

Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District

2017 Annual Report



"Protecting life and property through quality service"





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Words from the Fire Chief

It is an honor to present the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District's (District) 2017 annual report. This report provides an overview of how the District is governed, current staffing levels, services provided, annual budget information, and significant achievements for the year and recognition of the men and women who serve our community. 2017 was especially challenging for the District as the community was hit with historic snowfalls, a total solar eclipse and a significant wildfire season. District staff rose to the occasion and was able to persevere even during the most trying times.

January of 2017 saw historic snow accumulations in Sisters that caused structural damage and even collapsed some buildings. Three out of four fire district facilities suffered damage due to the storm but remained operational. Costs to repair District facilities totaled nearly \$200,000.

Central Oregon experienced a total solar eclipse on August 21st and expectations were that there would be an influx of one million visitors statewide. The District participated in the planning and implementation of a regional emergency operations center to manage any regional challenges due to the eclipse. Fortunately, there were no emergency-related impacts to the District during the eclipse.

The District established the Interagency Coordination Committee (ICC) with Cloverdale and Black Butte Ranch Fire Districts. The ICC has multiple committees working toward regional standardization and operational efficiency. The District also provided assistance to other fire districts during the historic wildfire season. District personnel responded with regional task forces and strike teams to fires in Warm Springs, the Columbia River Gorge, and Central Oregon and twice to fires in California. The District continues to work closely with our state and federal wildfire partners. The historic fire season resulted in numerous cancellations of public events within the community including the Sisters Folk Festival and Cycle Oregon. The impacts of smoke from the fires also impacted the tourist season for many local businesses.

The District volunteer programs continue to support the mission of the District and provide operational support for emergency response and community service projects. The Fire Corps program and public education program continue to expand their services to our residents. The District continued its focus on prevention by encouraging the creation of Firewise communities and the implementation of an engine company business fire and life safety program.

In conclusion, 2017 was a challenging year, but I am proud of the service and accomplishments of our entire organization. I would like to recognize the nearly 100 people who work as employees or volunteer for the District. It is an honor to work with such a dedicated group of professionals.

Roger Johnson
Fire Chief



Governance

Board of Directors

Term Expires

Position 1: Heather Johnson	June 30, 2021
Position 2: Roger White	June 30, 2021
Position 3: Jack McGowan (Secretary)	June 30, 2021
Position 4: Chuck Newport (President)	June 30, 2019
Position 5: Bill Rainey (Vice President)	June 30, 2019

The Board of Directors is responsible for setting District policy, approving the annual budget, and conducting long range planning. The Board of Directors holds regular monthly meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm.

Budget Committee

Term Expires

Connie Dingeman	June 30, 2019
Ken Jones	June 30, 2019
Russ Morrison	June 30, 2018
Chris Tosello	June 30, 2018
Jeff Tryens	June 30, 2018

The Budget Committee consists of the Board of Directors and five (5) citizen members. The Budget Committee is responsible for approval of the annual budget document.

