

**Scappoose Rural Fire District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2025**

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I. Call to Order & Flag Salute

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment

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IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes from 9-11-2025 regular meeting

B. Approve Sept. 2025 Profit & Loss Detail

C. Approve Sept. 2025 Budget vs. Actual

V. Statistical Data

A. Ambulance Activity Report

B. Community Paramedic Program

C. Response Activity Report

D. UAS Flight Summary

- VI. Staff Reports
 - A. Chief's Report
 - B. Operations & EMS Report
 - C. Fire Marshal & Training Report
 - E. Member Outreach Report
 - F. Finance Report
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Board Goals
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Management Team
 - B. Strategic Planning Committee
- IX. Miscellaneous
 - A. Financial Hardship Waiver
- X. New Business
 - A. Purchase Proposal for Lifepack 35 (Heart monitor/defibrillator)
 - B. Purchase Proposal for Power loader / Power Cot (For New Ambulance)
- XI. Communications
- VII. Good of the Order
- VIII. Adjourn

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PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES



SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 625 SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056

Scappoose Rural Fire District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Thursday, September 11, 2025

Call to Order & Flag Salute- President Graham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the flag salute.

Roll Call- David Graham, Susan Reeves, David Sorenson, Ken Wagner, Chief Pricher, FA Booth, FF Cardoos, ERT Curio, Lt. Anderson, FF Denley, Lt. DuBois.

Director Gift is excused from the meeting.

Public Comment- Congratulations to Ken Wagner and Dave Sorenson for getting inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Consent Agenda:

Approve Minutes from 8-14-2025 regular meeting- No comments or questions.

Approve August 2025 Profit & Loss Detail- Director Sorenson asked about the body work costs. Chief Pricher explained that a deer was hit, and those expenses were to fix the damage to the ambulance. Director Sorenson asked about keeping an eye on the Maintenance on Equipment budget, as it already at 45%. Chief Pricher explained that all of the expenses are legitimate, and we are watching it closely. Director Sorenson asked about Starlink and how it is being utilized. Chief Pricher brought it out to show the board and explained that it can be plugged in and used right away. It costs \$5.00 per month to maintain the account (not using it, just storing it). It is \$50 per month if it is used intermittently, and if we use unlimited data for the month, it is \$165.

Approve August 2025 Budget vs. Actual- Chief Pricher noted that this month was a little lower than expected on ambulance revenue. Director Reeves moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Sorenson seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Statistical Data:

Ambulance Activity Report- Chief Pricher noted that ambulance revenue is slightly below average when compared to the previous three years.

Community Paramedic Program- We are still having issues accessing ImageTrend data. Director Reeves asked how our two Community Paramedics are doing. Chief Pricher answered that they are doing great. With two of them, the county has coverage six days per week.

Response Activity Report- Chief Pricher noted that overall, our call volume was slightly lower in August than it has been. The age of our patients remains the same, with the majority being between 60 and 100 years old. We had a day with no calls last month, which almost never happens, and night overlapping calls have been declining.

UAS Flight Summary- There were not very many flights last month. Director Sorenson asked how many agencies in Oregon use drones. Chief Pricher answered that there are about 15 right now, and there are going to be about 13 more soon.

Staff Reports:

Chief's Report- We sent a couple of our staff up to Rocky Point Rd. to help Oregon State University when they were doing their walkthrough of their property. Weyerhaeuser gifted them property to set up an experimental forest (this will be one of two or three in the state). Director Sorenson asked if Chief Pricher was in Mississippi. Chief Pricher explained that he was not in Mississippi; he was working on a program with George Mason University about a national certification program for public safety in UAS. Chief Pricher let the board know that he was in Washington, DC, attending a leadership summit.

Chief Pricher briefly explained that the city of Lacrosse brought a class action lawsuit against the Rev Group. Three manufacturers control all the fire equipment, and there is evidence that points to price fixing. We are not a party to the lawsuit, but we could benefit from it. Director Wagner asked how many vehicles we purchased during that time. Chief Pricher answered that we got two.

Chief Pricher was asked to participate as part of a steering group to help the commissioners revamp the IGA to hopefully get agencies to put in more money so they can hire a second Emergency Management position. The last IGA expired in 2019, and several agencies continued to pay but then stopped because they discovered that the county was using a grant to fund the second position, thereby diverting all the agency's money into an account without spending it. There was a long discussion about how best to set up the IGA. We recommended that they keep it simple. Instead of using excess funds for training or equipment, the proposed language said that if the position goes unfilled, then we either get reimbursed or get a credit for the next year, and the money is specific to hiring a secondary position.

Operations & EMS Report- Director Sorenson asked if Chief Marks is working on the ASA. Chief Pricher answered yes, he is, as well as ERT Curio, Chief Hennigan, and Chief Pricher.

Fire Marshal & Training Report- Director Reeves asked how the IGA with Vernonia Fire District is going. Chief Pricher explained that we have had about one driveway inspection per month for Vernonia. Director Reeves asked about the pictures in Chief Bautista's report. Chief Pricher explained that the pictures are from the academy graduation and from the training at the Sawyer Point Apartments.

Member Outreach Report- Director Graham noted that Henry has been busy.

Finance Report- Director Sorenson noted that there was some property tax revenue. Chief Pricher confirmed that the tax turnover was from previous year. Chief Pricher also added that project codes have been implemented.

Old Business:

Strategic Goals- Are the current goals still adequate? Or is it time for the board to do another SWOT analysis and come up with new goals?

Committee Reports:

Management Team- Met and discussed everything in the Chief's report.

Strategic Planning Committee- Did not meet. Hoping to schedule a meeting next month with both board members and staff to start deliberating the next steps. We are proposing to potentially bring in a contractor to help us with a strategic plan and help us understand how (if at all) to move forward with the \$800,000 we have in our capital outlay fund. Should we use it on a renovation project, or do we focus on rolling stock?

Miscellaneous: None.

New Business: None.

Communications: Director Reeves updated the email addresses on the City App. Let her know if any other updates need to be made.

Good of the Order: Director Reeves thanked the crew for everything that they do. The crew thanked the board.

Adjourn- President Graham adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

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Susan Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Date

Submitted by Karleigh Booth

EXPENSE ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District

Profit and Loss Detail

September 2025

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Ordinary Income/Expenses				
Income				
1. GENERAL FUND REVENUES				
		EMS Receipts		\$91,668.07
		Fire Marshal		\$678.25
		FireMed		\$1,215.00
		Grant Awards		\$6,450.03
		Interest Earned on Investments		\$5,314.77
		Miscellaneous Revenue		\$4,082.74
		Property Taxes		\$11,139.90
Total for 1. GENERAL FUND REVENUES				\$120,548.76
3. PROPERTY FUND REVENUES				
		Interest Earned on Investments		\$5,138.08
Total for 3. PROPERTY FUND REVENUES				\$5,138.08
4. PERSONNEL SVCS FUND REVEN				
		Interest Earned on Investments		\$903.65
Total for 4. PERSONNEL SVCS FUND REVEN				\$903.65
Total for Income				\$126,590.49
Expenses				
1..GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES				
1...				
1.1 GENERAL FUND PERSONNEL SVCS				
550 Insurance				
09/11/2025	Bill	S.D.I.S.	Health & Dental premiums- Oct.	38,326.00
09/17/2025	Expense	Benefit Help Solutions(FSA)	Monthly Fee	385.00
09/24/2025	Expense	Benefit Help Solutions(FSA)	Reimbursement	227.00
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex Payroll	Flex spend	9,819.59
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex - tax	OR ER Work Benefit	64.67
09/29/2025	Expense	Benefit Help Solutions(FSA)	Claim reimbursement	50.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Colonial Life	Accident/Cancer policy for volunteers	688.80
09/30/2025	Bill	HRA VEBA Trust	ER Contributions Sept.	10,266.62
Total for 550 Insurance				\$59,827.68
560 Personnel Salaries				
09/11/2025	Bill	American Heritage Life Insurance Co.	Life Ins - Anderson/Marks	136.90
09/11/2025	Bill	S.D.I.S.	Sect. 125 Health Insurance	2,821.00
09/12/2025	Expense	P.E.R.S.	EE PERS IAP Contributions	17,803.42
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex Payroll	FLSA	9,993.95
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex Payroll	Deferred compensation	10,940.69
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex - tax	EE Payroll Tax WH	82,037.85
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex Payroll	OT	53,056.38
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex Payroll	Balance of Net Pay	96,839.45
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex Check	Contract payment	805.00
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex Payroll	Phone Pay	50.00
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex Payroll	ShiftDif	321.36
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex Payroll	Longevity	1,554.23
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex Payroll	Incentives	4,335.76
09/30/2025	Bill	Standard Insurance	EE OPFML	1,340.13
09/30/2025	Bill	Principal Financial Group	Employee Insurance- Anderson	136.54
09/30/2025	Bill	Inroads Credit Union	Food fund- Sept	1,025.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Tualatin Valley Fire Fighters Union	Sept. Union dues	3,008.18

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09/30/2025	Bill	HRA VEBA Trust	EE Contributions Sept.	3,882.00
Total for 560 Personnel Salaries				\$290,087.84
570 SocSec/Medicare(FICA)				
09/29/2025	Expense	Paychex - tax	ER Payroll Taxes	24,535.54
Total for 570 SocSec/Medicare(FICA)				\$24,535.54
590 Personnel Benefits				
09/10/2025	Expense	ABC Trainerize	Monthly subscriptions	70.00
09/12/2025	Expense	P.E.R.S.	ER PERS Retirement Contributions	92,948.34
09/30/2025	Bill	Standard Insurance	ER OPFML	2,010.19
09/30/2025	Bill	Occupational Safety, Health & Wellness	Annual Post Exposure Access per person fee (fire)	1,640.00
Total for 590 Personnel Benefits				\$96,668.53
Total for 1.1 GENERAL FUND PERSONNEL SVCS				\$471,119.59
1.2 GENERAL FUND MATERIAL & SVC				
670 Contract Services				
09/13/2025	Expense	Shell	REMS- U431 DEF fluid	21.75
09/13/2025	Expense	Shell	REMS- fuel for S432	93.27
09/15/2025	Expense	Del's hardware	REMS- Supplies for REMS (cable tie, saw blades)	28.04
09/16/2025	Expense	Chevron	REMS- Fuel for S432	60.71
09/19/2025	Expense	Chevron	REMS- Fuel for S432	62.57
09/19/2025	Expense	Chevron	REMS- Fuel for U431	95.42
09/20/2025	Expense	Loves	REMS- Fuel for U431	83.68
09/20/2025	Expense	Loves	REMS- Fuel for S432	64.76
Total for 670 Contract Services				\$510.20
720 Public Fire Services				
09/11/2025	Expense	NFPA	Public Education workbooks for fire prevention week	143.51
09/30/2025	Bill	Traffic Safety Supply Co., Inc	Address sign supplies	470.50
09/30/2025	Bill	Fire Smart Promotions	Public Education supplies (pencils, tattoos, hats, erasers)	1,714.50
Total for 720 Public Fire Services				\$2,328.51
740 Uniforms				
09/11/2025	Bill	Beyond Uniforms & Apparel	Belts x14	224.00
09/30/2025	Bill	MES Service Company, LLC	Pants	143.99
Total for 740 Uniforms				\$367.99
750 Maintenance on Equipment				
09/04/2025	Expense	Amazon	Thermal circuit breaker, fuse block & busbar	169.80
09/04/2025	Expense	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Mounting hardware	9.98
09/05/2025	Expense	Powerwerx	USB quick charge	105.97
09/05/2025	Expense	Powerwerx	USB panel mount chargers	75.98
09/11/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2005 Chev. Sub. Oil change, water pump, oil cooler line, brakes & belt tensioner -Labor	1,364.53
09/11/2025	Bill	Ace Hardware - Scappoose	Drill bits & cut off blades	64.97
09/11/2025	Bill	West Marine Pro	Transducer	2,188.00
09/11/2025	Bill	Wilcox & Flegel	Unleaded gas 291.1 gal @ 3.485	1,133.04
09/11/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Ody AGM Batteries x2	819.98
09/11/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Battery cables, lugs & fuses	378.36
09/11/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Hood strut	20.99
09/11/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Butt connectors	9.49
09/11/2025	Bill	Ace Hardware - Scappoose	Extension cord	34.99
09/11/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2005 Chev. Sub. Oil change, water pump, oil cooler line, brakes & belt tensioner- Parts	700.59
09/11/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2005 Chev. Sub. Oil change, water pump, oil cooler line, brakes & belt tensioner- Taxes/Fees	21.52

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09/11/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Butt step connectors x2	18.98
09/11/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2006 Jeep: Replace seatbelt -Labor	225.00
09/11/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2006 Jeep: Replace seatbelt - Parts	430.16
09/11/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2006 Jeep: Replace seatbelt - Taxes/Fees	6.55
09/11/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Butt connectors	18.81
09/11/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Ring terminals	8.77
09/11/2025	Bill	Portwood Parts, LLC	Wire & connectors	222.93
09/11/2025	Bill	Ace Hardware - Scappoose	Paint & fasteners	17.79
09/11/2025	Bill	Columbia Feed & Supply	Gasket, Stihl screw, pickup body	14.97
09/11/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Small engine fuel	167.92
09/11/2025	Bill	Wilcox & Flegel	Bio diesel 593.00 gal @ 3.780	2,245.68
09/12/2025	Expense	Amazon	Fuses	39.75
09/12/2025	Expense	Amazon	Fuses	15.90
09/21/2025	Expense	Amazon	Fuse tap kit	9.49
09/21/2025	Expense	Amazon	Fuse adapter kits	30.06
09/23/2025	Expense	Columbia River Motorsports	REM31 winch auto stop fairlead	65.36
09/30/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2017 Ford F350: Oil change & check tire pressure - Parts	103.52
09/30/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2017 Ford F350: Oil change & check tire pressure -Labor	81.48
09/30/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	AGM battery	317.89
09/30/2025	Bill	Wilcox & Flegel	Diesel 307.20 gal @ 3.741	1,151.39
09/30/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Apparatus light bulbs	20.97
09/30/2025	Bill	Dahlgren's Do It Best Builder's Supply	Plywood for Tower 431	16.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Ace Hardware - Scappoose	Fasteners	8.20
09/30/2025	Bill	Wilcox & Flegel	Unleaded gas 14.84 gal @ 3.741, Diesel 37.57 gal @ 4.232	256.63
09/30/2025	Bill	Wilcox & Flegel	Unleaded gas 240.20 gal @ 3.415	917.96
09/30/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Fuses	8.52
09/30/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Fuse holders	26.10
09/30/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Fuses	8.52
09/30/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2015 GMC Savana: Remove/replace steering gear box & oil change - Taxes/Fees	20.26
09/30/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2015 GMC Savana: Remove/replace steering gear box & oil change - Parts	920.91
09/30/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2015 GMC Savana: Remove/replace steering gear box & oil change -Labor	1,000.18
09/30/2025	Bill	Pro Automotive & Diesel	2017 Ford F350: Oil change & check tire pressure - Taxes/Fees	2.84
Total for 750 Maintenance on Equipment				\$15,497.68
760 Administration				
09/02/2025	Check			0.10
09/02/2025	Expense	RevSpring	Claim reimbursement	0.50
09/04/2025	Expense	Amazon	Thumb drives, highlighters, binders, pens, notepads	100.58
09/11/2025	Bill	Columbia County Spotlight	Annual subscription	72.00
09/11/2025	Bill	Local Government Law Group	Phone call regarding potential quorum of the board	60.00
09/11/2025	Bill	Oberbarnscheidt, Henry	Reimbursement academy graduation supplies	69.99
09/11/2025	Bill	U.S. Postal Service	6 rolls of 100 stamps @ \$0.78 each	468.00
09/11/2025	Bill	Xerox Corporation	Color copies August	41.48
09/11/2025	Bill	Xerox Corporation	B/W copies August	6.05
09/11/2025	Bill	Paulson Printing	Nameplates & Passports for volunteers, career & board members	1,538.40
09/11/2025	Expense	U.S. Postal Service	Return PEDS EMS backpack	13.00
09/15/2025	Expense	US Bank	Analysis service charge	17.95
09/16/2025	Expense	Fred Meyer	TDAP Vaccine- Brogli	85.00
09/20/2025	Expense	Oregon Employment Dept.	OPFML equivalent plan fee	250.00
09/24/2025	Expense	Fred Meyer	Donuts for Grumpy's Towing	10.99
09/24/2025	Expense	Postal Annex	Shipping- Boxlite service	66.17

