



# Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District

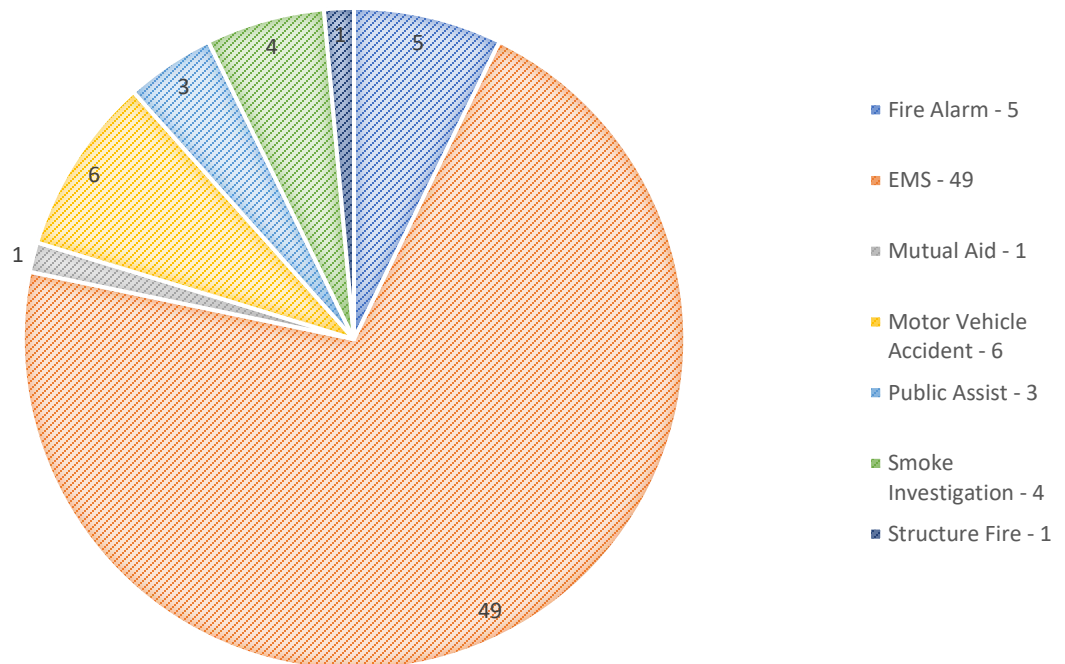
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## Fire Chief's Report January 2024

### December 2023 Incident Data:

- 68 Dispatched Incidents (828 total Incidents for 2023)



### Incidents to Mention:

- Responded to a Mutual-Aid Multiple Casualty Incident – Hermiston, River Road
- Cardiac Arrest at Two Rivers – URFD not dispatched.

### Apparatus/Equipment Update:

- Ladder Truck – Working with Heppner Fire for donation.

### Meetings/Training Attended:

Station 12 Construction Meeting – Met for update meeting on seismic upgrade.  
Concrete bollards requested to protect the utility box near the public access door.

UCFD 1 Community Paramedic – Crews assisted with a few site visits.

Two Rivers Correctional Institution – Met with Safety and Facilities staff to evaluate Native Sweat process and issue a permit for open burning.

Umatilla City Pathways Construction Meeting – reviewed site plans with stakeholders to include the Oregon State Fire Marshal.

DPSST Fire Chief's Roundtable – Chief Grant attended.

UCFD 1 – Met with Chief Stanton regarding mutual aid claims. Chief Stanton stated that there is no problem between agencies. Image Trend data shows that there is no disparity in providing aid between jurisdictions. Chief Stanton stated the District Clerk made an error in recording UCFD1 Board of Director meeting comments.

Aladtech – Creating an electronic scheduling and document process to create a seamless electronic records and employee scheduling process.

Good Shepard – MCI Incident debrief.

Code Enforcement – Met with Umatilla County Code Enforcement to discuss weight limit issues on the bridges spanning the West Extension Canal.

### **Community Events Attended:**

Umatilla Volunteer Firefighters Association – Successfully distributed 70+ food baskets and gifts to families in our community. Excellent partnership between Dynalectric, UFFVA, and the Iron Order MC Club.

UPCOMING EVENT – Senator Ron Wyden Town Hall at UHS, 11:30 on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Personnel Update:**

FF Seth Gorham completed his 1-year probationary period. Seth's family was present for the Firefighter Oath and badge pinning ceremony on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **A-Shift Report:**

- Focus on supporting FF Petty through his probationary process.
- Continual training to support probationary and student firefighter in hose deployment, driving and pumping, nozzle operations, area familiarization.
- Assisting with Station 12 organization and cleaning.

### **B-Shift Report:**

- M/A MCI incident in Hermiston.
- Met with vendor to review PPE and equipment.
- OB kit created and placed in-service on the engine.
- Shift participated in probationary firefighter training and familiarization to prepare new employees to be assigned to shift. Ladders, hose deployments, PPE/SCBA.
- Working to rearrange PPE/Equipment storage room.

### **C-Shift Report:**

- Sr. Firefighter Harris elected as the Vice President of the Oregon Trail Fire Training Association.
- SR. Firefighter Harris organizing our records and training plan to meet DPSST standards.
- Training to include hose deployments, size-ups, radio communications, driving, search and rescue, and SCBA drills.
- Assembled furniture for the station.
- Vehicle maintenance on several apparatus.
- Provided food drive assistance, supported the Rudolph Run, and gift-wrapping event.

### **Current Projects:**

- Evaluating Non-Assessable Tax Parcel in our response area to determine a course of action to either secure funding through service contracts or response fees.
- Reviewing Fire Defense Board Mutual Aid agreements.
- Reviewing Mutual Aid policy with Umatilla FD1, URFD, and Benton County, WA.
- Returning to Station 12. Reorganizing and cleaning the facility.
- A surplus item list will be provided at the February 2024 BOD meeting to authorize disposing of outdated or no longer serviceable equipment and supplies.
- Working on Safety Committee correction list.
- 2023 Annual Operations report to be available for the February 2024 BOD meeting.
- Reviewing fire station upgrades to support 24/7 operations.
- Working with the Firefighters Union on contract language.
- Preparing a 3–5-year strategic plan for the District.
- Developing group to review and develop policies and procedures that are specific to our operations and department.
- Assisting Sr. FF Harris with training program development. Created a Firefighter Classification Plan to guide career and paid on-call firefighters with training requirements.
- Working with Irrigon Fire to develop joint training opportunities and possible recruitment of volunteer members for each agency.
- Working with the West Extension Irrigation District to find a solution to the limited capacity bridges spanning the canal off Highway 730.
- Evaluating the Federal Excess Personal Property Program (FEPP) Forest Service donation of a 24' Aluminum Rescue Boat and trailer. The boat is currently in Gold Beach and will require engine repair/maintenance for it to be placed in service. If accepted, I will contact Bentz Boats in Lewiston for assistance.