Civil Service Commission

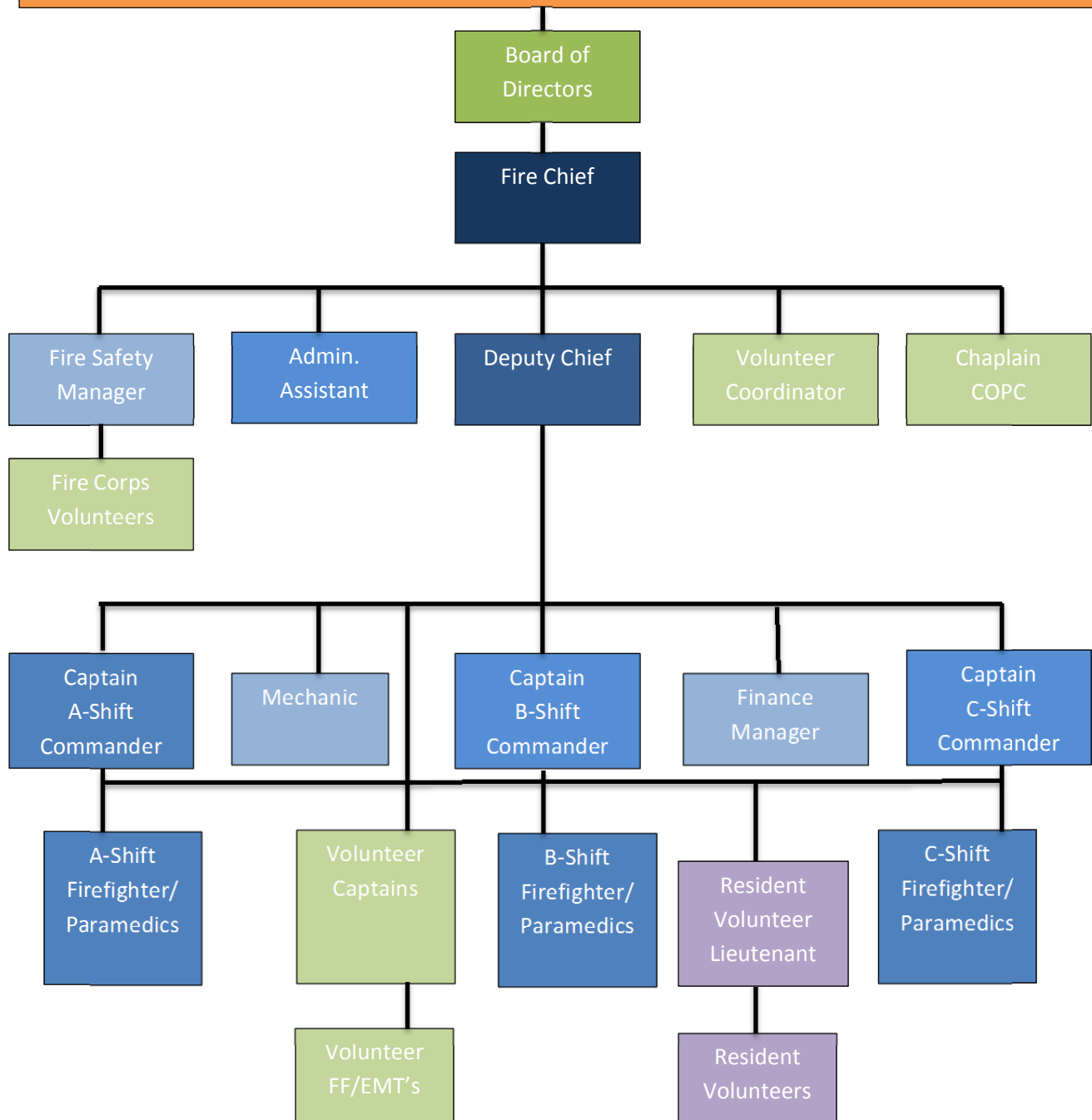
Term Expires

Sheryl McLaughlin	June 30, 2018
Russ Morrison	June 30, 2018
Vern Renner	June 30, 2018

The Civil Service Commission is made up of three citizens of the District who are not members of the Board or employees of the District. They are independent individuals appointed by the Board for an uncompensated term of four (4) years. Primary responsibilities include working cooperatively with the Board of Directors and Fire Chief to maintain a current list of all classifications and grades of Civil Service positions within the District, overseeing proper administration of all Civil Service exams, maintaining a current database of all employees holding Civil Service positions within the District, and adopting and overseeing proper administration of the Rules relating to conducting Civil Service exams, appointments, promotions, demotions, transfers, reinstatements, suspensions, and discharges for Civil Service positions. One meeting was held in 2017 to approve a temporary firefighter position while a career employee was out with a 6-month injury.

Organization Chart

Residents of the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District



Personnel

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District is a combination career and volunteer fire department which blends a 24-hour career staff with volunteers who are ready 24/7 to assist in any emergency.

Administrative Staff

Fire Chief	Roger Johnson
Deputy Chief of Operations	Tim Craig
Fire Safety Manager (P/T)	Gary Marshall
Administrative Assistant	Julie Spor
Finance Manager (P/T)	Kay Johnson



Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Millar earned the Firefighter of the Year Award.



Firefighter/Paramedics attend to a truck fire.

Career Staff

'A' Shift

Thornton Brown	Shift Commander
Cody Meredith	Firefighter/Paramedic
Pat Burke	Firefighter/Paramedic

'B' Shift

Rob Harrison	Shift Commander
Matt Millar	Firefighter/Paramedic
Damon Frutos	Firefighter/Paramedic

'C' Shift

Jeremy Ast	Shift Commander
Dave Keller	Firefighter/Paramedic
David Ward	Firefighter/Paramedic

Tom Ward
Jeff Liming

Mechanic (P/T)
Volunteer Coordinator (P/T)

Our Awesome Volunteers!

The District relies heavily on its volunteers including Resident Volunteers and Fire Corps members. The following is a list of our volunteers as of December 31, 2017.

Firefighting & Firefighting/EMS Volunteers

Ken Ammann	Ryan Fisher	Graham MacDonald
Andrew Blake	Sarah Ford	Scott Michalek
Lauren Bodeman	Jessica Hauray	Dave Moyer
Travis Bootes	Bill Hayes	Doug Myers
Luke Boskovich	Tom Haynes	Andres Nieto
Angel Cisneros-Thorsvold	Steve Huffman	Sam Utley
Sean Cook	Ron Ketchum	Steve Ward
Roy Dean	Rick Kroytz	Dave Wellington
Timothy Eaton	Jeff Liming	

EMS Only Volunteers

Dave Blann	Angela Ward	Tom Williamson
Barbara Haynes	Joshua Ward	
Rita Hodge	Phyllis Williamson	

Resident Volunteers

Rachelle Beiler	Andrew Pace	Christiana Davis
Mikhail Leontyuk	Mons Roll	
Nicolas Otasu	Jett Hamik	

Fire Corps Volunteers

Nikolas Barney	Vicki Kouns	Dave Parman
Gail Butler	Retha Lange	Rick Retzman
Philip Drew	Charlene Leep	Les Schell
Angela Gardinier	Marjorie Lombardo	Bruce Shaul
David Gentry	Marsha Marr	Larry Stuker
Beverly Halcon	Kirk Metzger	Martha Stuker
Ernie Halcon	Heather Miller	Laura Travis
Barbara Holm	Nick Newport	Lois Wilson