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DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
09/30/2025	Expense	Paychex Invoice	payroll processing invoice	266.09
Total for 760 Administration				\$3,066.30
765 Information Technology				
09/02/2025	Expense	CenturyLink	Holbrook modem	70.00
09/03/2025	Expense	JAMF Software, LLC	monthly subscription	248.00
09/11/2025	Bill	Centerlogic, Inc.	Remote support- switching to .gov	1,035.00
09/11/2025	Bill	Verizon Wireless	iPhones & iPads	608.43
09/11/2025	Bill	Verizon Wireless	Machine to machine	7.87
09/11/2025	Bill	City of Portland - Bureau of Tech Services	800 MHZ access	166.32
09/11/2025	Bill	Centerlogic, Inc.	Monthly billing for Sept.	2,006.48
09/12/2025	Expense	Apple Inc.	monthly storage	0.99
09/14/2025	Expense	Starlink	Starlink	100.00
09/17/2025	Expense	Apple Inc.	monthly storage	9.99
09/17/2025	Expense	Starlink	Starlink	100.38
09/18/2025	Expense	CenturyLink	Main station backup	60.00
09/18/2025	Expense	Intuit Quickbooks	QB Online monthly fee	115.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Kleinberg Tech	August Report	210.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Centerlogic, Inc.	Remote & onsite support	172.50
09/30/2025	Bill	City of Portland - Bureau of Tech Services	800 MHZ access	174.63
09/30/2025	Bill	Comcast Business	Main station IT Sept.	267.80
09/30/2025	Bill	Apple Inc.	USB-C cable	49.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Apple Inc.	Mouse, adapter, iPad cover	277.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Apple Inc.	New computer for 4301	3,699.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Active911, Inc.	Alerting Subscription - 80 licenses	1,168.00
09/30/2025	Bill	AT&T Mobility	Sept. charges - phones, iPads	950.70
09/30/2025	Bill	City of Portland - Bureau of Tech Services	800 MHZ access	174.63
09/30/2025	Bill	CenturyLink	Chapman Internet	83.77
Total for 765 Information Technology				\$11,755.49
770 Cleaning Materials & Supplies				
09/10/2025	Expense	Amazon	Coffee filters	33.58
09/10/2025	Expense	Amazon	Paper towels	71.32
09/11/2025	Expense	Amazon	Laundry detergent	51.89
09/14/2025	Expense	Amazon	Washer cleaning tabs	19.95
Total for 770 Cleaning Materials & Supplies				\$176.74
775 Emerg. Operating Supplies				
09/11/2025	Bill	CMC	LEVR escape system x47	26,564.40
09/11/2025	Bill	SeaWestern Fire Apparatus	HAIX boots x1	366.20
09/11/2025	Bill	SeaWestern Fire Apparatus	HAIX boots x4	1,418.70
09/30/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Oil absorbent	155.87
09/30/2025	Bill	SeaWestern Fire Apparatus	HAIX boots x7, structural boot x1	3,457.60
Total for 775 Emerg. Operating Supplies				\$31,962.77
780 Building & Grounds Maint.				
09/11/2025	Bill	Ace Hardware - Scappoose	Utility blades x3	38.97
09/11/2025	Bill	Patriot Fire Protection, Inc.	Annual fire sprinkler inspection	280.00
09/11/2025	Bill	Columbia NW Heating & Air	Commercial maintenance agreement	1,350.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Paramount Pest Control Inc.	Main station	89.00
09/30/2025	Bill	AER Fitness Repair	Preventative maintenance on treadmills, bike, elliptical, step mill, rower, spinner & multi st.	206.50
09/30/2025	Bill	Digital Graphiti Printing LLC	Fuel tank decals	350.00

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09/30/2025	Bill	Ace Hardware - Scappoose	Bolt	1.25
09/30/2025	Bill	Alonzo Yard Maintenance LLC	Holbrook Station Sept. 2025	200.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Alonzo Yard Maintenance LLC	Chapman Station Sept. 2025	200.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Paramount Pest Control Inc.	Chapman station	110.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Sunset Auto Parts	Exhaust fan belts	48.48
Total for 780 Building & Grounds Maint.				\$2,874.20
790 Training				
09/04/2025	Expense	Amazon	Portfolio case for pub ed.	45.99
09/09/2025	Expense	International Assoc. of Arson Investigati	IAAI Fire investigation seminar tuition- Bautista	245.00
09/11/2025	Expense	Red Robin	Meal after COW training	76.92
09/11/2025	Bill	Chloey VanDolah	Reimbursement for Fire Investigation Technician certification	153.00
09/17/2025	Expense	Best Western	IAAI conference lodging- Bautista	448.32
09/30/2025	Bill	Miguel Bautista	IAAI Seminar mileage reimbursement- Bautista	234.50
Total for 790 Training				\$1,203.73
810 Utilities				
09/11/2025	Bill	P.G.E.	Cleetwood	115.85
09/11/2025	Bill	Graybar Financial Services	Voip phones - Sept.	299.25
09/11/2025	Bill	Comcast	Xfinity - Acct 0162514	45.56
09/11/2025	Bill	N.W. Natural Gas	Monthly charges Acct 447881-4	51.30
09/11/2025	Bill	Waste Management of Oregon, Inc.	August garbage/recycling	154.93
09/29/2025	Expense	W.O.E.C.	Acct 13045001 - September billing	331.49
09/30/2025	Bill	Graybar Financial Services	Voip phones - Oct.	434.80
09/30/2025	Bill	CenturyLink	Chapman Phone	64.51
09/30/2025	Bill	CenturyLink	Main Station Fax	63.51
09/30/2025	Bill	CRPUD	Sep. main station electricity	904.62
09/30/2025	Bill	CRPUD	Sep. boathouse electricity	44.58
09/30/2025	Bill	Comcast	Xfinity - Acct 0162514	45.56
Total for 810 Utilities				\$2,555.96
870 EMS Operations				
09/11/2025	Bill	Airgas - USA, LLC	Cylinder rental Invoice	97.93
09/11/2025	Bill	Life-Assist, Inc.	EMS supplies	644.60
09/11/2025	Bill	Systems Design West (SDW)	EMS billing for Aug. 76 @ \$25.00 + postage	2,051.32
09/11/2025	Bill	Jenna Wiley, MD	Physician advisor - Sept.	666.00
09/11/2025	Bill	Life-Assist, Inc.	EMS supplies	333.33
09/11/2025	Bill	Life-Assist, Inc.	EMS supplies	89.50
09/11/2025	Bill	Life-Assist, Inc.	EMS supplies	89.50
09/11/2025	Bill	EMS Technology Solutions, LLC	6 Inventory & Asset Mngmt Licenses	185.00
09/11/2025	Bill	EMS Technology Solutions, LLC	24 Fleet mngmt licenses	120.00
09/30/2025	Bill	Life-Assist, Inc.	EMS supplies & medication	1,702.74
09/30/2025	Bill	Airgas - USA, LLC	Standard Invoice	284.01
09/30/2025	Bill	Life-Assist, Inc.	EMS supplies	336.07
Total for 870 EMS Operations				\$6,600.00
Total for 1.2 GENERAL FUND MATERIAL & SVC				\$78,899.57
Total for 1...				\$550,019.16
Total for 1..GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES				\$550,019.16
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense				
09/30/2025	Bill	US Bank	Sept. CC charges	-5,091.87
09/30/2025	Bill	US Bank	9-25-25	442.87
09/30/2025	Bill	US Bank	9-25-25	1,256.84
09/30/2025	Bill	US Bank	9-25-25	779.28

Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District

Profit and Loss Detail
September 2025

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
09/30/2025	Bill	US Bank	9-25-25	787.50
09/30/2025	Bill	US Bank	9-25-25	1,825.38
Total for Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense				\$0.00
Total for Expenses				\$550,019.16
Net Income				\$ -
				423,428.67

BUDGET VS ACTUAL

Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

July 2025 - June 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
1. GENERAL FUND REVENUES				
Begin Available Cash on Hand	2,437,401.94	2,148,121.00	289,280.94	113.47 %
Close Debt Service Fund (deleted)				
Conflagration		200,000.00	-200,000.00	
EMS Receipts	235,569.98	930,000.00	-694,430.02	25.33 %
Fire Marshal	852.57	1,500.00	-647.43	56.84 %
FireMed	1,755.00	18,000.00	-16,245.00	9.75 %
G.E.M.T. (Medicaid)	74,624.99	120,000.00	-45,375.01	62.19 %
Gas Royalties		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Grant (deleted)				
Grant Awards	94,219.56	295,586.00	-201,366.44	31.88 %
Interest Earned on Investments	16,362.34	120,000.00	-103,637.66	13.64 %
Intergovernmental		1,500.00	-1,500.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,572.32	50,000.00	-44,427.68	11.14 %
Property Taxes				
Taxes - Current				
Local Option Levy	14,301.70	3,227,596.00	-3,213,294.30	0.44 %
Permanent Rate Levy	7,790.11	1,748,759.00	-1,740,968.89	0.45 %
HERT Turnover	43.96		43.96	
Total Permanent Rate Levy	7,834.07	1,748,759.00	-1,740,924.93	0.45 %
Total Taxes - Current	22,135.77	4,976,355.00	-4,954,219.23	0.44 %
Taxes - Prior Years	54,692.63	115,000.00	-60,307.37	47.56 %
Enterprise Zone Local Option				
Enterprise Zone Permanent				
Total Taxes - Prior Years	54,692.63	115,000.00	-60,307.37	47.56 %
Total Property Taxes	76,828.40	5,091,355.00	-5,014,526.60	1.51 %
Sale of Surplus Apparatus (deleted)				
Seismic Grant (deleted)				
Transfer from Grant Fund				
Total 1. GENERAL FUND REVENUES	2,943,187.10	8,977,062.00	-6,033,874.90	32.79 %
2. GRANT FUND REVENUE				
Begin Available Cash on Hand	82,299.73	100,996.00	-18,696.27	81.49 %
Grant Award				
Interfund Loan from General				
Total 2. GRANT FUND REVENUE	82,299.73	100,996.00	-18,696.27	81.49 %
3. PROPERTY FUND REVENUES				
Begin Available Cash On Hand	1,351,280.19	469,696.00	881,584.19	287.69 %
Grant Income				
Interest Earned on Investments	10,489.37	3,700.00	6,789.37	283.50 %
Transfers In				
Total 3. PROPERTY FUND REVENUES	1,361,769.56	473,396.00	888,373.56	287.66 %

Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

July 2025 - June 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
4. DEBT SERVICE FUND REVENUE (deleted)				
Begin Available Cash On Hand				
Current Taxes				
Delinquent Tax				
Interest Earned on Investments				
Total 4. DEBT SERVICE FUND REVENUE (deleted)				
4. PERSONNEL SVCS FUND REVEN				
Begin Available Cash On Hand	225,699.87	224,947.00	752.87	100.33 %
Interest Earned on Investments	1,844.80	4,000.00	-2,155.20	46.12 %
Transfers In				
Total 4. PERSONNEL SVCS FUND REVEN	227,544.67	228,947.00	-1,402.33	99.39 %
Billable Expense Income				
Markup				
PacificSource				
Sales of Product Income				
Services				
Unapplied Cash Payment Income				
Uncategorized Income				
x (deleted)				
Total Income	\$4,614,801.06	\$9,780,401.00	\$ -5,165,599.94	47.18 %
Cost of Goods Sold				
Cost of Goods Sold				
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
GROSS PROFIT	\$4,614,801.06	\$9,780,401.00	\$ -5,165,599.94	47.18 %
Expenses				
1..GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES				
1...				
1.1 GENERAL FUND PERSONNEL SVCS				
550 Insurance	183,968.75	1,015,955.00	-831,986.25	18.11 %
560 Personnel Salaries	924,662.47	3,695,298.00	-2,770,635.53	25.02 %
570 SocSec/Medicare(FICA)	71,912.34	290,849.00	-218,936.66	24.72 %
580 Volunteer Services		47,500.00	-47,500.00	
590 Personnel Benefits	280,382.77	1,265,680.00	-985,297.23	22.15 %
Total 1.1 GENERAL FUND PERSONNEL SVCS	1,460,926.33	6,315,282.00	-4,854,355.67	23.13 %
1.2 GENERAL FUND MATERIAL & SVC				
670 Contract Services	14,146.21	204,420.00	-190,273.79	6.92 %
670.1 TEST Conflag (deleted)				
Total 670 Contract Services	14,146.21	204,420.00	-190,273.79	6.92 %
680 Communications Maintenance	1,921.25	6,100.00	-4,178.75	31.50 %
720 Public Fire Services	2,883.21	13,700.00	-10,816.79	21.05 %
730 Property & Liability Insur.		115,010.00	-115,010.00	
740 Uniforms	3,350.77	32,000.00	-28,649.23	10.47 %

Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

July 2025 - June 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
750 Maintenance on Equipment	80,967.28	145,000.00	-64,032.72	55.84 %
760 Administration	9,775.89	74,700.00	-64,924.11	13.09 %
765 Information Technology	29,002.13	114,000.00	-84,997.87	25.44 %
770 Cleaning Materials & Supplies	1,154.95	5,500.00	-4,345.05	21.00 %
775 Emerg. Operating Supplies	36,216.67	90,000.00	-53,783.33	40.24 %
780 Building & Grounds Maint.	7,594.03	85,000.00	-77,405.97	8.93 %
790 Training	3,758.64	103,300.00	-99,541.36	3.64 %
810 Utilities	7,970.17	43,050.00	-35,079.83	18.51 %
870 EMS Operations	27,528.86	130,000.00	-102,471.14	21.18 %
880 FireMed				
Grant (deleted)				
Seismic Grant (deleted)				
Total 1.2 GENERAL FUND MATERIAL & SVC	226,270.06	1,161,780.00	-935,509.94	19.48 %
1.3 GENERAL FUND CAPITL OUTLAY				
910 CO Equipment		100,000.00	-100,000.00	
Building Equipment/Improvement (deleted)				
Building Improvements				
Communications Equipment (deleted)				
EMS Equipment (deleted)				
Training Equipment (deleted)				
Total 1.3 GENERAL FUND CAPITL OUTLAY		100,000.00	-100,000.00	
1.4 GENERAL FUND DEBT				
930 Debt Service Interest				
930 Debt Service Principal				
Total 1.4 GENERAL FUND DEBT				
Total 1...	1,687,196.39	7,577,062.00	-5,889,865.61	22.27 %
1.5 GENERAL FUND TRANSFER OUT				
Interfund Loan to Grant Fund				
Transfers to Personnel Services				
Transfers to Property Fund				
Total 1.5 GENERAL FUND TRANSFER OUT				
1.6 GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY		400,000.00	-400,000.00	
1.7 GENERAL RESERVED FOR FUTURE		1,000,000.00	-1,000,000.00	
Total 1..GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	1,687,196.39	8,977,062.00	-7,289,865.61	18.79 %
2. GRANT FUND EXPENSE				
2.1 PERSONNEL SVCS				
1. Personnel Salaries		56,698.00	-56,698.00	
2. Personnel Benefits		24,298.00	-24,298.00	
Total 2.1 PERSONNEL SVCS		80,996.00	-80,996.00	
2.2 DEBT SVC to GEN FUND				
2.3 MATERIALS & SERVICES		15,000.00	-15,000.00	
2.4 CAPITAL OUTLAY		5,000.00	-5,000.00	

Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

July 2025 - June 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Grant expenses (deleted)				
Total 2. GRANT FUND EXPENSE		100,996.00	-100,996.00	
3. PROPERTY FUND CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Building & Grounds Improvements		32,396.00	-32,396.00	
Building Improvements				
EMS Apparatus & Equipment	67,972.66	310,000.00	-242,027.34	21.93 %
Fire Apparatus & Equipment		130,000.00	-130,000.00	
Miscellaneous Real Property				
Reserved for Future Expenses		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Total 3. PROPERTY FUND CAPITAL OUTLAY	67,972.66	473,396.00	-405,423.34	14.36 %
4. DEBT SERVICE FUND EXPENSE (deleted)				
Bond Payments				
Interest Payments				
Reserved for Future Expenses				
Total 4. DEBT SERVICE FUND EXPENSE (deleted)				
4. PERSONNEL SVC FUND EXPENSE				
Liability & Service		223,947.00	-223,947.00	
Reserved for Future Expenses		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
Total 4. PERSONNEL SVC FUND EXPENSE		228,947.00	-228,947.00	
4.DEBT SERVICE FUND EXPENSE (deleted)				
Transfer to General Fund				
Transfer to General Fund (deleted)				
Total Transfer to General Fund				
Total 4.DEBT SERVICE FUND EXPENSE (deleted)				
FSA Card Admin Fee				
Purchases				
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	0.00		0.00	
Uncategorized Expense				
Uncategorized Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$1,755,169.05	\$9,780,401.00	\$ -8,025,231.95	17.95 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$2,859,632.01	\$0.00	\$2,859,632.01	0.00%
Other Expenses				
Reconciliation Discrepancies				
Total Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
NET OTHER INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
NET INCOME	\$2,859,632.01	\$0.00	\$2,859,632.01	0.00%

AMBULANCE BILLING & TRANSPORT REPORT

Scappoose RFPD
ANNUAL COLLECTION STATISTICS

Company	Scappoose RFPD
Date Of Service	10/1/2024
Date Of Service	9/30/2025
Invoices	0

Month	Tickets	Charges	Payments	%	FireMed	%	Disallowed	%	Uncollected	%	Pending	%
Oct 24	100	221,084.00	-74,481.79	34 %	-1,849.41	1 %	-132,457.58	60 %	-2,369.27	1 %	9,925.95	4 %
Nov 24	91	200,823.00	-71,529.63	36 %	-1,200.00	1 %	-115,659.02	58 %	-3,826.17	2 %	8,608.18	4 %
Dec 24	103	228,100.80	-84,678.78	37 %	-3,030.15	1 %	-127,623.35	56 %	-2,492.09	1 %	10,276.43	5 %
Jan 25	81	178,899.80	-58,496.50	33 %	-3,196.45	2 %	-111,372.62	62 %	-340.00	0 %	5,494.23	3 %
Feb 25	95	209,815.20	-74,264.43	35 %	-4,493.81	2 %	-118,641.48	57 %	-4,966.60	2 %	7,448.88	4 %
Mar 25	101	222,135.40	-77,213.20	35 %	-1,525.00	1 %	-113,765.76	51 %	-7,145.00	3 %	22,486.44	10 %
Apr 25	84	183,753.40	-58,255.29	32 %	-842.57	0 %	-115,120.01	63 %	-4,418.40	2 %	5,117.13	3 %
May 25	93	206,440.00	-66,992.44	32 %	-3,859.54	2 %	-111,255.43	54 %	0.00	0 %	24,332.59	12 %
Jun 25	111	247,412.20	-76,018.29	31 %	-1,220.60	0 %	-130,600.38	53 %	0.00	0 %	39,572.93	16 %
Jul 25	105	232,160.60	-62,569.75	27 %	-300.00	0 %	-119,069.24	51 %	0.00	0 %	50,221.61	22 %
Aug 25	76	167,257.40	-50,809.44	30 %	-1,150.00	1 %	-78,950.05	47 %	0.00	0 %	36,347.91	22 %
Sep 25	110	244,504.60	-30,907.82	13 %	-143.85	0 %	-61,407.24	25 %	0.00	0 %	152,045.69	62 %

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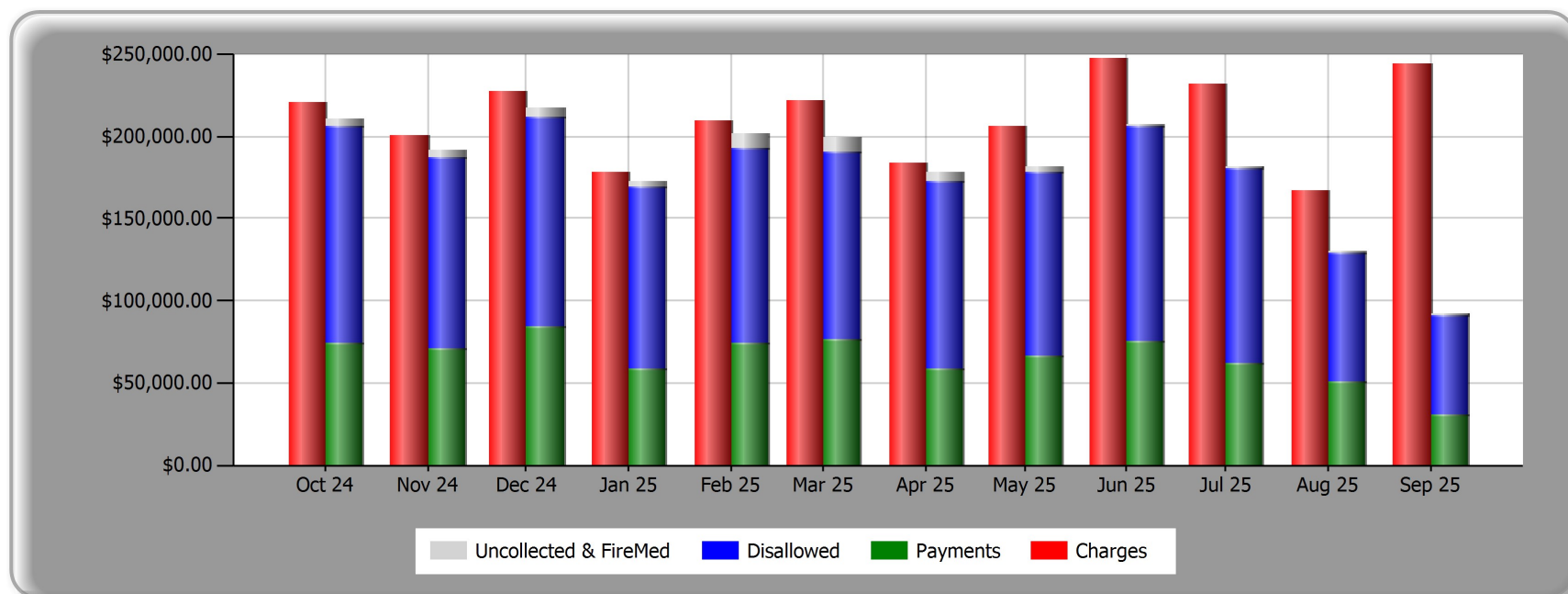
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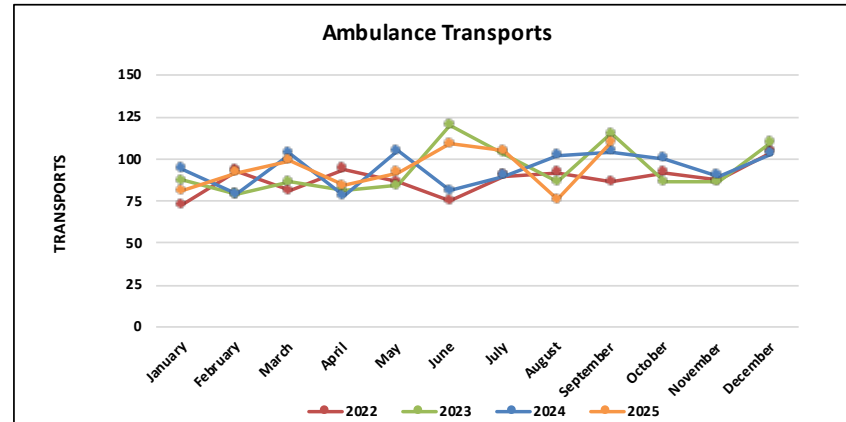
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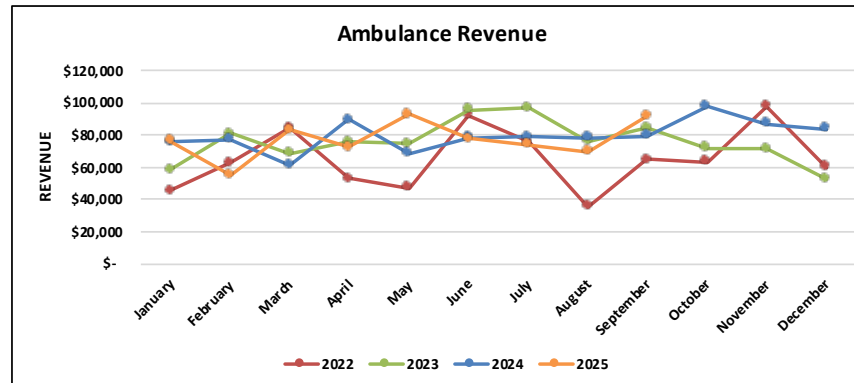
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Month	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	73	87	94	81
February	93	79	79	92
March	81	86	103	99
April	94	81	78	84
May	86	84	105	92
June	75	120	81	109
July	90	103	90	105
August	92	86	102	76
September	86	115	104	110
October	92	86	100	
November	87	86	90	
December	104	110	103	



Month	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	\$ 45,385	\$ 58,387	\$ 75,767	\$ 76,204
February	\$ 62,509	\$ 81,019	\$ 77,119	\$ 55,100
March	\$ 84,303	\$ 68,763	\$ 61,251	\$ 83,286
April	\$ 52,956	\$ 75,599	\$ 89,377	\$ 72,290
May	\$ 47,415	\$ 74,577	\$ 68,797	\$ 93,026
June	\$ 92,324	\$ 95,639	\$ 78,232	\$ 77,787
July	\$ 75,581	\$ 96,872	\$ 78,582	\$ 73,983
August	\$ 35,455	\$ 76,175	\$ 78,410	\$ 69,918
September	\$ 64,803	\$ 84,125	\$ 79,476	\$ 91,668
October	\$ 63,485	\$ 71,943	\$ 97,698	
November	\$ 97,509	\$ 71,590	\$ 87,071	
December	\$ 60,188	\$ 52,699	\$ 83,910	



COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC REPORT

RESPONSE ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTHLY REPORT

SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



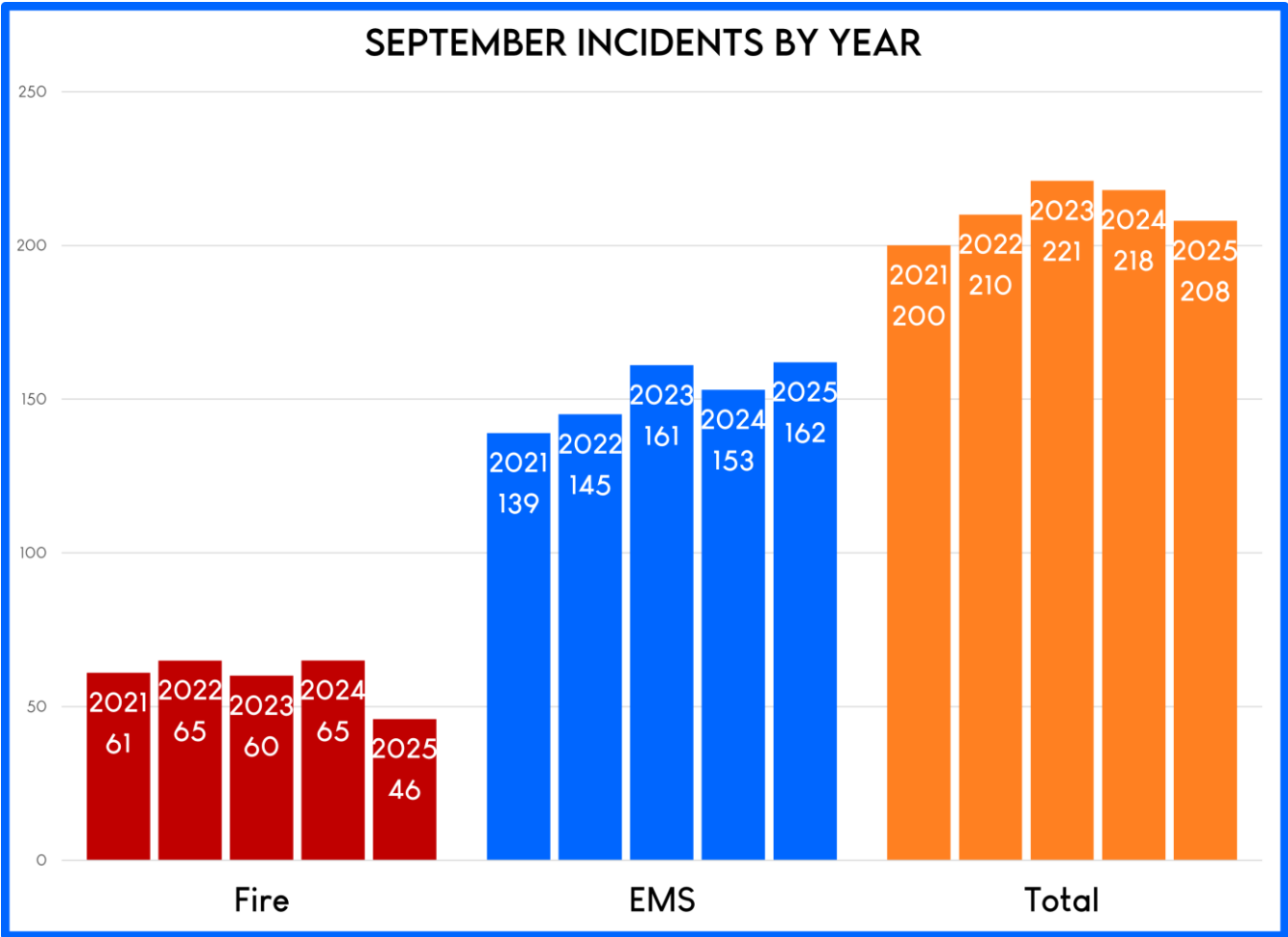
SEPTEMBER 2025

OPERATIONS

For the month of September, Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District responded to a total of 208 calls for service. There was a total of 420 apparatus responses, spending 278 hours and 8 minutes of time. EMS incidents accounted for 78% (162) of the call volume, while Fire incidents were 22% (46). The EMS-related calls for the month included a total of 167 patients treated, with 110 (66%) of those transported to area hospitals. COVID-19 was suspected or confirmed in two patients.

Approximately 53% of the calls for service (110 incidents) represent overlapping calls (at least one other call in progress). Approximately 34% (21 incidents) of the of the 62 incidents that occurred during the hours of 8 PM to 8 AM represent overlapping calls. There were three incidents where unit(s) were deployed for more than two days. Either of these situations could require units to respond to areas outside their base districts, which would result in increased response times as well as depleted available resources to respond to emergencies.

