured, crews performed defensive fire attack with class A foam and protected the adjacent exposures, a detached shop/garage and a neighboring house. Ventilation was completed, fire was knocked down, and overhaul accomplished. Later the resident informed firefighters that there was no heat in the house, he usually slept in the trailer and a heat lamp was installed in the laundry room. Further investigation revealed he didn't smoke, no work had been performed on the house recently and there was no smoke detector in the building. The owner refused help from Red Cross or Fire House Five Foundation. He was advised, should he require assistance, to call the fire station.
DATE: February 16, 2018
TIME OF ALARM: 3:06 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 872 Olympic Avenue, Medford
RESPONSE: 6 Engines, 2 Battalion Chiefs, 1 Fire Investigator
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 6
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Medford Fire-Rescue, Jackson County Fire District No. 5, Medford Police Department, PP&L, Avista Utilities
GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 and automatic aid units responded to a reported structure fire in Medford’s area. First due companies found fire and smoke on arrival that was primarily confined beneath the floor of the building. Fire was extinguished, area overhauled, and crews checked for additional fire extension. Units returned in service.

DATE: February 23, 2018
TIME OF ALARM: 12:52 AM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire
LOCATION: 7347 Wagner Creek Rd., Talent
RESPONSE: 4 Engines, 1 Battalion Chief, 1 Deputy Chief
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 10
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue, Medford Fire-Rescue
GENERAL: JCFD No.5 and automatic aid companies responded to a reported structure fire. Occupant was awakened by a smoke detector. The resident smelled and found smoke in the structure, opened several windows and doors, called 911 and exited the residence. First arriving companies found light smoke showing from the residence. Upon further investigation crews found smoke coming from the hearth under a pellet stove. The stove was removed from the structure and the hearth was disassembled. A smoldering fire was discovered in the floor below the hearth tile. The hearth was completely disassembled, including the framework. All the charred wood was removed from the structure. Crews extinguished remaining fire, overhauled the area and checked for extension in and around the floor joists, crawl space and nearby walls.
DATE: May 15, 2018
TIME OF ALARM: 5:00 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Structure fire
LOCATION: 1858 Zemke Rd., Talent, OR
RESPONSE: 6 Engines, 3 Tenders, 2 Battalion Chiefs, 1 Deputy Chief, 2 Fire Investigators
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 13
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Medford Fire-Rescue, Ashland Fire & Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No.5 and automatic aid companies responded to a reported structure fire with the report of smoke showing. On arrival, DC 8352 reported a single story, single family residence with smoke issuing from the attic. It was subsequently confirmed by the property owners that the residence was vacant. Engine 8301 began a transitional attack. This proved ineffective and crews began performing an interior attack, advancing to the second floor/attic. Unable to reach the seat of the fire, crews were ordered to exit the building due to changing fire conditions observed from the exterior. Structural failure occurred, and fire began showing through the roof. A second alarm was dispatched. A defensive strategy was employed, and water supply and RIT established. Additional hose lines were placed in service. Foam was utilized to extinguish the blaze and proved highly effective. Salvage and overhaul was completed and the building checked for fire extension using thermal imaging cameras. The fire was confined to the second floor and attic/roof. There were no civilian or fire personnel injuries. Fire watch remained in place until 2200 and scene was re-checked at 0800 the next day.

DATE: May 14, 2018
TIME OF ALARM: 9:02 AM
TYPE OF ALARM: EMS call
LOCATION: I-5 MP 4.5
RESPONSE: 1 Engine, 1 Ambulance
TOTAL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 3
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Ashland Fire & Rescue

GENERAL: JCFD No. 5 responded to the report of a person down along the freeway, unknown problem. On arrival Engine 8302 was unable to communicate with the responding ambulance. Upon returning, 8302 stopped to assist a disabled vehicle and occupant. At this time 8302 was unable to communicate with ECSO.

NEAR MISS: Ongoing radio problems on I-5 Siskiyou summit and surrounding area. The lack of communication in this area has left responding crews unable to receive broadcasts or communicate with other responding units or the communications center (Dispatch).