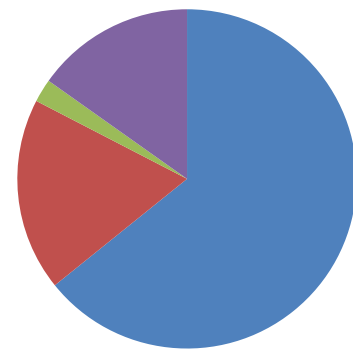
Financial Overview

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District is a special district operating under Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 478 as a separate municipal corporation and is managed by a Board of Directors composed of a President and four Directors. The Board employs the Fire Chief to manage the day-to-day operations of the District.

The District receives over 83% of its annual revenue through assessed property taxes with an operating levy of \$2.7317 per thousand of taxable assessed value. Additional funding sources include fees for services including ambulance revenues.

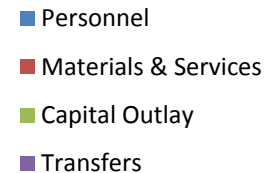
2016/17 Actual Revenue Summary

Property Taxes	\$2,404,934
Fees for Service	\$ 422,481
Interest Income	\$ 29,652
Other	\$ 17,678
Total 2016/17 Actual Revenue	\$2,874,745



2016/17 Actual Expenditures Summary

Personnel Services	\$1,871,091
Materials & Services	\$ 535,747
Capital Outlay	\$ 64,651
Transfers to Reserve Funds	\$ 442,554
Total 2016/17 Actual Expenditures	\$2,914,043



The District has a fundamental philosophy of funding its programs, including capital outlay programs, through the use of General Fund dollars whenever possible. In keeping with that philosophy, the District has set aside Reserve Funds and created equipment replacement and building maintenance plans to ensure the future financial stability of the District. Also, because tax funding arrives during the month of November, the District must have a beginning fund balance to cover operating costs from July through October.



Ending Fund Balances – June 30, 2017

General Fund	\$1,707,556
Employment Reserve Fund	\$ 138,850
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 668,287
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 257,462
Technology Reserve Fund	\$ 9,001
Debt Service Fund	\$ 98,476

Total Fund Balances 6/30/17 \$2,879,632

Annual Financial Comparisons

(In Thousands)

REVENUE	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/17
Property Taxes	2,118	2,202	2,320	2,405
Ambulance Revenue	304	258	369	399
FireMed Membership	27	24	18	19
Other	30	20	74	52
Total Revenue	2,479	2,504	2,781	2,875

EXPENDITURES	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/17
Personnel	1,725	1,747	1,787	1,871
Materials/Services	398	478	474	536
Capital Outlay	77	273	62	65
Contingency	0	0	3	0
Total Expenditures	2,200	2,498	2,325	2,472

	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/17
Change in Fund Bal	279	6	455	325
Beg Fund Balance	1,716	1,995	2,001	2,456
End Fund Balance	1,995	2,001	2,456	2,781

	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/17
General Fund	1,533	1,539	1,747	1,708
Employment Reserve	61	37	84	139
Equipment Reserve	309	324	497	668
Building Reserve	74	94	119	257
Technology Reserve	18	7	9	9
End Fund Balance	1,995	2,001	2,456	2,781

Incident Report by type

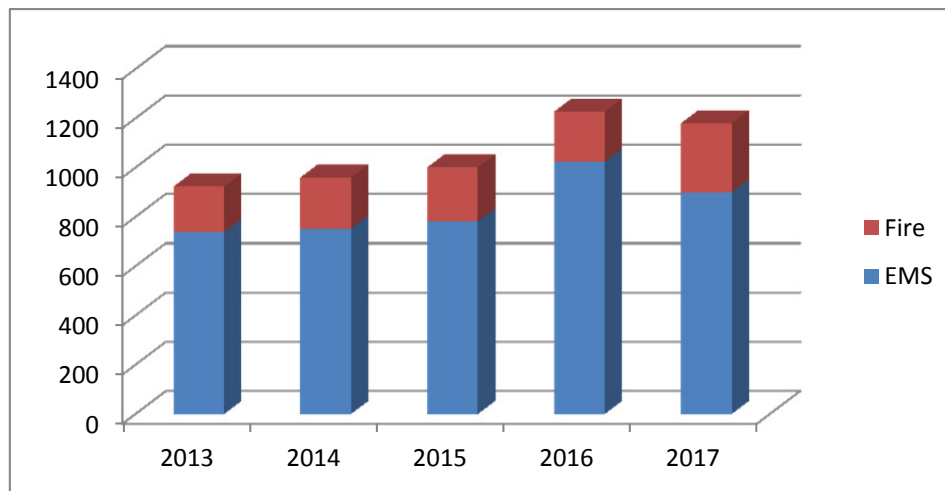
Incident Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Fire					
Building fire	6	5	4	2	10
Chimney or flue fire	1	1	3	2	2
Passenger vehicle fire	3	4	1	2	1
RV fire	1	0	0	1	1
Natural vegetation fire	2	0	4	3	2
Wildland fire	6	12	17	9	14
Brush fire	10	7	4	13	5
Outside trash burn	5	0	3	1	2
Dumpster fire	0	1	0	1	0
Equipment fire	0	0	1	2	1
Barkdust fire	6	10	5	3	1
Other	4	1	2	3	3
TOTAL Fires	44	41	44	42	42
Rescue & EMS					
EMS call w/injury	529	498	506	684	661
Walk in Medical Aid	46	104	108	125	61
Motor Vehicle Accident w/injury	60	54	69	59	75
MVA unknown injury	1	1	1	1	0
Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian	2	0	3	1	3
MVA no injury	6	8	5	4	9
Rescue or EMS standby	13	16	8	14	6
Other	6	3	4	0	1
TOTAL EMS	663	684	704	888	816
Hazardous Condition (no fire)					
Gasoline or other spill	0	1	2	1	3
Gas leak	1	6	0	2	6
Electrical problem	3	4	1	4	5
Other	3	4	3	0	4
TOTAL Hazardous Condition	7	15	6	7	18
Service Call					
Person in distress	1	0	1	2	2
Water or steam leak	2	4	0	1	5
Public Service Assistance	12	11	29	18	32
Assist police	2	1	2	1	7
Police matter	1	1	2	2	1
Assist invalid	17	32	20	77	21
Unauthorized burning	17	23	23	20	14
Cover assignment, standby	4	2	5	11	9
Other	5	4	6	0	3
TOTAL Service Calls	61	78	88	132	94

