



# Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Illinois Valley Fire District Date: April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association  
Meeting Minutes  
Call to Order: 0900

1. **Approval of Minutes Motion to Approve Chief Atchley, Second Chief Prince. Vote-All in favor**

2. **Financial Report**

- Balance: **\$5035.61**
- Motion to approve: Division Chief- Training: Gavlik
- Second: Fire Chief Hammond
- Vote: All in favor

3. **New Members / Special Guests / Presentations**

- **Jesse Keene acting BLM until May.**

4. **Old Business**

- **Strategy Plan- None**

5. **New Business**

- **None**

6. **Sections Report**

- **Operations (McBride):**
  - These meetings have been well attended and good work is being accomplished.
  - Wildland protocol have been validated and verified given frequency changes and update RV1 and RV2.
  - Collaboration on large common problems such as two in two out and expect proposal coming next month, along with Big Box and EV problems.
- **RITA (Gavlik):**
  - DPSST has finished up revisions with NFPA 1010. New taskbooks will be effective on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Any unfinished taskbooks by the date will need to be consolidated with the new one.
  - FO2 was finished and attended well, and potential Fall FO1.

- Looking for what specific agencies need for training, send requests to RITA.
- **Prevention-No Report**
- **FDBC-No Report**
- **Technology Group- (Shay):**
  - Jackson County will be moving to the new system in October.
  - Radio Program guide is ready to be approved. Due to lack of membership will be moving to next month for approval.

## 7. Advisory Reports

- **911- No Report**
- **ASAs:**
  - **Rogue River (Hammond)**-Have seasonal summer jobs Open.
  - **Ashland- Nothing**
  - **Mercy Flights (Clough)**- Looking at interfacility transport hires. Qualification level is BLS to begin with and then hope to get ALS.
  - Signed a contract with ECSO to use the PDDC portal, connection should be in place in next 90days. Will allow ECSO see where Mercy units are.
  - TC and flight vector interface is underway but with a new TC version work must be redone.
  - Launching an in-home emergency care through Grants in Central Point, White City, and Medford for seniors and Veterans with lower acuity non-time sensitive emergencies.
- **Haz-Mat- Nothing**
- **SW Oregon Coordinating Group (Quinoes):**
  - ODF- New Statewide Forester.
  - Overall staffing across the district will remain stable for this summer.
  - Fire Season will be declared based on forecasting, data, and science.
  - Aviation-Local air fleet will remain the same. Additional aircraft to help with nighttime detection and heat mapping will be available and will be a huge asset.
  - PC10 will be assigned to Roseburg for air attack.
  - 4MM will not be back and you can expect a different tail number for the Type 2 out of GP.
- **PPL- (Lawless):**
  - Met with OSFM incident management teams up in Seaside. Will be collaborating with them as they move forward.
  - EM side wildfire open houses next week. April 28th 1730-1930 Medford Area, April 29th 1730-1930 GP Area. If you want to send apparatus or set up a table please let Lloyd know.
  - External training program for first responders responding to electrical emergencies is complete. If you would like that training reach out and let them know and they will come provide that.
- **Emergency Managers:**
  - **Josephine- Prince** Jason resigned from the Josephine County EM. Currently Sheriff Daniels is holding the position until someone can get appointed. Kelsey is

the person that is reaching out to folks about what EM is doing. This week JoCo fire will be giving update to BCC on fire season. Back up currently is to alert JoCo EM through dispatch.

- **Jackson County:** Delaney is meeting with cities that do not have EM and going over plan and preparing for the summer. Also a Green Debris drop off in May if interested reach out to Delaney.
- **OFCA: Conference coming up.**
- **PIO: Is Now Ashley- No Report**
- **Chaplains- No Report**
- **OSFM-** Seasonal upstaffing Grant is delayed.

## 8. Agency Brief Outs:

- **Wolf Creek:** 1 person on duty 4 days a week 10 hours a day starting May 1.
- **Shady Cove:** Western Fire Chiefs conference- Was good and recommend it to see what is happening at national level. Microsoft is working with Western Fire Chiefs to create an AI fabric, protected way to input data for everyone, and then pull from that data as well as outside data. Showed examples of use currently in Ca. and it was quick to build the reports. Received our new side by side from spire grant, probably set up as a REM unit.
- **Lake Creek Fire:** PPL's reporting to watch duty on atmospheric conditions along 140 was great, and wanted to thank them for it. New NW group is changing task book for EB, leaving out helicopter requirement.
- **Illinois Valley Fire:** Station 5 building is up. Need gravel and couple of bay doors for completion. Hydrant project starts in May. Turnout grant received and will be getting in 4-6 weeks. Have a levy for 2 firefighters on the ballot. Station 2 staffing from 1300-2100.
- **District 5:** Is selling water tender, and
- **District 3:** Is selling an ambulance.

## 6. Adjournment 1003

- Motion to adjourn
- Vote: All in favor.

**Next Meeting: May 19th, 2026 (Josephine County Search and Rescue 250 Tech Way, Grants Pass).**