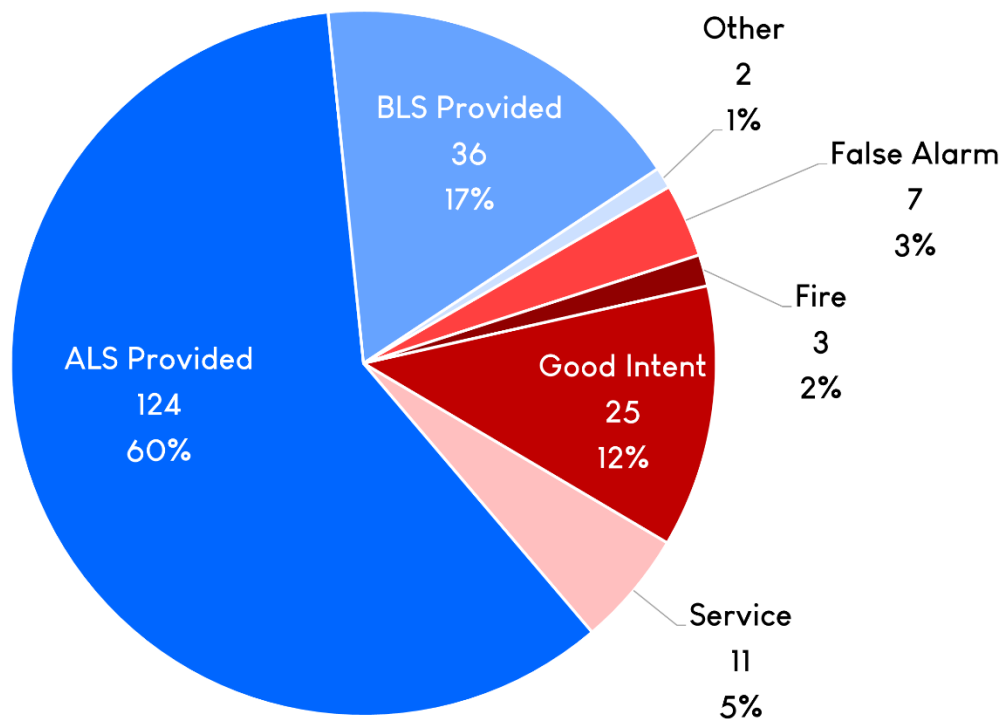
For the month of September, SRFD averaged 1.53 Fire calls per day and 5.40 EMS calls per day for an overall daily average of 6.93 calls per day. Total Fire & EMS incidents for the same month in 2024 were 218. There were 4.59% less calls this month compared to the same month last year.



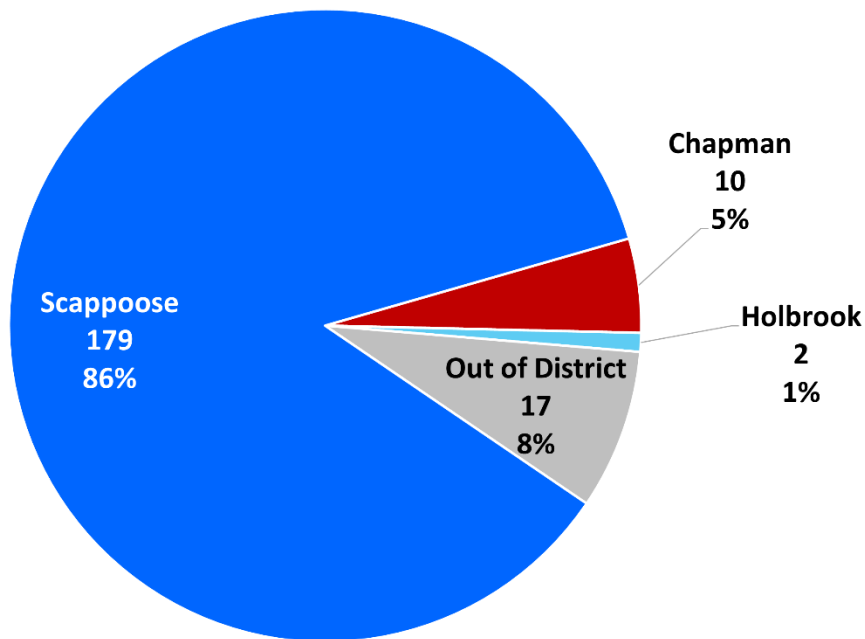
FIRE AND EMS CALL BREAKDOWN FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

SEPTEMBER 2025 - ALL CALLS BY TYPE

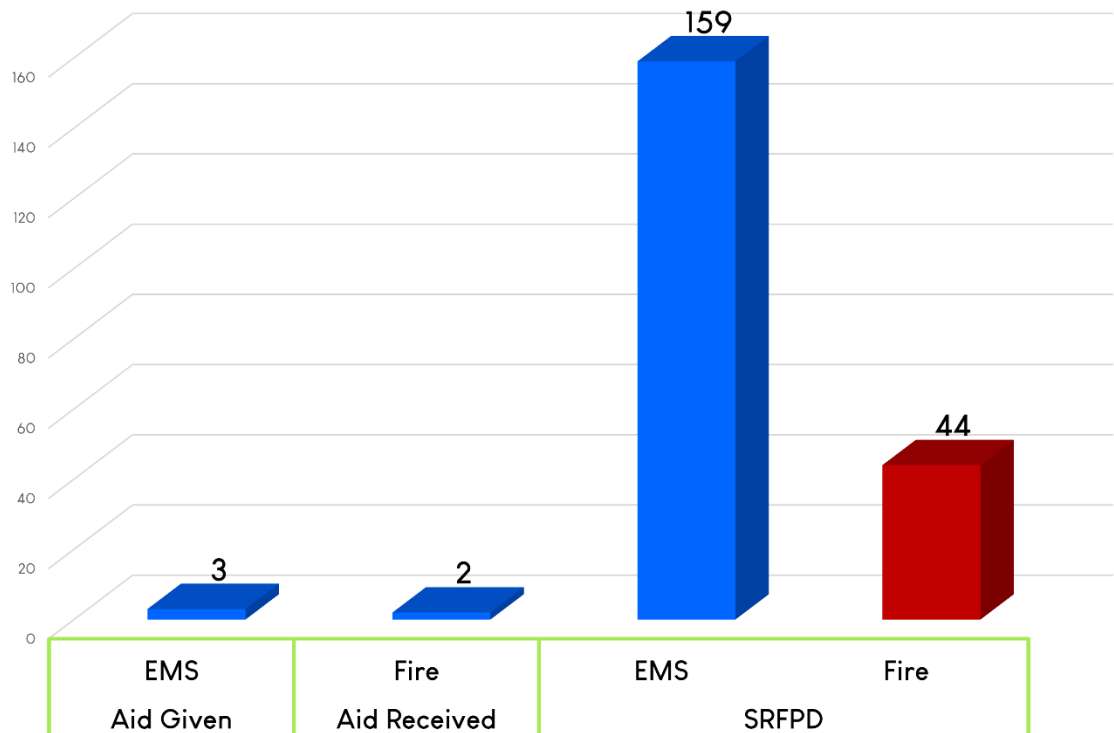
208 Incidents



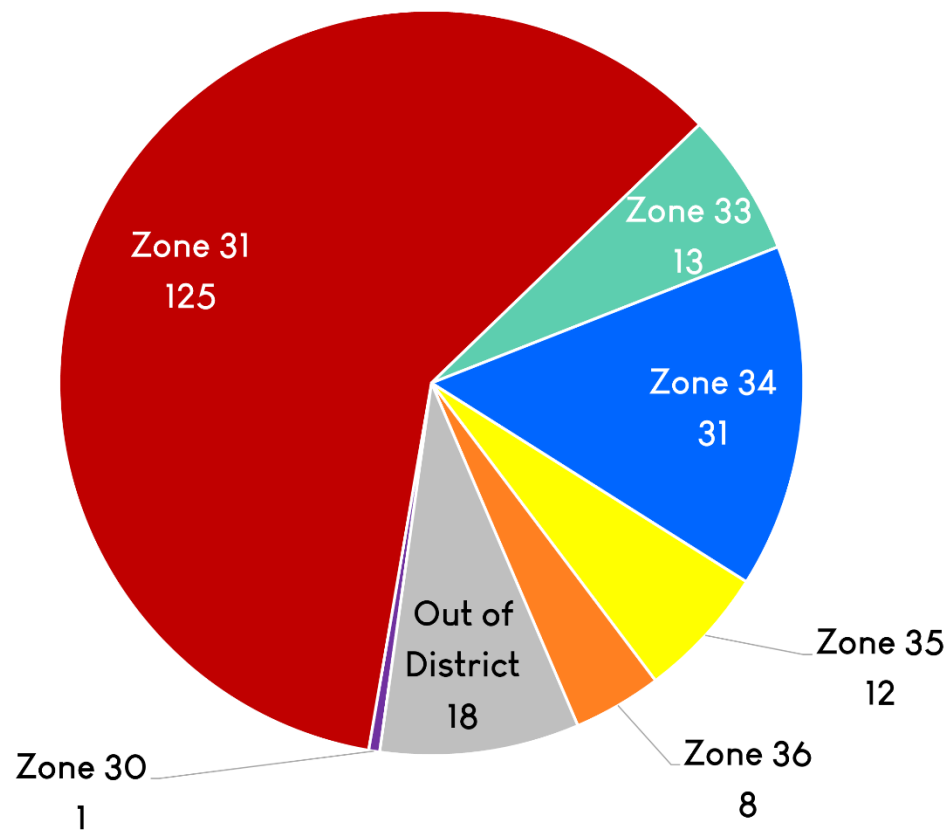
SEPTEMBER 2025 - INCIDENTS BY STATION
208 Incidents with 420 Apparatus Responses

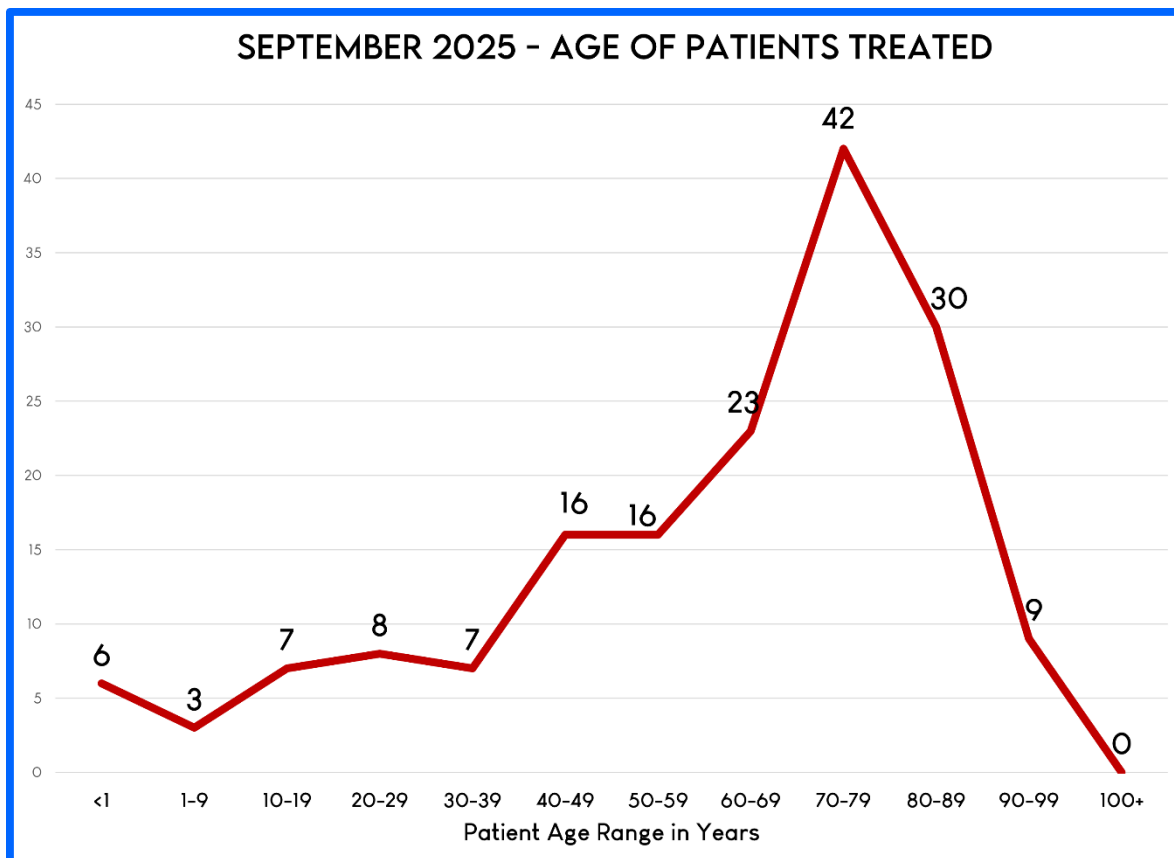
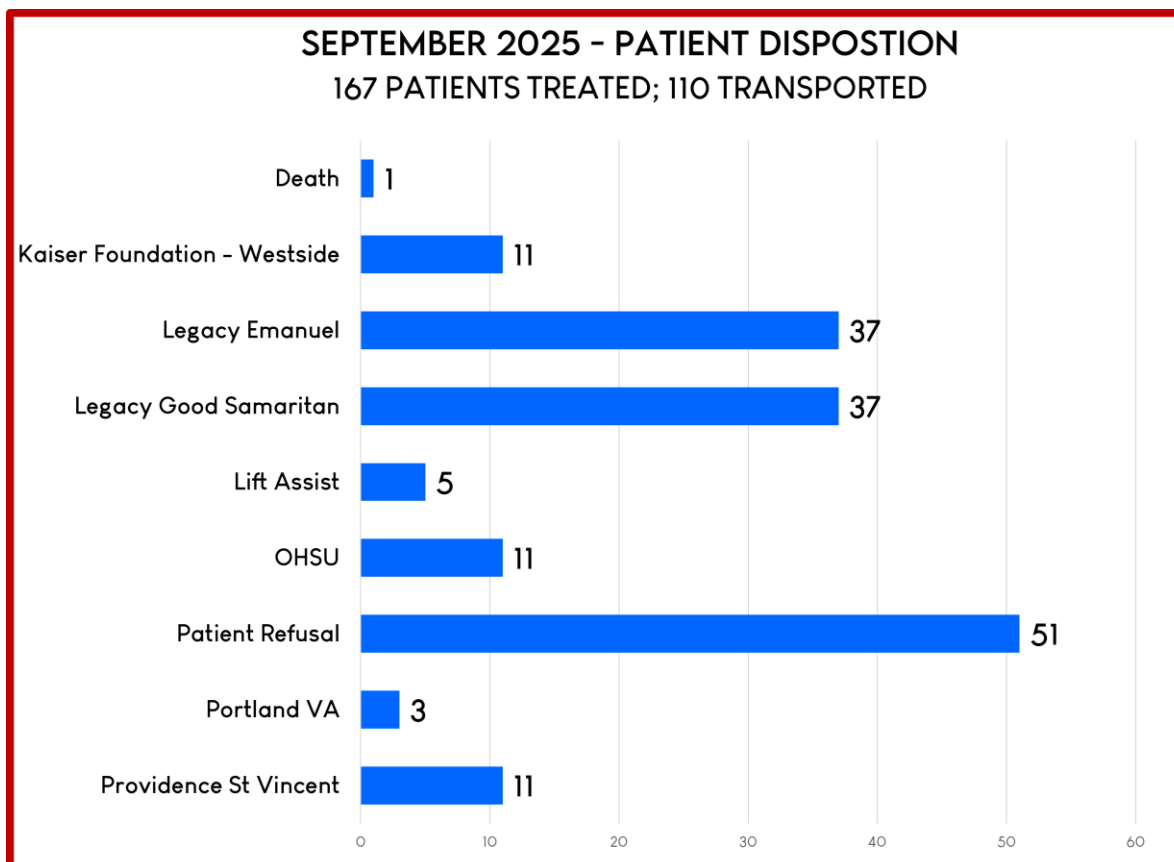