Incident Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Overpressure					
Excessive heat	0	1	2	1	0
Good Intent Call					
Dispatched/canceled en route	13	2	6	7	37
Dispatch/cancel en route, Alarm	11	5	14	13	7
Dispatch/cancel en route, MVA	13	12	11	17	11
Dispatch/cancel prior en route	31	27	31	34	24
Dispatched unable to respond	1	2	1	3	6
Dispatch/cancel prior en route, EMS	13	16	13	10	4
Dispatch/cancel prior en route, Fire	8	9	8	6	20
Wrong location	0	0	0	1	0
No incident found on arrival	6	15	11	8	15
Authorized controlled burning	9	17	17	17	13
Prescribed fire	2	1	1	5	5
Smoke scare	2	3	4	9	11
HazMat release investigation	2	3	4	2	4
Other	3	5	8	0	1
TOTAL Good Intent Calls	114	117	129	132	158
False Alarm & False Call					
False alarm or false call, other	3	0	2	1	14
Central station, malicious alarm	1	0	0	1	0
System malfunction, other	0	0	1	1	1
Smoke detector activation malfunction	8	6	5	6	9
Alarm system sounded malfunction	3	6	7	3	10
CO detector activation malfunction	1	2	1	7	1
Unintentional transmission alarm	8	1	0	2	2
Smoke detector activation, no fire	8	6	9	5	8
Alarm system activation, no fire	1	7	3	1	4
Other	1	2	1	0	0
TOTAL False Alarm & False Calls	34	30	29	27	49
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster					
Downed Tree, Blocking Road	1	0	0	0	1
Wind storm	2	0	1	0	0
Lightning Strike	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL Severe Weather Calls	3	1	1	0	1
Special Incident Type					
Other	1	0	0	1	2
TOTAL INCIDENT COUNT	927	967	1,003	1,230	1,180

2017 Call Response

Three work shifts are staffed by a Shift Commander/Paramedic and two career Firefighter/Paramedics. All year, resident volunteers work 48-hour shifts with 96 hours off. Additional staffing needs are met by District volunteers.

During 2017, the District responded to 1,180 emergencies including 280 fire-related calls and 900 EMS related calls. Emergency call volume is down 3% from last year.



2017 experienced a large increase in fire-related calls at over 39%. While fire-related calls jumped, the number of EMS-related calls dipped by 12%.



The District participated in a mutual aid call to a large house fire in the Cloverdale Fire District.

Training

Training is an important component to our Fire District and the safety of our employees and volunteers. Volunteer drill was held on Monday nights at 7 pm every week. Additionally, career staff and volunteers trained throughout the year in order to earn new certifications and keep up on current certifications. Nineteen volunteer certifications were earned in 2017.

TRAINING HOURS

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Volunteer	3025	2796	4469	4524	5538
Career	1124	345	2619	1885	2834

EXTRICATION TRAINING

In October 2017 the District held extrication training. Eleven firefighters participated in this training. The District responds to several vehicle extrications requests per year. This was an excellent training especially for newer volunteers.



MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT TRAINING

In November 2017 the District hosted a mass casualty incident training including the Sisters High School Fire & EMS class. Black Butte Fire and Cloverdale Fire Districts also participated in the training along with Sisters Fire career and volunteer members.

UK EXCHANGE

The District hosted four Hampshire Fire and Rescue firefighters from the United Kingdom in its third year of an exchange program. Additionally, two Sisters Fire members and one Black Butte Fire member were sent to the United Kingdom to learn different methods of fire suppression and rescue techniques.



