

# Jackson County Fire District #5

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** August 15, 2017  
**To:** BOARD of DIRECTORS, Fire District  
**From:** CHARLES HANLEY, Fire Chief *CH*  
**Subject:** FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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**ECSO/Emergency Communications Center of Southern Oregon** – We continue to experience intermittent radio problems in the field. Most recently on a wildland fire near Emigrant Lake, I witnessed numerous transmissions go unanswered and repeated attempts by the Communications Center to contact responding units. Broken and unreadable broadcasts were common. I have personally observed these issues and they are cause for concern. We are in the process of moving a repeater as a test, to determine if this change significantly improves the situation. A more suitable long-term solution is part of the pending Radio Design. We continue to field test new generation portable radios in problem areas. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

**Risk Management** ó RFQ for Provision of Legal Services has entered the review phase. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

**Labor Relations** ó The Fire Chief has had continuing discussions with Local 2596 President Aaron Bustard regarding District operations, roles and responsibilities and ongoing cooperative efforts between management and labor. Meetings with individual members of the organization are nearly completed. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

**Fire Stations** ó Migrating to LED lighting for the apparatus floor at Station Three. We are having ballast problems and frequently burned out lights. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

**Grants** ó No Report. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

**Strategic Planning:** Three (3) Strategic Planning Workshops have been conducted for employees to initiate an inclusive process of creating mission centered goals. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

**Incident Activity** ó Crews responded to several structure fires and vehicle accidents including:

Citizen Assist (Cat in tree)	460 Arnos, Talent
Explosion/RV Fire	201 Fern Valley Rd, Phoenix
Structure Fire	Ashland Springs Hotel, Ashland
Vegetation Fire	Grove Rd/Kirk Rd, Phoenix
Structure Fire	3330 Coventry Lane, Ashland
Vehicle Fire (SEMI)	I5SB/6, Ashland
Vegetation Fire	307 Eagle Mill Road, Ashland
Structure Fire	625 Holly Street, Ashland
MVC/Rollover	I5NB/27, Medford
Vehicle Fire/Veg Fire (SEMI)	I5NB/13.5 Oak Knoll, Ashland
Vehicle Fire	I5NB/21 Talent
Vegetation Fire	1700 Neil Creek Rd., Ashland
Strike Team	Lost Creek Lake, Shady Cove
Cardiac Arrest	Emigrant Lake, Ashland
Strike Team	Grant's Pass
Vegetation Fire	Emigrant Lake /Old Green Springs

We continue to respond to incidents and rely on auto/mutual aid only when necessary. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

**Training** ó EMS, Hi-Rise, Co. Evolutions, FF I skills, driver testing and examination preparation.

**Rogue Valley Fire Agencies** – We continue to attend regional meetings and accept/decline strike team requests as staffing allows. We have agreed to meet with the command staff of Ashland, Medford/Medford Rural and JCFD #3 to consider the development of regional training and increase cooperation and seamless mutual aid. This is viewed to be a positive and progressive step. In an example of ongoing cooperation, we have worked on several incidents with ODF and RVFA with outstanding results. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

**Fire Prevention** ó Code/burning regulations enforcement, smoke detector installations and Company Inspections

**New Construction** – Review of permit submittal for travel center on West Valley View Road, Talent.

**Reporting:** Chief Hanley

**Apparatus** ó Repairs, routine maintenance and annual services. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

**Budget** ó Budget is tracking and overtime expenditures are due primarily to callback and summer staffing. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

**Community Outreach/Activities** ó Our commitment to the community continues with Fire Station Tours, birthday parties and Dog Days. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

# Jackson County Fire District 5

## OPERATIONS REPORT

### JULY 2017

#### I. Emergency Responses:

**TOTAL THIS MONTH: 270**

**THIS MONTH LAST YEAR: 239**

**Alarms this year to date: 1664**

**Alarms last year to date: 1453**

#### II. Alarms of Interest:

- Grass Fire - 951 Emigrant CK Rd.
- Rollover MVC - Pioneer Rd.
- Grass Fire - 307 Eagle Mill Rd. 0.88 acres
- Vehicle Fire - 1451 Coleman Creek Rd.

**Aid Given:**

**Ashland: 2**

**Medford: 10**

**Aid Received:**

**Ashland: 3**

**Medford: 2**

#### III. Training:

- Toured Shakespeare Building on Talent Ave.
- High rise training with 8800 on Ashland Springs Hotel with a walk through walk- through sprinkler test for Memory Center.

(Career) **A-Shift** Drills: 66

**B-Shift** Drills: 80

**C-Shift** Drills: 85

Hours: 100.75

Hours: 99.5

Hours: 98.5

(Volunteers) Drills: 4

Attendances: 36

Hours: 72

#### IV. Public Relations

- Fire suppression inspection at Irvine Winery
- Crews attended BBQ for dog days at Colver Park.
- Address signs
- Car seat installations

#### V. Fire Prevention

- Property access inspections (2-new, 4-addition, 3-outbuildings)
- Multiple smoke alarm checks and replacements
- Multiple phone calls regarding fire restriction information

#### VI. Stations/Grounds:

- H-VAC system not working in the work-out room, getting repaired by Kevin Jahnke.
- Purchased and installed new washer for towels and duty uniforms.

#### VII. Apparatus/Equipment:

- 8303 went to Medford Shops to fix backup alarm, reverse lights and right rear roll-up door.
- 8313 found dead batteries due to a bad trickle charger.

#### VIII. Personnel: None

#### IX. MISC. Activity: None