INCIDENTS BY RESPONDING JURISDICTION
September 2025

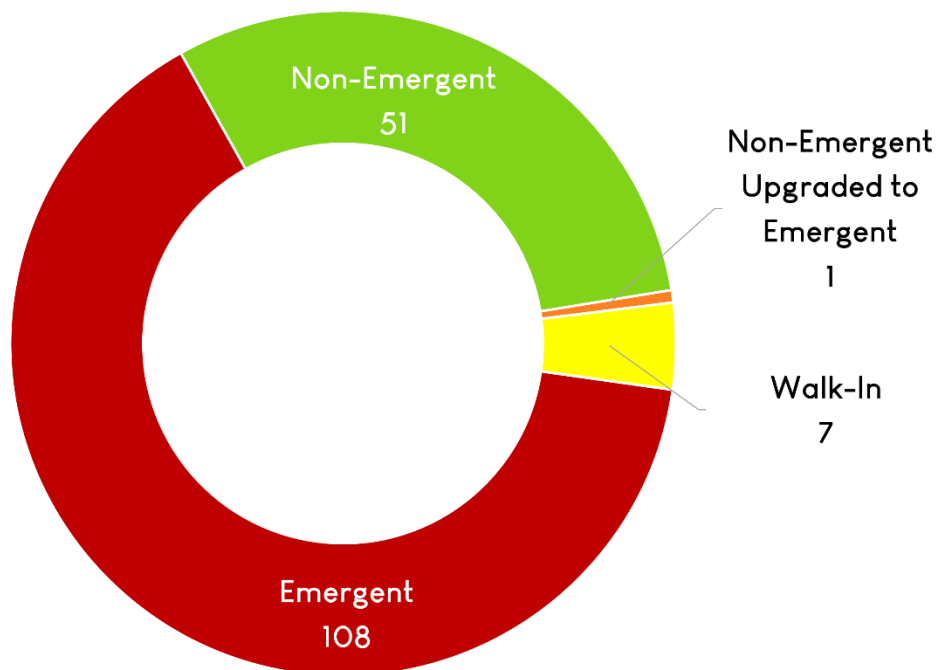


SEPTEMBER 2025 - INCIDENTS BY ZONE

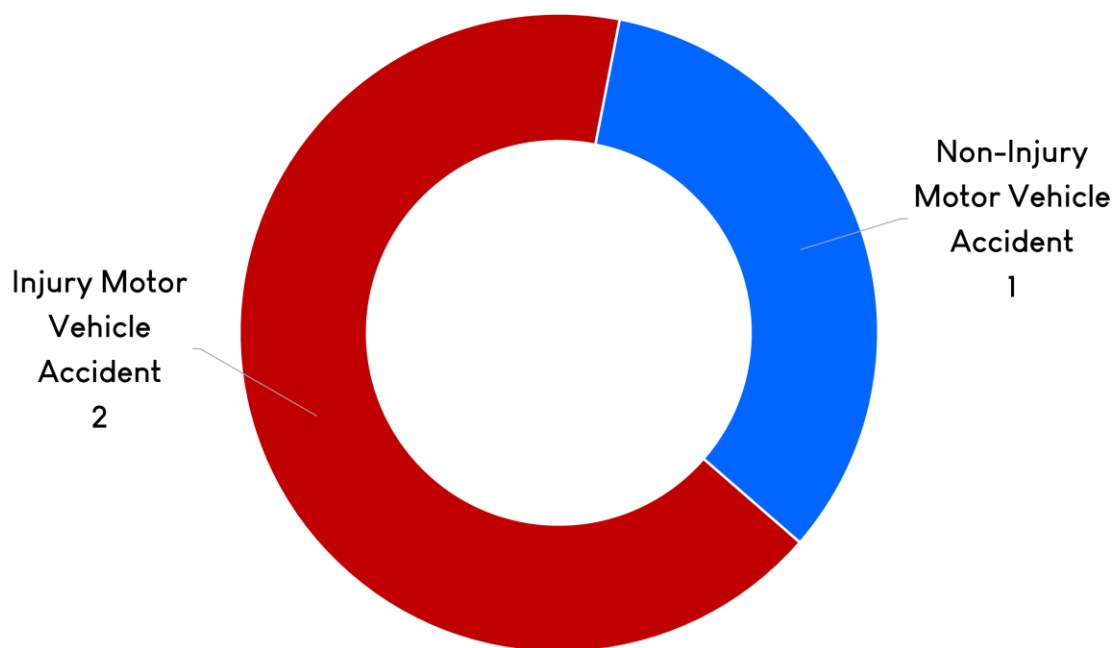


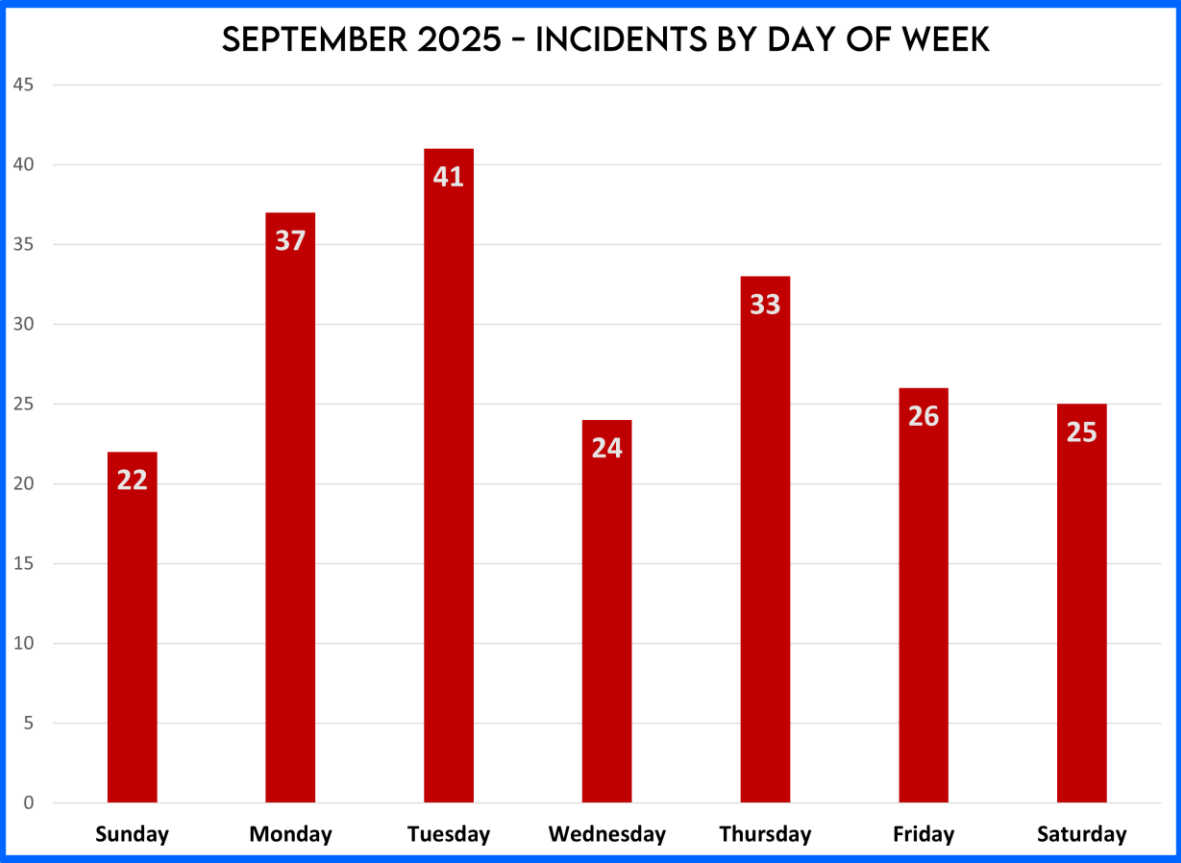
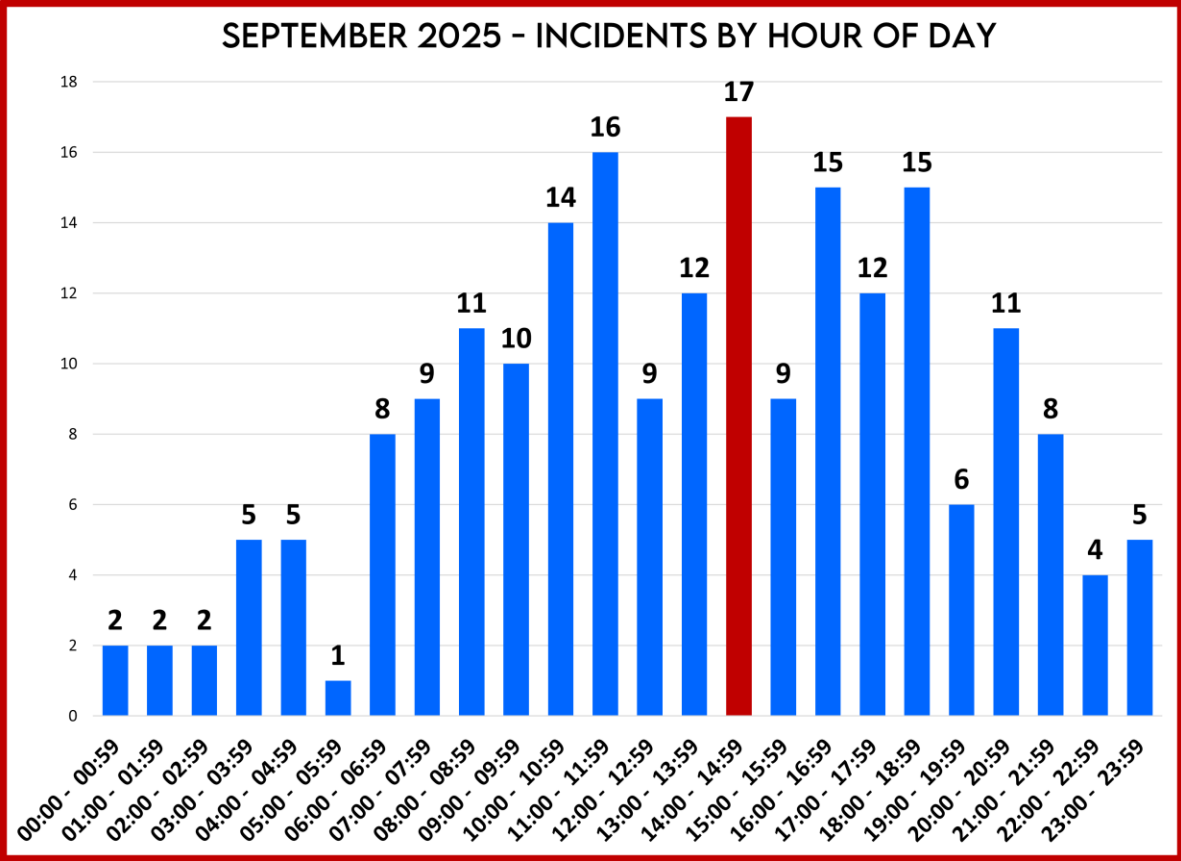