WILDLAND PREP DRILL

In June, the District participated in a multi-agency wildland prep drill along with the US Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, Black Butte Fire, and Cloverdale Fire in preparation for the wildland fire season.



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

A multi-agency coordination center was created to help emergency agencies work together during large incidents. The Deschutes County Sheriff's office led this center and the District participated along with Black Butte Fire providing Fire Operations Branch Directors.



RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS

The District has 7-9 Resident Volunteers as students training in the fire and/or EMS programs at Central Oregon Community College. These volunteers live at the fire station and train while attending school.

SISTERS HIGH SCHOOL FIRE & EMS CLASS

Heather Johnson teaches a Fire & EMS class at the Sisters High School with help from Sister Fire volunteer Dave Wellington and Cloverdale Fire Training Officer Michael Valoppi. Students learn about the many career opportunities in the emergency services industry and basic first aid and firefighting skills.



Emergency Medical Services

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District is similar to most modern fire departments in that the majority of 911 emergency calls are for a medical emergency. In 2017, 76% of all emergency 911 calls received were for a medical emergency. All Sisters-Camp Sherman career firefighters are also paramedics. Many volunteer firefighters and administrative staff are also certified as paramedics or emergency medical technicians.

The following is a breakdown of emergency response personnel and level of certification in 2017:

Paramedic	15
Emergency Medical Technician	19
Emergency Medical Responder	13
CPR/First Aid only	<u>9</u>
Total Emergency Response Personnel	56

All District emergency medical personnel provide medical care within the framework of standard medical protocols. District personnel also work under the direction of a licensed emergency physician called the Physician Advisor. Dr. Rosenberg is the District's Physician Advisor for 2017. Dr. Rosenberg is also an Emergency Room Physician for St. Charles Medical Center in Bend.

Emergency medical personnel receive annual training to maintain certification levels and also receive specialized training in high risk / low frequency interventions. In 2017 all District paramedics attended Advanced Pediatric Life Support training.



Below is a listing of the most frequent types of medical calls and the number of calls received in 2017. Many of these calls result in a transport to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend or Redmond.

2017 Emergency Medical Calls

<u>Call Type</u>	<u># of Calls</u>
Traumatic Injury	194
Chest Pain	69
Abdominal Pain	64
Weakness	45
Respiratory Distress	44



Cardiac arrest is not listed as one of the most frequently occurring types of medical calls but it often is the most catastrophic. If CPR is not initiated shortly after the heart stops beating, the chances of survival diminish greatly. Also important to the chances of survival is having access to an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and rapid advanced life support ambulance response. The District actively promotes installation of AED's within the community and provides low cost community CPR training. The following chart shows the number of cardiac arrests in the greater Sisters area for the past four years.

Cardiac Arrests in Sisters:

2014	2015	2016	2017
10	6	14	10

Membership programs:

The District participates in the FireMed ambulance membership program which provides coverage if residents are transported to the hospital by ground ambulance. Membership provides coverage in over 64,500 square miles of Oregon. In addition to ground transport membership programs, two air ambulance companies provide transport by rotary or fixed wing aircraft for critically injured or sick patients. Life Flight Air Ambulance and Air Link Air Ambulance both operate within Deschutes and Jefferson Counties and offer membership programs. The vast majority of medical patients are transported by ground ambulance.

Ambulance Transports by Type:

Transport Type	2014	2015	2016	2017
Ground Ambulance	384	404	509	496
Air Ambulance	15	16	13	11
Total Transports	399	420	522	507



Wildfires

Milli Fire



2017 was a big year for wildfires in Oregon and around the country. Sisters was threatened with the Milli Fire behind the Crossroads community and Highway 242. Several homeowners were evacuated, but fortunately no structures were lost. The fire started by lightning on August 11 and continued burning over 24,000 acres until it was fully contained on September 24. The smoke from this fire as well as others in Oregon caused hazardous air quality problems for Sisters. Many people left the area during this time and most visitors avoided coming to Sisters. This had significant financial

impact on the businesses in Sisters that rely on the summer tourist season. At the peak of the firefighting effort, there were 675 firefighters working on the Milli Fire.



Deployments

Sisters Firefighters (both career and volunteer) participated in several deployments including two in California and the Eagle Creek Fire in the Columbia Gorge.



Snowmageddon

Extreme winter weather battered Central Oregon in December and January, while February brought a respite to its snow-weary and frost-bitten residents. Three-foot snow depths were common in and around the Sisters area during December and January, accompanied by bone-chilling temperatures that plunged below minus-20 degrees Fahrenheit early in January.

More moderate weather in February allowed folks to make some progress in clearing away the deep snow, though temperatures still averaged three degrees below normal, but without the bite of another arctic outbreak.

Sisters' data showed that precipitation was a third of an inch below normal, but information supplied by the National Weather Service office in Pendleton indicates February's precipitation levels were at least 150 percent above normal in Deschutes County.

Sisters picked up an additional seven inches of snow in February. The maximum temperature for the month was 55 degrees and the minimum was 13 degrees. The snow pack in the Central Oregon Cascades had a water equivalent 150 percent of normal as of March 9.

