

## Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association – Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Applegate Fire District – Training Center

**Date:** 09/17/2024

**Time:** 0900

**Call to Order:** 0900

**New Members / Special Guests:**

**Approval of Last Month's Minutes:** Motion to approve: Wolfard / 2<sup>nd</sup> Crume, Motion Passed by all members.

**Approval of Financial Report:** \$5,534.64 Motion to approve: Wolfard / 2<sup>nd</sup> Rasor, Motion Passed by all members.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Old Business:**

- OSFM Deployments and recent activities (Prince): There are items that were brought up from the recent deployments, RV1 and RV2 historical trend with alarm level progression, additional resources being ordered and RV3 being built into the system. The notification by dispatch and the FDBC, will need input and discussion, and suggestion for the TAC Repeaters for TFL/STL requests, will be looked at when the 2024 AAR happens.

**New Business:**

- None

**Section Reports:**

- **Operations** (Prince/Thompson/Whipple): Fire Service Standing Orders with Succession Planning being looked at and will be a topic being brought up in the near future to discuss. EMS: Mercy Air is working on the renewal of the ambulance contract, and will be looking at input. There was discussion in regards to the RVFCA Jackson County Research Group for the current Urgent Care/Hospital wait time issues. Mercy Air is also working on modernization with AMR, and the ambulance service plan with consultants, to produce high quality updates.
- **RITA** (Howard): Skid truck will be at Expo Sept. 30 – Oct 3., info to be sent out. FF1 academy will have a new coordinator. Will be using IFSTA 8<sup>th</sup> edition – new textbooks. New DPSST DLO will be Ryan Dickerson for southern Oregon. Fire Officer 1 will be held Nov. 18-22 and Dec. 9-13. Will be hands on – drill grounds/classroom. Will teach leadership plans, HR, budgeting, labor law, IC critical thinking (Stan Cook), etc. \$625/pp through RITA (room for 20 students). Flyer will be sent out by RITA.
- **RV Prevention Co-Op** (Kassab): Co-Op continues to meet, and also working on individual team work. Educational outreach is being done to the underserved populations. Partnerships are working on home assessments, grant funding and CDPP updating, as well as defensible space/outreach with community members.
- **FDBC** (Hussey/Holmes): Thank you to all of the FDBC that played the role with the busy season, and maintaining getting resources out for state deployments.

**Advisory Reports:**

- **911 Centers:** (Harris/Guenther) NTR
- **ASA:** (Mercy-Whipple) Apprenticeship Program: 70 applied and interviews happened and they are

looking at the distribution of 43 EMTs. New CAD system will go live on Oct 2, 2024. Thursday is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mercy Flights, and will be celebrated on that date. Partnering with D3 at this time with an ambulance and crews.

(Ashland – Sartain) Hope to have one of their ambulances back in service that has been out for two years. Waiting for T3 from OSFM. Ashland bought small ambulance van to try out and it doesn't work for their agency – will be looking to sell. Fully staffed and 2 ambulances on a day.

(Rogue River – Hammond) Application to Serve for 5 more years will be submitted this week and hoping for re-award of this service to the community.

(AMR – Mathews) NTR

- **Hazmat Team 8:** (Howard) Got approval from OSFM to add two additional members to the team from Medford, which has happened, and they will be going to HazMat academy at DPSST in October. Hands On Practical happened and it was a good training. Starlink has been added to the apparatus. HazMat Refresher is being held in November, along with a Spill Response Training with Medford and D3.
- **Technology Group:** (Rigaud) No Report
- **OSFM:** (Rubrecht/Lashley) Lashley: All staffed positions at this point. Oregon Fire Health Services is being updated, along with behavioral health with online peer support. Rubrecht: Year end numbers will be emailed out to the group. Appreciation for all of the responses that took place this fire season, and please send in the lessons learned, and success stories to make grants possible again. Reminder that when the State calls for a response, they have to respond within 90 minutes of activation. And when sending crews out, please make sure that they are fully certified according to the MOB Plan. The billing packets are being sent out. Contact Sara if there is off season help that is needed. An AAR is currently being scheduled, and Coos County is on board for responses, which is the 1<sup>st</sup> time for them.
- **SW Oregon Coordinating Group:** (Fumasi/Winslow/Jake) Jake: Fire season is decreasing, and will remain high until there is enough rainfall. Helitak is slowly going offline, along with personnel reduction in the next few weeks. Lee: Shifts are also being reduced to 1200-2100 for the crews.
- **EM/LEPC:** (Payne) Emergency Manager interviews are in the process. Thank you for the assistance with the Ashland Fire and Shady Cove incidents. Pre-Planning is going well, along with the community response. CDPP is closing and will have a formal review.  
(Ott) Training classes scheduled – emailed out to this group. ICS 300 is scheduled for Nov 5-7. Shake out coming soon, and also electricity power failure classes to be determined. There is an uptick in “White Substance” on actual mail again, and keep an eye out on these incidents.  
No update from Josephine County Emergency Manager.
- **LEPC:** anyone want to take leadership role?
- **Rogue Community College:** (RIIS) NTR
- **OFCA:** (Hussey) Long session coming, and will be following for Fire Service Priorities. EMS Modernization, watching/discussion and looking at impact costs and field providers. Also watching HB2522 for movement.
- **PIO:** No Report
- **S. Oregon Public Safety Chaplains/SOCERT:** (Fred) NTR

#### Agency Brief Out:

- D3 – Administration moves to the new facility happening. There was a promotion celebration last week, and Chief Horton is now the National Wildfire Director. Reminder - October 18 (morning/afternoon) Smullin Center – Dr. David Griffin. Flyer has been sent out, contact D3 if you have questions.
- Applegate – Wolfard – Oct 12<sup>th</sup> BBQ at headquarters. Mulhollen is getting married, and please congratulate him. And Applegate and Ashland Fire have worked together to utilize a Type 3-unit purchase. And they are sending in a tactical tender to be refurbishment.
- Ashland – Will be heading to Salem to pick up the OSFM T-3. Single roles will start Nov 12, and testing for

dual roles in December. The crashed ambulance has been rebuilt and should be back this week, and Ashland has a new Deputy City Manager.

- Medford – Thompson – Moving forward with replacement of Fire Station 15 still taking place. New City Manager has started. Will open a Full Time Support Staff – OPS position. And will be obtaining the OSFM T-6 this next week.
- D5 – Bustard – Thank you to all that responded to the Ashland Incident. There is internal staffing movement happening. A political uproar is taking place, and there are three retirements happening in Dec.
- RM – Prince – Pickleball Fundraiser flyer being sent out. And when it comes to requesting RV1/RV2 or any other responses, to never hesitate to ask.
- ODF – Crews good through August – things are looking like status quo
- GPDF – Type Three is in service, thank you OSFM. A donor has given the department a rescue boat, and will be utilized in a limited area. Next meeting Chief Sanchez should be here to meet everyone.
- IVFD – Open House scheduled for Oct 5<sup>th</sup> from 1000-1300, and Division Chief Sherman is retiring, and having a party on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1500-1700 at the admin. We will be flying his position in December for a FT Ops position.

**Adjournment 10:05AM**

**Next Meeting: Mercy Flights – October 15, 2024**