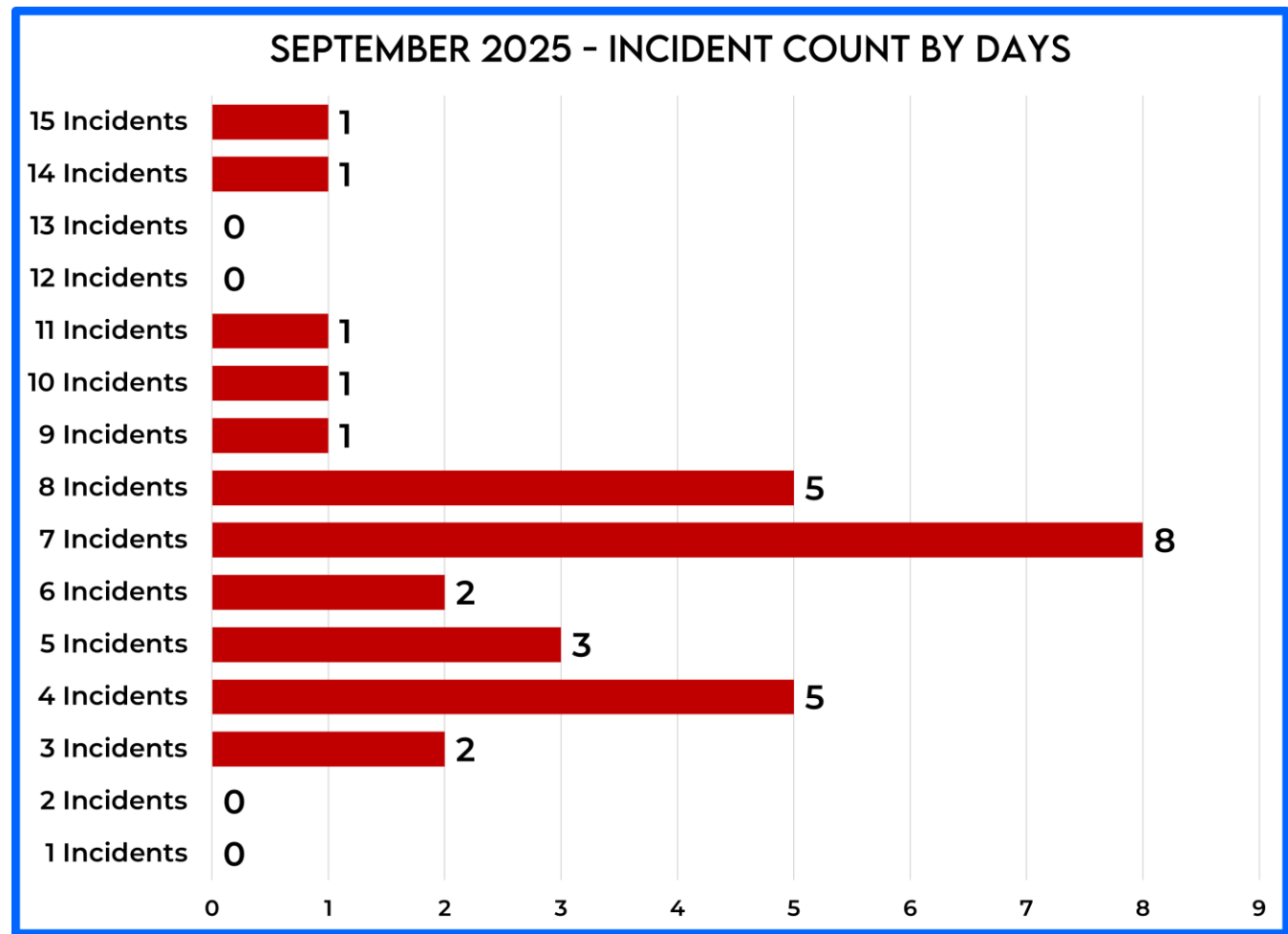
SEPTEMBER 2025 - EMS RESPONSE MODE

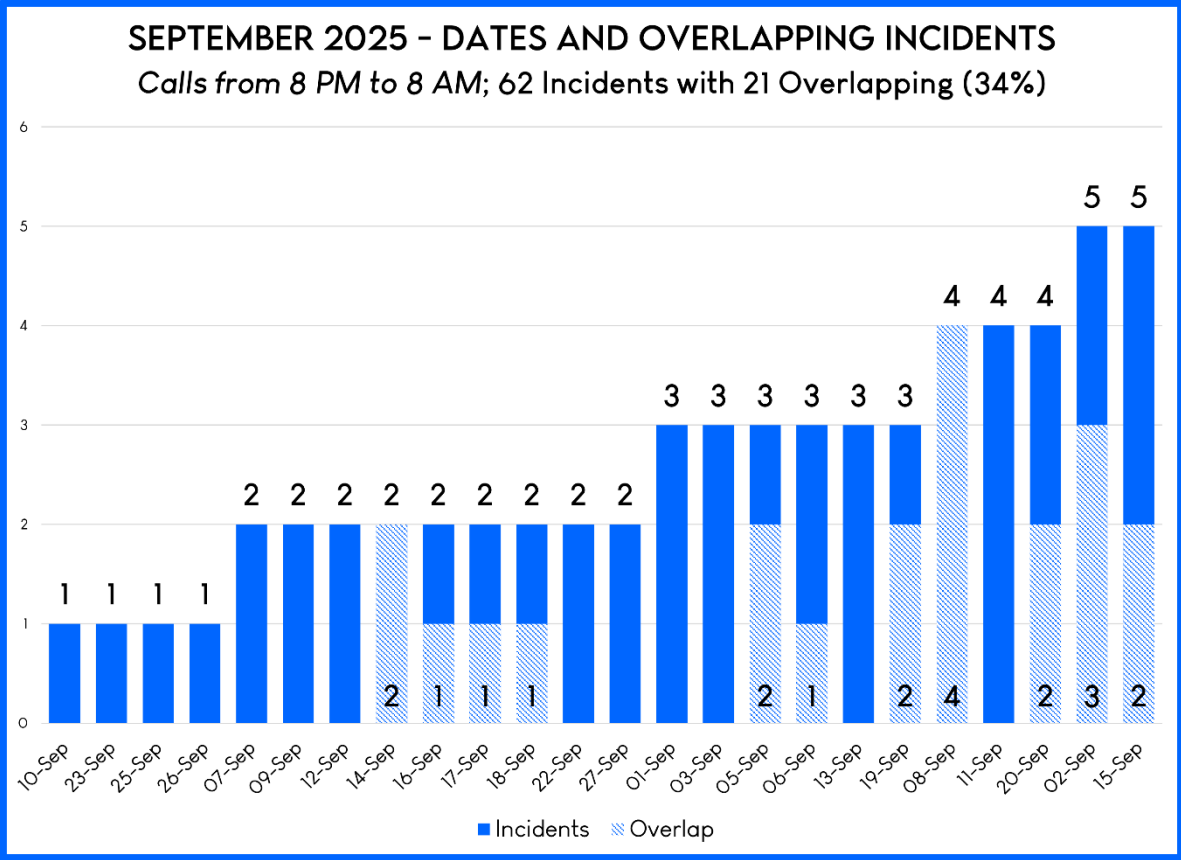
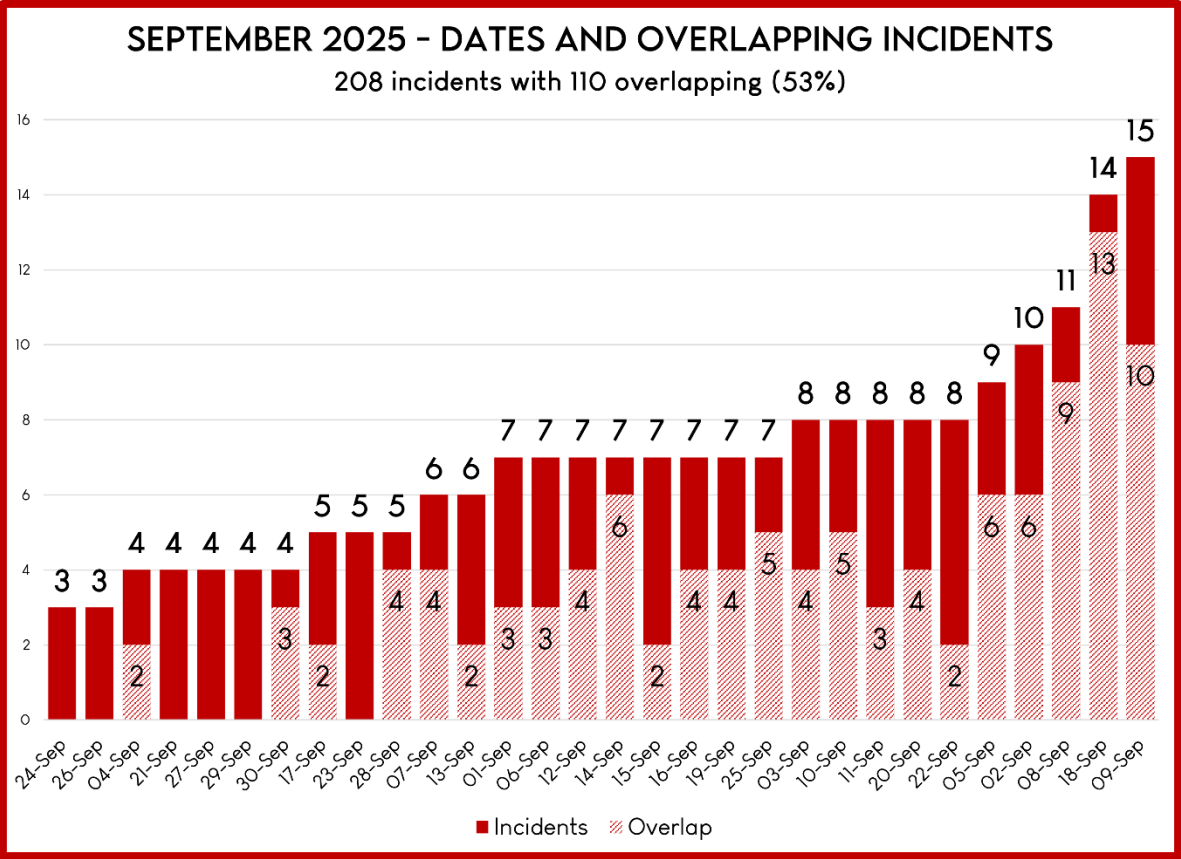


SEPTEMBER 2025 - 3 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

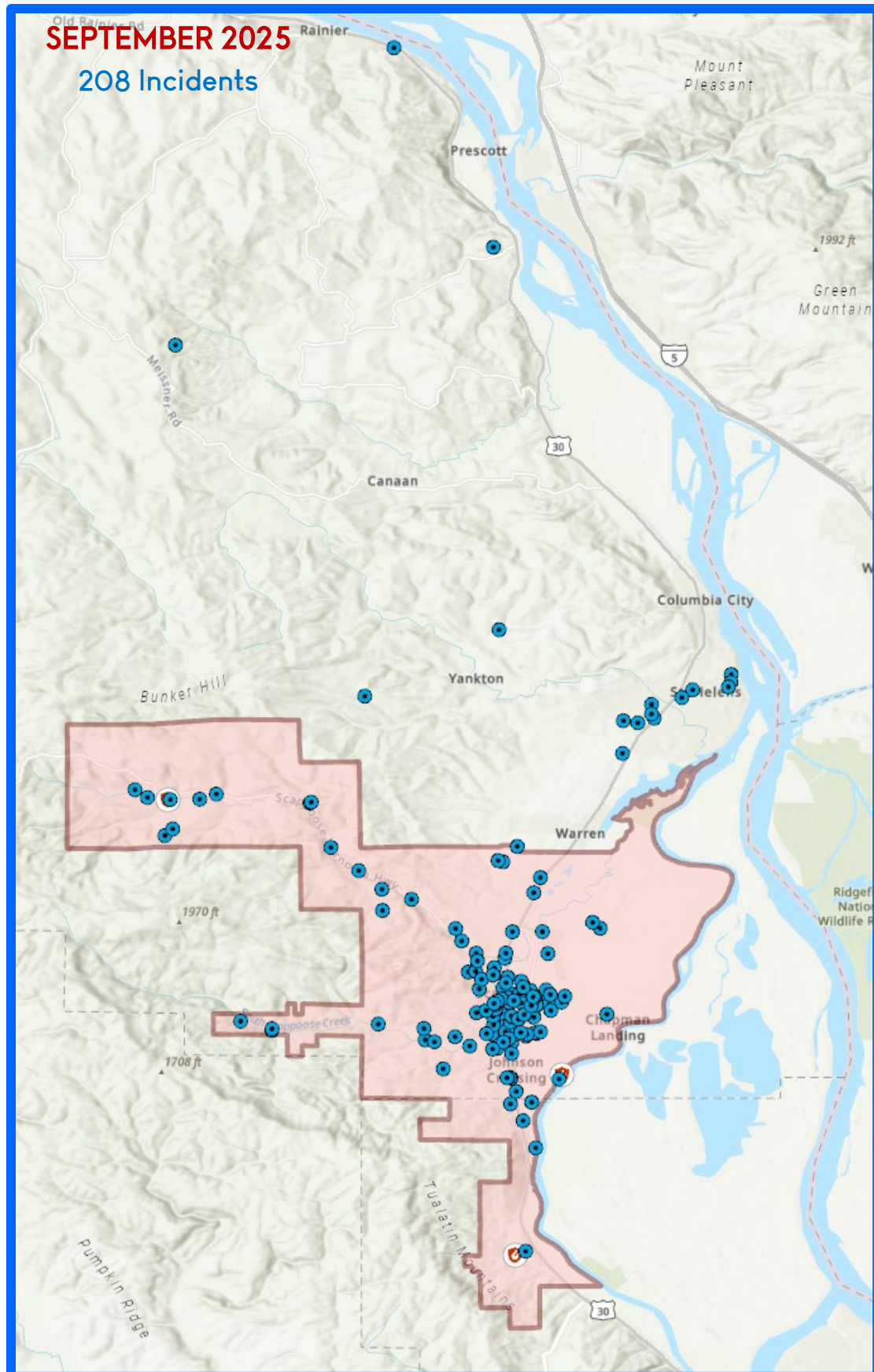






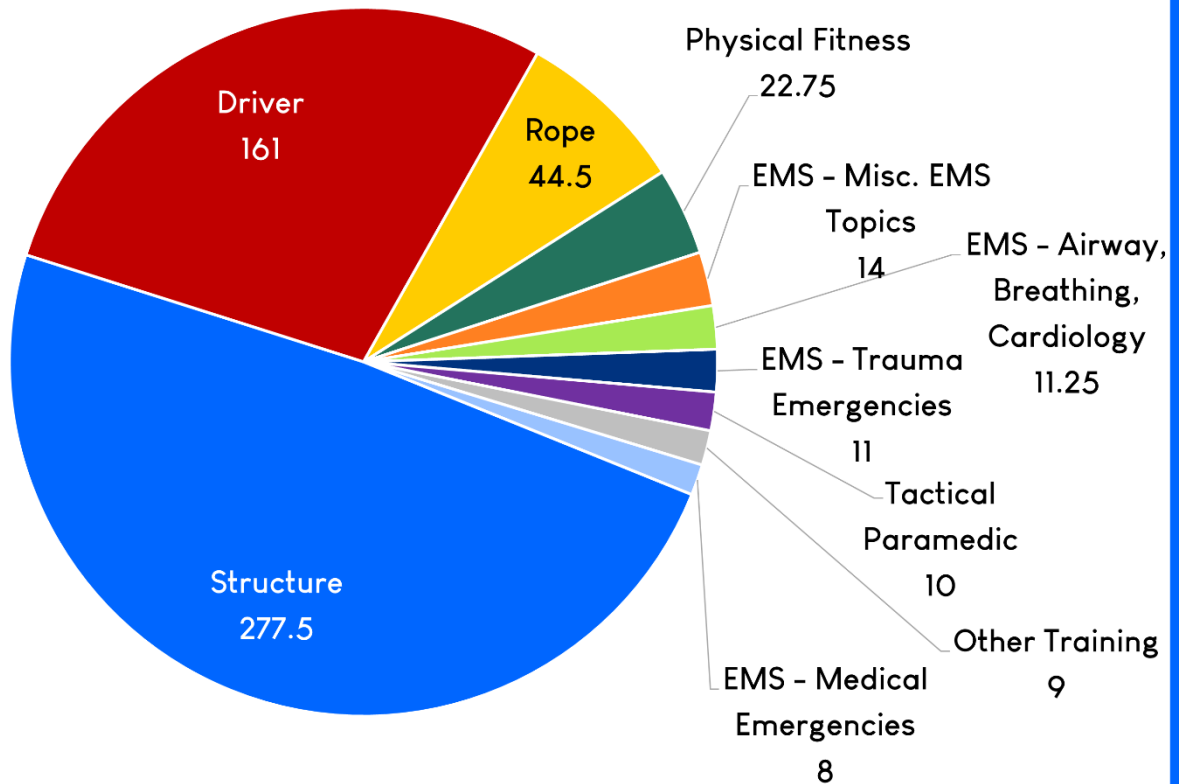


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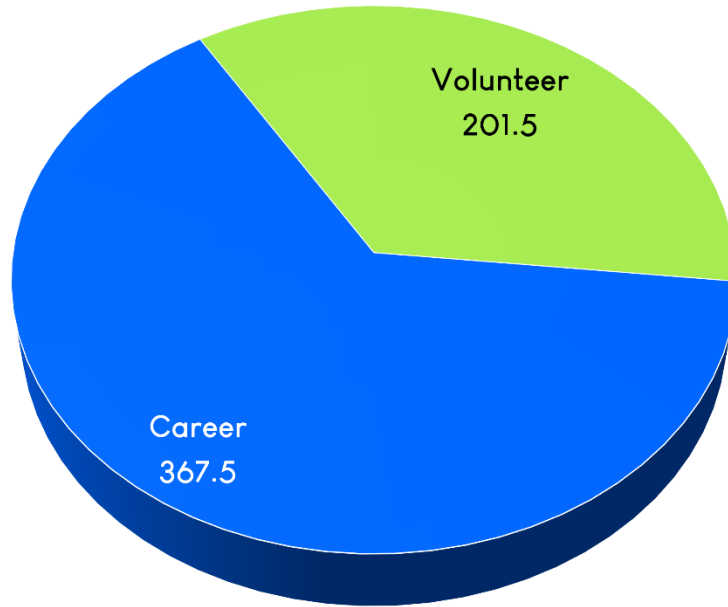


SEPTEMBER 2025 - TRAINING HOURS BY SUB-CATEGORY

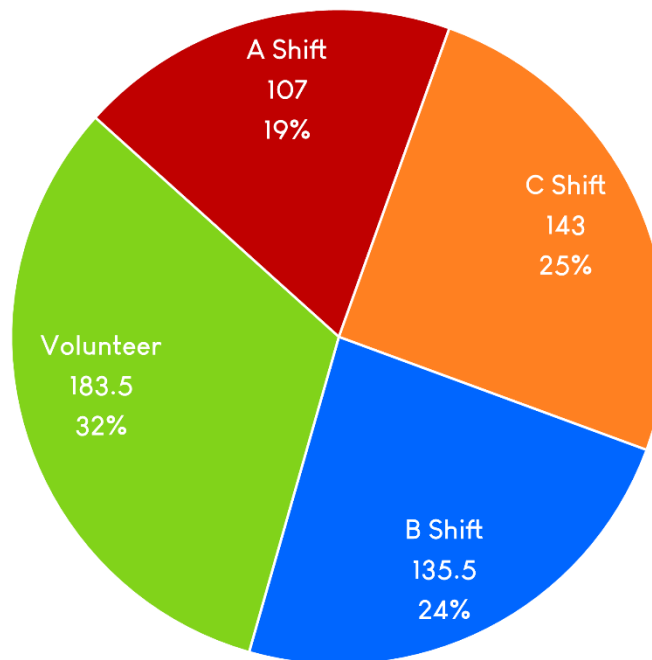
569 Hours



SEPTEMBER 2025 - VOLUNTEER & CAREER
TRAINING HOURS



SEPTEMBER 2025 - TRAINING HOURS BY SHIFT



UNCREWED AIRCRAFT (UAS) ACTIVITY REPORT

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Report

October 2025

Meetings Attended

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
9/1/25	Crown Creek Fire Deployment	9/15/25	Suppression Final In MIST
9/2/25	Crown Creek Fire Deployment	9/17/25	Safety & Risk MGT MTG
9/3/25	Crown Creek Fire Deployment	9/17/25	Meeting with OEM / SPIRE
9/4/25	Crown Creek Fire Deployment	9/23/25	Active Shooter TRNG
9/4/25	RDPO Meeting	9/23/25	Compliance Engine MTG
9/5/25	Crown Creek Fire Deployment	9/23/25	NFA Meeting
9/6/25	Crown Creek Fire Deployment	9/24/25	Meeting with FEMA / NETC
9/7/25	Crown Creek Fire Deployment	9/24/25	Part 108 comment MTG in PDX
9/8/25	Fire Defense Board Meeting	9/24/25	Standards meeting with OEM
9/9/25	911 Meeting	9/25/25	Meeting with Chief K (Mist)
9/9/25	NFA Cadre Call	9/29/25	Audit
9/9/25	HSEMC Meeting	9/29/25	Labor MTN Fire
9/10/25	CRD Training in Salem	9/30/25	Image Trend MTG
9/15/25	Image Trend MTG	9/30/25	Labor MTN Fire

Hours Worked September: 190 Hours

On Call in September: 76 Hours

On Call for CRF&R: 12hrs

TOTAL HOURS: 266

Training

Active Shooter Training

Projects:

Portland Fire Mutual Aid Agreement – *In Progress (Delayed till Winter)*

New Ambulance Purchase ~ *In Progress*

Working with state senators / reps for legislation changes ~ *In Progress*

Fire Station Project ~ *In Progress*

SPIRE 2023 ~ *Awarded Airbags and COW (Cell On Wheels) Waiting for Airbags*

NASA ACERO ~ *In Progress*

IGA with Oregon Department of Forestry ~ *In Progress*

IGA with Columbia County (HSEMC) ~ *In Progress*

STARLINK ~ *In Progress*

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY UAS PROJECT ~ *In Progress – First 2 Week class starts in October*

Executive Summary: From a fire-season perspective, this year was slower than recent seasons, easing pressure on equipment and firefighter staffing. Nationally, however, demand remained significant. Although Oregon benefited from reduced strain, our district still experienced substantial service demand and an elevated workload for the administrative team on a wide variety of projects.