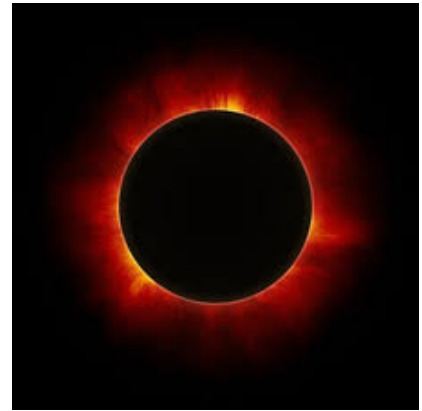


Due to the massive amounts of built up snow, flooding was becoming a possible threat to the Sisters region. The District partnered with the City of Sisters and Deschutes County Office of Emergency Management to host a community meeting about the possibility of flooding and how residents could prepare. Nearly 100 people attended the event. Information was also kept up in real time on the District's website and social media pages.

Two of the District fire stations sustained significant damage from ice dam buildups on its roofs. Water intrusion damaged the inside of the building and the roofs of both the main fire station and Squaw Creek fire station had to be replaced. The Camp Sherman station suffered minor damage to an electrical weather head.

Solar Eclipse

For nearly a year, the District prepared for the total solar eclipse which occurred on August 21, 2017 – the peak of Oregon’s wildfire season. The event expected to draw one million visitors to the state and specifically to Central Oregon as the prime viewing spot. While the City of Madras did experience a large influx of population for the week, Sisters was largely unaffected. The planning for this large influx of people covered many government agencies around the Central Oregon area. The District added additional staff for the week with the expected surge in calls, but fortunately did not experience the upsurge in call volume.



The planning for the solar eclipse was a great exercise in preparing for large surges in population and for the expected Cascadia Earthquake event that scientists predict.



Viewers were prepared with eclipse viewing glasses



2017 Accomplishments

1. Construction Projects

- Training Grounds paved;
- Camp Sherman station adding sleeping quarters;
- Station 701 added radiant propane heaters in bays.



Training grounds paved as part of improvement.

2. Added One New Firewise Community

Sage Meadow community was added as the newest Firewise Community.

3. Outsourced Ambulance Billing

The District began outsourcing its ambulance billing to Systems Design beginning January 1, 2017.

4. New ISO Rating

ISO upgraded the District's rate to a 3 from an 8b for properties located within five miles of a fire station. This should provide a significant insurance savings to the District's residents.

5. Established Interagency Coordination Committee (ICC)

The District together with Black Butte Fire and Cloverdale Fire Districts are working closer together to provide a more cohesive working environment between the districts. Five areas being studied are Finance, Chief Officer Coverage, Training, Equipment Standardization, and Fire Corps.

6. Senior Safety Program

The Fire Corps volunteers established a Senior Safety Program in conjunction with other local agencies to provide education and health programs for our senior population.

7. Engine Company Business Fire & Life Safety Program

Career staff are tasked with visiting local businesses in an ongoing effort to provide fire safety information and suggestions as well as get to know each business in case of an emergency.

8. First Bachelor's Degree student graduated

Cody Manzi graduated with a 4-year degree through the Sisters Fire Resident Volunteer Program. He was hired as a temporary firefighter for six months as Captain Brown recovered from an injury after falling while rappelling in Death Valley on vacation.



9. AED Grants (Automated External Defibrillators)

The District established grant funds to encourage expansion of AED's in the community. Several local businesses participated and the number of AED's in Sisters Country is now over 22.



10. Juntos Program

One of the District's goals was to encourage diversity in our volunteers. In an effort to move this goal forward, the District hosted a Juntos community function helping to educate and empower the local Latino families.



11. Hosted Oregon State Fire Corps Conference

The District Fire Corps volunteers hosted a state-wide conference on Fire Corps with over 40 people around the state in attendance.

Annual Awards Banquet

2016 Awards were handed out at the Annual Awards Banquet for the Fire District on March 3, 2017.

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS



- 5 years of service: David Keller, Luke Boskovich, Nyle Head
- 10 years of service: Angie Ward, David Gentry, Gail Butler
- 15 years of service: Steve Ward
- 35 years of service: Gary Lovegren

OTHER AWARDS

- **Outstanding Partnership Award:** City of Sisters
- **Career Firefighter of the Year:** Matt Millar
- **Rookie of the Year:** David Ward
- **Outstanding Fire Fitness:** Luke Boskovich
- **Resident Volunteer of the Year:** Hayden Jones
- **Fire Corps Volunteer of the Year:** Beverly Halcon
- **Volunteer of the Year:** Heather Miller
- **EMT of the year:** Christi Davis
- **Firefighter of the Year:** Cody Manzi

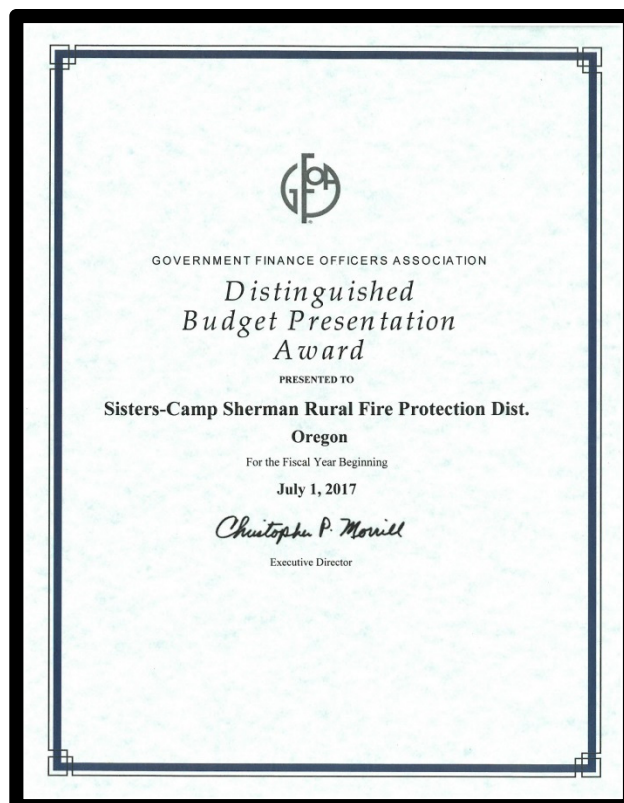
Thank you to Past Fire Corps Chairs: Les Schell & Gail Butler

Contributions to the Address Sign Program: Bruce Shaull

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The District received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its second year in a row. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the highest award in governmental budgeting. Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District is one of only a handful of fire districts in Oregon who have received the award in 2017.

In order to receive the budget award, the District had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well the District's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. The budget document must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories to receive the award.



Fire Prevention

Gary Marshall is the District's Community Risk and Fire Safety Manager. Services to the community from the fire prevention division include:

- Plan review for new construction to meet requirements of the Oregon Fire Code
- City of Sisters Business License Inspections.
- Commercial and Industrial Fire Safety Inspections conducted by certified Inspector.
- Fire Cause and Origin Investigations in concert with Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office.
- Wildfire Safety such as NFPA Firewise, Local FireFree & IAFC Ready, Set, Go Programs.
- Engine Company Fire & Life Safety Evaluations for low hazard businesses.
- Home fire safety consultations.
- Fire Corps Program.
- Fire safety education and public awareness programs for all ages, school, home & business.
- Fire station tours.
- Regularly scheduled CPR and First Aid classes by certified instructors.
- Child safety car seat clinics.
- Residential smoke alarm program.
- Address sign program.
- Senior Safety Program.
- Blood Pressure Clinics.

In 2017 there were a total of:

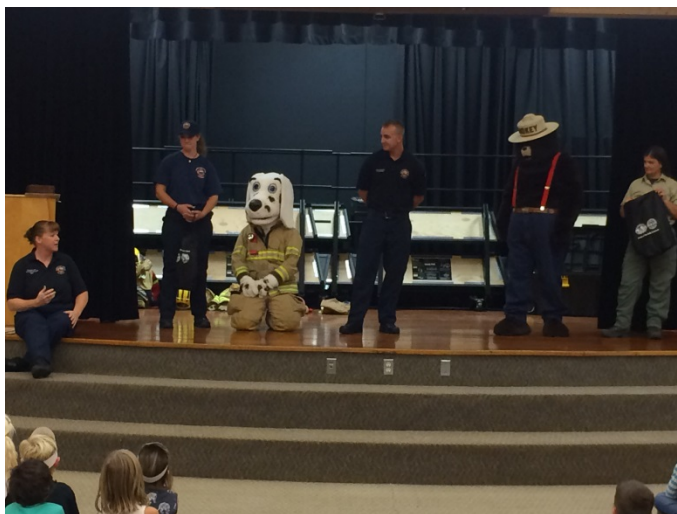
44 Commercial Plans Reviewed

43 Public Event Plans Reviewed

38 Business License Inspections

7 Final Commercial Occupancy Inspections

34 Engine Company Inspections



Public Education

Heather Miller is the volunteer in charge of the Public Education program at Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District. She spends many hours leading the charge in educating the kids and citizens of our community in fire prevention.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Provided curriculum and education on fire safety to Sisters Schools including Sisters Elementary, Black Butte Elementary, and Sisters Christian Academy. Over 350 students visited the fire stations in 2017!



Pizza Party for School Safety Winners



Open House events allow families to meet fire station personnel and see how a fire station works.

JUVENILE FIRE SETTER INTERVENTIONIST PROGRAM

The District has three trained interventionists that evaluate juvenile fire setters and establish a plan for the juvenile fire setter and their impact on the community. Nine juvenile fire setters were identified in 2017 and went through this program with the trained volunteers/staff.



Fire Station tours are provided as educational tools for the schools.

SENIOR SAFETY PROGRAM

This program is new in 2017 spearheaded by Heather Miller with help from other volunteers and agencies including the invaluable partnership with the Central Oregon Council on Aging and Sisters Parks and Recreation, as well as the grant that was awarded from the City of Sisters. The intent is to educate and help prevent falls and injury that largely happen in the senior population. 148 seniors attended the 60+ Health Fair in October.