Organizational and Operational Highlights: In September we devoted substantial time to a contentious multi-party project involving the City of Scappoose, the county board of commissioners, and a neighborhood within our fire district. A key issue affecting the district is a proposed gate on a public access road. This remains an active matter and we will report further in coming months.

Interest in our fire marshal program has increased (from the county and other local fire agencies), and several significant development proposals have emerged in the district. Staff attended a pre-application meeting for a proposed hotel tied to an aviation company that could bring more than 400 jobs to Scappoose; we will provide updates as details develop.

Staff continue to prioritize firefighter safety. A staff-led self-rescue-from-burning-building project is nearing completion. Alongside new equipment for all firefighters, considerable training has been completed, substantially enhancing our team's capabilities. The organization should be proud of the dedication and passion demonstrated by our staff.

Personnel, Training, and Representation: As of this report, we have filled our vacant executive assistant position utilizing our contract with cardinal services. Our hiring team interviewed several candidates and landed on what we feel is the best fit for our team. Hopefully after a 6 month time frame, this temporary hire will become permanent.

A significant amount of time was dedicated to the National Fire Academy training class that we are one of the leaders of. This three class accelerated instructor train the trainer will be a significant boost for the local area and country. Some of the meeting topics included meeting with instructor cadre, other course coordinators, security staff at the NFA and other government officials here in Oregon.

Grants, Funding, and Healthcare Updates: As you will read in Chief Marks report, we are keeping a close eye on several healthcare initiatives that may impact our reimbursement revenue as a result of federal shifts in policy and the recent federal government shutdown. We hope this will not be a factor, but the writing on the wall is not looking optimistic.

We are still working through several ASA challenges, but the process is moving at the speed of molasses. We were able to meet with one of the County Commissioners for about two hours to discuss a wide variety of topics. This was viewed as hopeful progress, but time will tell.

Interagency & County Coordination: Several phone conversations and time I've been spent collaborating with other public safety entities and our desire to support the new Director of Columbia County 911 district. With the challenges that the 911 district is facing, it is important for the safety of our staff (Volunteers and Career), and the community members within our organization, that we continue to keep the communication as a high priority project.

Significant Incidents / Responses:

Rope Rescue Call in Columbia River Fire District

REMS Deployment to Corner Creek Fire in WA

2 short Complex IMT deployments (Blackhawk, Corner Creek & Katy Creek Fires and the Labor Mtn Fire).



Assistant Chief Marks
October 2025

September Projects:

Duty Shifts - Safety Program - Wellness Program
CQI Program – Compliance Data Collection -
Records Requests- Coordinate Training with Dr. Wiley
ASA

Drills / Activities / Meetings in September included:

NERIS Webinar River Safety Taskforce
Association Meeting
Assisted new recruits with task sign offs

The NERIS transition continues. I have been working with the state and Lt. Pulito from CRFR regarding this project. The anticipated cut over is after the beginning of 2026.

Again, there is nothing to report on the ASA negotiations. To the district's knowledge, the county has not reached out to our lawyers. We have been told by several county officials that discussions are occurring which is odd due to the fact that our legal team has not received any correspondence.

I attended the IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Colorado Springs. This year, 311 names were added to the Memorial wall. Of those 311, 200 died in 2024 due to some form of occupational injury or exposure.

The US congress could not pass a funding bill so a "government shutdown" occurred beginning October 1st. You may be asking why this would be important to add to this report. Due to a continuing resolution not being passed, it will have two effects on our operation. Firstly, Medicare payments will be delayed. Secondly, Medicare has Ground Ambulance Add-on Payments (2% urban, 3% rural, and 22.6% super rural). These Medicare Add-on payments expired on

October 1, 2025. It is unsure if these Add-ons will be added back into a funding bill. If they are not added back in, the district will see a continuing 3% cut to our EMS Medicare receipts.

Priority Projects

1. Updating the Blood Bourne Pathogens class.
2. Continued work with Public Health regarding ASA.
3. New ambulance build.
4. Continue to support staff: While this is listed at the bottom of my priority list, it is of vital importance to me. This item can be little things throughout the month to assist with a vast number of items to increase workflow and continuity of the organization.

My time worked in September 2025	136 Hours
Call time in September 2025	96 Hours (call shifts minus office time)
Total Hours for September 2025	232 Hours



**Chief Bautista Report
Prevention & Training Divisions
October 2025**

September Projects:

- ◆ Volunteer Program Coordination - Working with Henry Oberbarnscheidt the in the Member Outreach position and current volunteer program management (On going)
- ◆ Revised Volunteer Recruit Academy Schedule for 2025-2026 (In Progress)
- ◆ Revised Skills Sheets for Recruit Firefighters (Completed)
- ◆ New Training Task Sheets (In Progress)
- ◆ Airport Drill Planning (In Progress)
- ◆ Fire Prevention Week Planning with Grant Watts Elementary (Completed)
- ◆ Community Risk Reduction: Fall Prevention Program Implementation Plan (On Hold)
- ◆ Pre-Incident Plans for Fire District (On Going)
- ◆ Mountain View Apartments Compliance Issue (In Process)

Fire Marshal Division:

One (1) pre-incident plan was completed, two (2) final driveway inspections were completed, and two (2) consults were completed, and one (1) re-inspection was completed.

One (1) Vernonia Fire District driveway inspection completed.

American Jet Center moved into the newest aircraft hangar at the Scappoose Airport. B-shift did a walkthrough with the staff. Chief Pricher and I will be working with the business to get through permitting and mitigation of fire and life safety issues. They are planning to acquire a second hanger for maintenance.

October 6th through October 9th we will be at Grants Watts Elementary School for National Fire Prevention Week. We have assemblies, school tours and a Jr. Fire Marshal swearing-in ceremony planned. Grant Watts Elementary is excited to see this program continue for another year.

Wednesday October 8, 2025, is the open house at the fire station for the community.

Training Division:

The focus of drills this month was Bailouts. Thank you to FF Wenner for instructing these drills and leading the fire district project. All personnel that get issued bailout kits will be required to attend the training. A make up session will be scheduled in October for those who were out during the drills.

We are gearing up for our next volunteer firefighter academy in November. We will be doing a joint academy with Sauvie Island Fire District. We are expecting approximately 13 recruits this academy (7 for SRFD).

Public Information Program:

Continuing to maintain our social media pages fresh with up-to-date information.

September 14, 2025, ten (10) Scappoose Fire District members participated in the Portland Firefighter Stairclimb benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The team raised \$4,125 for the charity and finished 4th place overall fundraising team.

September Meetings & Activities:

Date	Meeting/ Topic	Date	Meeting/Topic
9/8/2025	Meeting with Business Owner – Fire Inspection Notice	9/23/2025	Final Driveway Inspection
9/9/2025	LCRTOA	9/23/2025	Driveway Consult
9/10/2025	NFPA 407 Second Draft Meeting (Virtual)	9/25/2025	Final Driveway Inspection
9/11/2025	Re-Inspection	9/25/2025	New Business Walk Through and Pre-Incident Plan Update: American Jet
9/15/25-9/18/25	Oregon I.A.A.I. - Chapter 31 Annual Seminar	9/30/2025	Columbia County PIO Workgroup
9/22/2025	Fire Inspection Consult	9/30/2025	Initial Driveway Inspection (Vernonia)
9/22/2025	Bailout Drill		

Chief Officer Development Training:

None scheduled

Upcoming Training:

None scheduled

Total hours for September 2025: 378.75 hours: 188.75 regular hours & 190 duty officer hours (minus office hours)



Member Outreach

10-6-2025

This past month, I have been involved with or assisted with, but not limited to.

- Assisted with emergency responses as needed.
- Participated in most volunteer meetings and drills.
- Assisted with interviews to help select the new executive assistant.
- Scheduled background checks and physicals for volunteer applicants. Also coordinated with the career staff for new personnel needs. Entered recruits into onboarding. Gathered size information and checked with other personnel to make sure that proper gear will be on hand for the recruits when they start. We will have seven recruits this year.
- More fire extinguisher training coordination.
- Helped coordinate Buck for Kids, manned the fire engine, and collected funds for Share and Care.
- TCE training.
- Spent time with volunteers on training, such as driver training.
- Assisted with the end-of-summer BBQ.
- Started organizing and bringing things together for National Fire Prevention Week
- Helped man the office.

October 2025 Finance Report

Revenue highlights- September 2025

General Fund Revenue:

- \$91,668 in EMS revenue
- \$11,139 in property tax turnover
- \$5,314 Interest earned on investments
- \$1,215 in FireMed revenue
- \$678 in Fire Marshal

Total revenue collected: \$120,548

General Fund Expenditures:

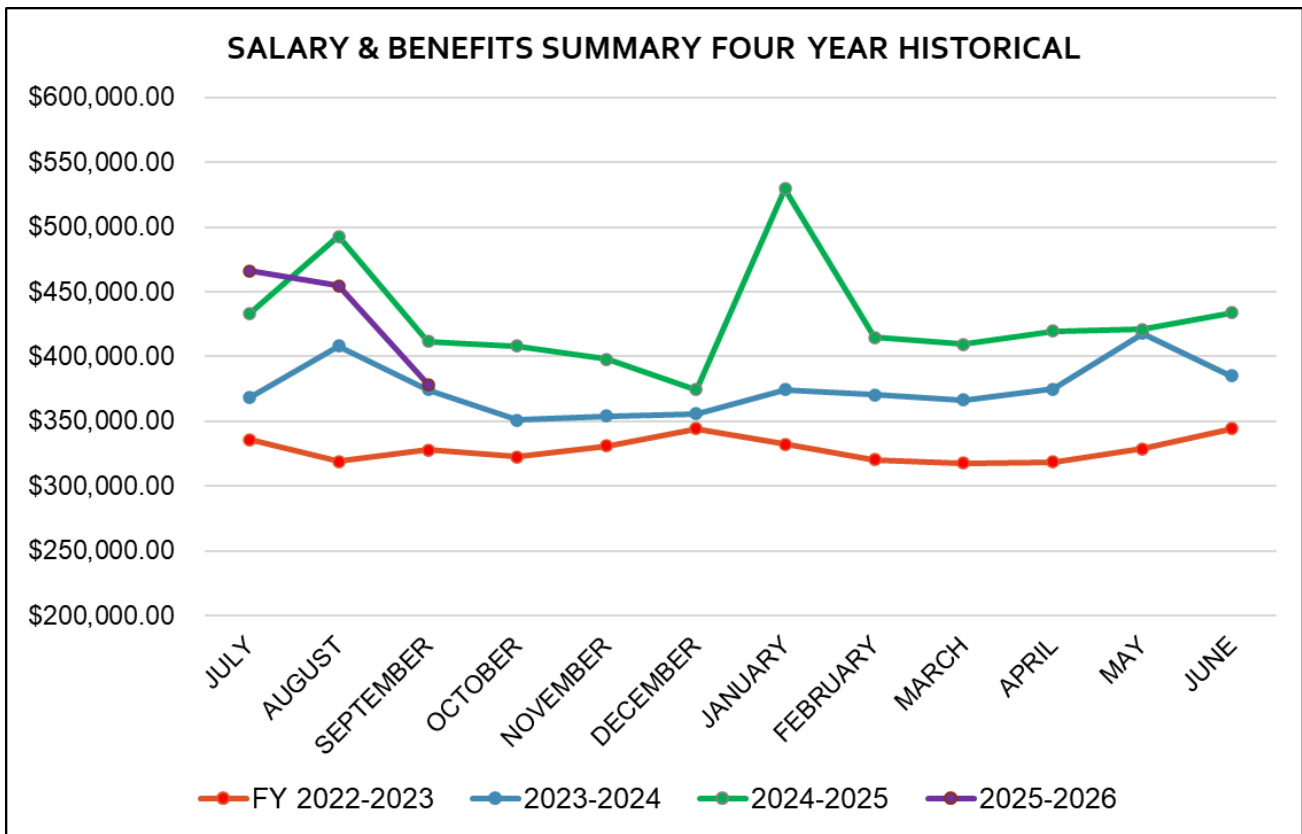
- \$471,119 for Personnel Services expenses (payroll, insurance, FICA, & benefits)
- \$31,962 in Emergency Operating Supplies
 - \$26,564 LEVR escape system
- \$15,497 in Maintenance on Equipment
 - \$2,259 on AP3307
 - \$2,086 on AP3204
 - \$878 on AP3210
 - \$819 on AP3208
 - \$682 on AP7216
- \$11,755 in Information Technology
 - \$4,025 for new computer & accessories for Asst. Chief & Board Member
 - \$3,041 Centerlogic billing
 - \$1,168 Active911 subscription
- \$6,600 in EMS Operations
 - \$2,051 for EMS billing
 - \$2,551 for EMS supplies & medication
- \$5,091 in credit card expenses

We are about 25% of the way through the fiscal year. With that being said, EMS receipts, Fire Marshal income, and Grant Awards are all on track. Income from FireMed, as well as property taxes, is behind schedule. We will likely see an increase in property tax income starting in November.

Communication Maintenance, Maintenance on Equipment, and Emergency Operating Supplies are over budget. All other categories remain either on or under budget.

This month, we received no financial hardship requests from Systems Design West.

The annual audit is mostly completed; we are just tying up a few loose ends. We are expecting a draft report from the auditor in a few weeks.



(PERS does not deduct the ER PERS Contribution until two weeks after the month-end. Therefore, the total you see for September doesn't reflect the ER PERS.)

Submitted by Karleigh Booth

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW BUSINESS



MEMORANDUM

TO: Scappoose Fire District Board

FROM: A/C Marks

SUBJECT: LP35 Purchase

DATE: September 29, 2025

Requested Action: Purchase One LifePak35

Critical date for action: October 13, 2025

Impact: Stryker will have a price increase in October. With a price increase imminent, we can submit an order for the above items now and defer an invoice and delivery until a later date (after tax collection) to lock in the current cost. This will save the organization money.

Availability of funding: Option #1 Acct. # 910 has \$56,000 for LifePak monitor/defibrillator replacement.

Option #2: Defer the order until a later time.

Coordination: A/C Marks

Contact person(s): A/C Marks and ERT Curio

Recommendations / Options: The quote presented is for one LifePak 35 monitor. I recommend approval for the purchase of a LifePak 35 for a total of \$51,890.24.



Scappoose LP35 Oct 2025

Quote Number:11188759

Version:1

Prepared For:SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

Attn:

GPO:Sourcewell Agreement 041823

Quote Date:09/29/2025

Expiration Date:10/15/2025

Remit to:Stryker Sales, LLC
21343 NETWORK PLACE
CHICAGO IL 60673-1213
USA

Rep:Ben Wintermute

Email:ben.wintermute@stryker.com

Phone Number:

Delivery Address		Sold To - Shipping		Bill To Account	
Name:	SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	Name:	SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	Name:	SCAPPOOSE FIRE DEPT
Account #:	20050953	Account #:	20050953	Account #:	20165066
Address:	52751 COLUMBIA RIVER HWY	Address:	52751 COLUMBIA RIVER HWY	Address:	
	SCAPPOOSE		SCAPPOOSE		
	Oregon 97056-3029		Oregon 97056-3029		

Equipment Products:

#	Product	Description	Qty	Sell Price	Total
1.0	70335-000042	LP35,EN-US,MAS-SP/CO,MED-CO2,SUN-NIBP,12L,WIFI/CELL/LN/CPRIN,STD,BT	1	\$46,265.14	\$46,265.14
2.0	11335-000001	LIFEPAK FLEX Lithium-Ion Battery	1	\$650.00	\$650.00
3.0	11140-000102	LIFEPAK FLEX Battery Charger	1	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00
4.0	11996-000519	LNCS-II Reusable rainbow 8-wavelength Adult Sensor	1	\$558.35	\$558.35
5.0	11335-000005	LIFEPAK Printer Kit	1	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00
6.0	11260-000073	Shoulder Strap	1	\$48.75	\$48.75
7.0	11335-000008	LIFEPAK 35 Storage Bag Kit	1	\$390.00	\$390.00
8.0	11111-000041	LIFEPAK 3-wire extended precordial ECG cable	1	\$78.00	\$78.00
Equipment Total:					\$51,890.24

Trade In Credit:

Product	Description	Qty	Credit Ea.	Total Credit
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Version: 1

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21343 NETWORK PLACE
CHICAGO IL 60673-1213
USA

Rep: Ben Wintermute

Email: ben.wintermute@stryker.com

Phone Number:

Price Totals:

Estimated Sales Tax (0.000%):	\$0.00
Shipping and Handling:	\$0.00
Grand Total:	\$51,890.24

Prices: In effect for 30 days

Terms: Net 30 Days

Shipping & Handling Includes:
Standard freight, special packaging, semi rigging cranes, labor & delivery of equipment to final location, removal of all packaging, pre-delivery site check, education/training

Terms and Conditions:
Deal Consummation: This is a quote and not a commitment. This quote is subject to final credit, pricing, and documentation approval. Legal documentation must be signed before your equipment can be delivered. Documentation will be provided upon completion of our review process and your selection of a payment schedule. Confidentiality Notice: Recipient will not disclose to any third party the terms of this quote or any other information, including any pricing or discounts, offered to be provided by Stryker to Recipient in connection with this quote, without Stryker's prior written approval, except as may be requested by law or by lawful order of any applicable government agency. A copy of Stryker Medical's terms and conditions can be found at https://techweb.stryker.com/Terms_Conditions/index.html.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Scappoose Fire District Board

FROM: A/C Marks

SUBJECT: Cot Loader and Stretcher Purchase

DATE: September 29, 2025

Requested Action: Purchase One Power Cot Loader and Power Stretcher

Critical date for action: October 13, 2025

Impact: Stryker will have a price increase in October. With a price increase imminent, we can submit an order for the above items now and defer an invoice and delivery until a later date (after tax collection) to lock in the current cost. This will save the organization money.

Availability of funding: Option #1 This purchase was built into the cost of the current ambulance build.

Option #2: Defer the order until a later time.

Coordination: A/C Marks

Contact person(s): A/C Marks and ERT Curio

Recommendations / Options: The quote presented is for one MTS Power Load and on Power Pro 2 Stretcher. I recommend approval for the purchase for a total of \$51,890.24.



Power Load Used

Quote Number:

11166159

Version:

1

Prepared For:

SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

Attn:

Quote Date:

08/19/2025

Expiration Date:

09/29/2025

Remit to:

Stryker Sales, LLC
21343 NETWORK PLACE
CHICAGO IL 60673-1213
USA

Rep:

Ben Wintermute

Email:

ben.wintermute@stryker.com

Phone Number:

Delivery Address		Sold To - Shipping		Bill To Account	
Name:	SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	Name:	SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	Name:	SCAPPOOSE FIRE DEPT
Account #:	20050953	Account #:	20050953	Account #:	20165066
Address:	52751 COLUMBIA RIVER HWY	Address:	52751 COLUMBIA RIVER HWY	Address:	POBox 625
	SCAPPOOSE		SCAPPOOSE		SCAPPOOSE
	Oregon 97056-3029		Oregon 97056-3029		Oregon 97056-0625

Equipment Products:

#	Product	Description	Qty	Sell Price	Total
1.0	639005550001	MTS POWER LOAD	1	\$31,290.16	\$31,290.16
2.0	650705550001	6507 POWER PRO 2, HIGH CONFIG	1	\$33,917.84	\$33,917.84
Equipment Total:					\$65,208.00

Price Totals:

Estimated Sales Tax (0.000%):	\$0.00
Shipping and Handling:	\$815.10
Grand Total:	\$66,023.10

Prices: In effect for 30 days

Terms: Net 30 Days



Power Load Used

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COMMUNICATIONS

RE: Request for letter of support for TGM grant funding

From: Laurie Oliver Joseph <loliver@scappoose.gov>
Date: Tue 10/7/2025 09:15
To: Jeff Pricher - SFRD <jpricher@scappoosefire.gov>; Miguel Bautista - SFRD <mbautista@scappoosefire.gov>

Jeff-

I wanted to thank you for your time and effort in writing a very strong letter of support for an updated Transportation System Plan (TSP). The City was notified recently that we have been awarded \$250,000 to update the TSP! We were one of 4 grantees awarded within ODOT Region 2, which saw by far the most applications this round. Statewide, only 10 grants were awarded this year, so I feel quite fortunate that we were successful.

We are very appreciative of our close partnership with the Fire District and look forward to kicking off this important project next year. We will certainly be looking for the Fire Districts input on the development of this Plan and will reach out once we are putting together the advisory committee.

Thanks again-



Laurie Oliver Joseph, AICP, CFM
Community Development Director
City of Scappoose

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<https://www.scappoose.gov/>
52610 NE 1st Street, Suite 120
Scappoose, OR 97056

From: Jeff Pricher - SFRD <jpricher@scappoosefire.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2025 1:47 PM
To: Laurie Oliver Joseph <loliver@scappoose.gov>; Miguel Bautista - SFRD <mbautista@scappoosefire.gov>
Subject: Re: Request for letter of support for TGM grant funding

Laurie,

Please find the attached letter

Jeff Pricher
Fire Chief
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52751 Columbia River Highway
P.O. BOX 625
Scappoose, Oregon 97056
503-543-5026 (PH)
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971-325-4788(CELL)
503-543-2670 (FAX)
jpricher@scappoosefire.gov
<http://www.ccfiremarshal.com>
www.sfrd.us

Please note that Scappoose Fire is transitioning to a new email domain: @scappoosefire.gov. My email address will now have this updated domain, though the rest of the address will remain the same.

Please update your records accordingly to ensure our communication remains uninterrupted.



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From: Laurie Oliver Joseph <loliver@scappoose.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 16:38
To: Jeff Pricher - SFRD <jpricher@scappoosefire.gov>; Miguel Bautista - SFRD <mbautista@scappoosefire.gov>
Subject: Request for letter of support for TGM grant funding

Jeff and Miguel-

The City is applying for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant to fund an update to the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP). I would be grateful if you found the time to write a letter of support for this grant request. I have provided a template for the letter of support. Feel free to follow the prompts in the template letter or write the letter in your own language, using the knowledge you have about the issues in Scappoose and how an updated TSP would further your organizations goals and support the community as a whole. The grant is due July 31, 2025 and I am requesting that the letter be emailed back to me by **July 25th**. You can find more information about the TGM program and grants here: <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/tgm/pages/about.aspx>

Below is a brief description of the project, which might help spur ideas for the letter:

TSP Update:

Scappoose is growing and must account for that growth by updating its adopted 2016 Transportation System Plan (TSP).

More specifically, the TSP update will need to:

- Plan for transportation improvements for lands not already included in the current TSP due to a UGB expansion that is expected to be adopted later this year.
- Integrate population and job growth projections as a result of an updated Economic Opportunities Analysis and Housing Capacity Analysis (to be adopted at the same time as the UGB expansion).
- Update the Capital Improvement Project list to reflect projects that have recently been completed and to add needed projects.
- Create an Industrial Benefit Zone to establish a funding mechanism to support transportation infrastructure to serve the City's industrial acreage.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best-



Laurie Oliver Joseph, AICP, CFM
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ORDINANCE NO. 923

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCAPPOOSE AMENDING SCAPPOOSE
MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.24 REGULATING SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT
CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLERS**

WHEREAS, the City of Scappoose collects System Development Charges (SDC's) for connections to the municipal water and wastewater systems based on the size of the water meter installed.; and

WHEREAS, the need for a residential fire sprinkler system most often increases the size of water meter needed to meet the fire flow requirements in addition to the residential uses; and

WHEREAS, HB 3505, which has an effective date of January 1, 2026, prohibits a local government from imposing a new or increased system development charge for the installation of a National Fire Protection Association 13D residential fire sprinkler system or for the increased capacity of a water meter required by the fire sprinkler system; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to enact HB 3505 now rather than waiting until January 1, 2026 to ensure that home prices are not increased due to the need for a larger water meter for homes that require a residential fire sprinkler system; now therefore,

THE CITY OF SCAPPOOSE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 13.24 of the Scappoose Municipal Code shall be amended to read as shown on the attached Exhibit A (additional language underlined, see section 13.24.100).

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after passage.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON


Joseph A. Backus, Mayor

First Reading: September 15, 2025

Second Reading: October 6, 2025

Attest: 
Susan M. Reeves, MMC
City Recorder/HR



FIRE CHIEF

Scappoose Fire District



Date: 9/24/2025

Columbia County Commissioners

RE: Statement Regarding the Work Session on September 17th 2025

Good Morning, Chair Smith and, Commissioner Magruder, and Commissioner Garrett.

I am here to formally address the fire districts concerns regarding the recent proceedings and discussions made during a public meeting on Wednesday, September 17th, 2025, which was not noticed appropriately.

During this meeting, an executive session was scheduled, and upon its cancellation, discussions were held on topics directly affecting the Scappoose Fire District over a topic where the fire district is the authority having jurisdiction according to state law and Columbia County ordinance.

Specifically, the topic referenced and your deliberations in question are related to approving a gate on a public way, which the local jurisdiction having authority (The fire district) is not approving.

Here are four critical considerations I must highlight:

1. **Authority Limitation:** The county lacks the authority to approve the gate, as the Oregon Fire Code supersedes any decision the BOC tries to make. Remember, the Oregon Fire Code is codified in ORS¹². Unless current county road standards present specific exceptions, which it does not, the fire code cannot be overridden. In the 13 years I have worked in in this county, the fire services in Columbia County have sought collaboration with the county to update road standards that have not changed since 1996. Your failure to include fire service representatives with pertinent code knowledge in your most recent deliberations would have guided you like we have with your dedicated and hard-working staff, regarding fire code authority. Had we been invited, we would have also reminded you of your current adopted ordinance³ that specifically delegates access standards to the Columbia County fire services. Should you continue down the path of approving this gate, it would be done in violation of your current ordinance. This sequence of events must be placed on the public record, which is why I am here.

¹ <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ORFC2022P1/chapter-5-fire-service-features>

² Oregon Fire Code Section 503.6

³ <https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/media/Board/BOC/Ordinances/Book%204/Roads/96-6%20Matter%20of%20Adopting%20the%20Columbia%20County%20Road%20Standards%20Ordinance.pdf> (Page 29)

2. **Meeting Observations:** It was deeply concerning to watch our elected officials discuss fire standards and operating procedures without the necessary expertise or understanding of fire service requirements. Experience providing fire watch for logging operations over 20 years ago, has no correlating standard to the current community risk reduction standards and requirements of 2025. Deliberating on these subjects without involving qualified fire professionals could expose the county to liabilities that were identified in the conversation by a couple of those present. Notably, a significant issue lies in the water supply requirements to a newly constructed residential structure, which was finaled by a former building official despite unmet fire code requirements⁴. This code requirement is part of the deciding factor to not approve the gate. For clarity, access to city water towers to pull water directly from the tanks is not possible because of how the city water system is constructed. Additionally, the several minute discussions about crashing half a million-dollar fire apparatus into supposed breakaway gates as a design standard⁵, is not really a thing, and you will never find a fire code official in our county agreeing to such ridiculousness. Invite a fire marshal next time to avoid diminishing the board's credibility.
3. **Engagement and Communication:** Commissioner Smith is commended for proactively seeking insights from the Scappoose Fire District prior to your meeting on the 17th, in contrast to the lack of engagement from the other commissioners. Through comments made by a couple BOC, they have reached out to the members of the affected neighborhood but not once reached out to the fire agency. If the current belief of some of the BOC is that county fire services are supposed to initiate dialogue to all conversations or topics in meetings that are not properly noticed, then this clearly demonstrates poor governance practices. During my communication request over a year ago about the need for BOC engagement with the county fire services, on July 24, 2024, I experienced a lack of follow-up from the Chair, who opted to not reach out to me about how the county and the fire services can collaborate, and instead made informal inquiries through an acquaintance about why I spoke in front of the BOC. Strengthening communication with Columbia County fire services is imperative.
4. **Conduct and Integrity:** Commissioner Garrett and Magruder, your recent remarks involving supposition on our staff are unacceptable. Public office does not confer the right to spread untruths or spread baseless claims without factual backing⁶. Both of you stated that a member of our staff has expressed personal feeling and needs⁷ regarding Luma Vista. I challenge you to produce any public record where our staff have expressed personal needs and feelings regarding the gate on Luma Vista and or the city owned property. While the neighborhood on Luma Vista has shared personal feelings and needs, the neighborhood on the other side has not been noticed, communicated with or been invited to any of the discussion with you related to Luma Vista. More specifically our employees are not recorded in any record with specific feelings and needs. Your comments lack veracity, and if they were to be discussed in an executive session, would breach state executive session laws for not sticking to the specific topic, the placement of a gate on Luma Vista.

⁴ To prevent identifying a specific address, the Fire District can provide more information on this newer residential construction location and the access and water supply requirements attached to the building permit that were not followed.

⁵ Breakaway gate conversation is at the 57:00 minute mark

⁶ Commissioner Garret providing supposition related to a SRFD employee at the 54:54 mark

⁷ Commissioner Magruder providing conjecture related to a SRFD employee at the 56:30 mark

In conclusion, I urge the Board to address these issues with the seriousness they demand, rectifying procedural errors and fostering a more inclusive, collaborative and informed dialogue with the fire services in Columbia County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Pricher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Pricher
Fire Chief