60+ HEALTH FAIR – OCTOBER 20, 2017 at Sisters Park & Rec

The first annual 60+ Senior Health Fair is a partnership between Sisters Park and Recreation District, the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District, and the Council on Aging of Central Oregon, plus many local service providers. Services available at the fair are all free of charge and include:

- Flu shots
- Tire pressure checks
- Bone density screening
- Cancer screening
- Blood glucose testing
- Free coronary capsule screening giveaway
- Lower extremity functional strength and balance testing
- Posture screening
- Free lunch vouchers for senior luncheon
- SPRD exercise class pass giveaway
- Orthotics checks and advice
- Smoothies and trail mix
- Power saving tips and kits

SOCIAL MEDIA

Julie Spor manages the social media for the District through the District's website (www.sistersfire.com), Facebook, and Twitter. The District's Facebook page has 2,397 followers with 272 Twitter followers. This is a quick way to disseminate information to the public in real time and the public appreciates it. There were over 392 Facebook and Twitter posts in 2017. The top five posts and people reached were:

1. UK firefighters deployed on Milli Fire (46.9k)
2. Wildfire on Indian Ford Road (29.3k)
3. Brushfire in Squaw Creek Canyon (28.4k)
4. California Wildfire Deployment (11.9k)
5. Captain Brown Rescue by CHP (11.3k)



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EASTER EGG HUNT

Hundreds of eager egg hunters from infant to 11 years old turned out for the 39th annual Sisters Easter Egg Hunt at Creekside Park. The Easter egg hunt is co-sponsored by the Sisters-Camp Sherman and Cloverdale fire department volunteer associations. Twenty volunteers hide 6,000 plastic eggs throughout the park for two hours. The eggs are snatched up in about five minutes.



Photo by Gary Miller

RODEO STANDBY

District volunteers stood by as backup EMS personnel and provided an on-site ambulance for the Sisters Rodeo each day of the rodeo which was held the second weekend in June.

QUILT SHOW

The entire town of Sisters was wrapped in walls of bright colors for the 42nd annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show on July 8, 2017. District staff and volunteers provide help in hanging and taking down the quilts. Sisters welcomes more than 10,000 visitors from all 50 states and 27 foreign countries that arrived in Sisters by tour bus, RV, bicycle, motor vehicle and even on foot to take it all in.



Photo by Jerry Baldock

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS STANDBY

District volunteers stood by as backup EMS personnel and provided an on-site ambulance for the Sisters High School home football games as well as the SALI lacrosse tournament.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY FAIR

The District hosts an annual Halloween event including a haunted house along with many other activities for children and their families. Many District volunteers help make this event a success. In addition, it provides an opportunity to educate the public about fire safety.



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire & Ambulance Association and the Sisters Kiwanis Club sponsored the annual "Spirit of Christmas Giving Tree" program providing Christmas gifts to families in need in Sisters Country over the holiday season. It took many volunteers and donations to make the program a success. During the last week of the program, the District was flooded with applications that required last minute shopping.



Children receiving gifts: 170
Cash donations received: \$4,290
Value of gifts donated: \$8,500

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire & Ambulance Association hosts a community Christmas dinner on Christmas Day every year serving over 150 people. It takes many volunteers hours to shop, prepare, serve and clean up.



Angel Thorsvold is President
of the Association



Volunteers prepare the annual
Community Christmas Dinner.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND

This fund has been set up to help members of the community who would endure a further hardship without financial assistance. Under this program, employees are allowed to spend up to \$100 to provide assistance beyond basic fire suppression and EMS. The fund has been created from non-public funds, including donations made to the District and employee/volunteer contributions. In 2017, a total of 23 individuals/families were helped with a total of \$310 in gas/food vouchers.

Fire Corps

2,532 Hours
Volunteered
in 2017 from
Fire Corps!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Volunteers staff a Blood Pressure Clinic at Bi-Mart on the third Tuesday of each month. Blood pressure readings for the year totaled 416.



ADDRESS SIGN INSTALLATION

Fire Corps volunteers install address signs to help crews quickly locate addresses within the fire district. A total of 40 address signs were installed in 2017.

CPR/FIRST AID CLASSES

Three additional volunteers completed their certifications to become instructors for First Aid and CPR/AED classes for the community. Rick Retzman, Beverly and Ernie Halcon as well as Gail Butler and Les Schell taught 10 classes and educated 106 community members in First Aid and/or CPR.

CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS

Five volunteers and one staff member are certified to check child car seat safety. Three clinics were held in 2017 in Sisters and volunteers participated in other regional clinics. A total of 50 car seats were inspected.



SMOKE ALARMS

Volunteers performed residential smoke alarm testing along with the American Red Cross, covering 29 homes and installed over 91 smoke alarms. The District received donations of 40 smoke alarms from Kidde and 20 carbon monoxide alarms from First Alert.

AED GRANTS

The District set aside grant funds to encourage more businesses in the community to purchase Automated External Defibrillators. Fire Corps member Larry Stuker led the charge and helped coordinate training. An additional 9 AED's were added to our community! Studies have shown that public AED use increases the survivability of a heart attack.

FIRE CORPS MEMBERSHIP INCREASED TO 24!