



Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Fire District #1 **Date:** July 21, 2026

**Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association
Meeting Minutes
Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.**

1. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve: Joe Hyatt
- Second: Craig Anders
- Vote: All in favor

2. Financial Report

- Balance: **\$4,674.69**
- Motion to approve: Chief Hammond
- Second: Chief Davidson
- Vote: All in favor

3. New Members / Special Guests / Presentations

- Rusty Riis and Randy DeLonge provided RCC Fire Program Updates. RCC changing Fire Science and Paramedic programs - change will be slow over next 2 years and will not impact currently enrolled students. Paramedic program will have options for no Anatomy/Physiology requirements but will still require degree. Fire Science degree changing to meet student need to achieve credentialing/certifications - "Get in, Get done, Get out". Focus on 1-year academy for FF1 and EMT certification.
- Scott Walsh - New S. Oregon Public Safety Chaplains/SOCERT
- Nate Sanders - New Josephine County Emergency Manager

4. Old Business

- STRAT Plan - Draft complete need 2 photos from each agency and high-resolution patch photo – email to Chief Thompson

5. New Business

- Wildland Season Agenda – Chief Hussey

6. Section Reports:

- **Operations (Fire/EMS): McBride**

- Several currently on assignments within the State
- Seasonal pause with goal setting – looking at 2-in 2-out and Mayday protocol needs
- Civilian Fire Death/Injury and Big Box protocols forth coming for review/input
- Shift Briefing - potential changes in time (9-10) and evaluating the need for second day of tour briefing
- Wildland protocol – take time to conduct a tailboard review to help educate and follow protocol
- 25th anniversary for 9-11 – Both Jack/Joe County coordinating events as to not conflict with each other – Note larger group within fire service weren't alive or remember 9-11 (our responsibility to not let them forget)
- **Rogue Interagency Training Assoc. (RITA): Gavlik/Dickerson**
 - Month of Change - Chief Girard stepping into vice president
 - Discussion on what classes to offer – FF 1, Pump Operator, Fire Officer
 - Creating/Updating Instructor pool – looking for someone to run Pump Operator and Firefighter 1 Academy
 - Looking at single day training ideas and options
 - Rogue Valley Fire Officer Academy is this year – Fire Officer 1 (will have 1 week in November and 1 week in December) dates to be announced
- **RV Prevention Co-op (RVFPC): Vonn**
 - This month's meeting canceled
- **Fire Defense Board (FDBC): Holmes & Hussey**
 - OSFM Blue Team going home and Rogue Valley 1 & 2 are being relied on as contingency force.
- **Technology Group: Shay**
 - Mayday Channel
 - Reprogramming Repeaters
 - Creation of a fire transition group to help coordinate Jackson County
 - Approved Frequency list has been finalized

7. Advisory Reports:

- 911 Centers – Harris/Guenther
 - ECSO Fire Pro QA up running working out bugs. 1st week of Oct go live date (Jackson County)
 - Jo county agencies if want access and compatible radio reach out to Tim or Kevin
- Ambulance Service Areas – Clough/Rasor/Hammond/Mathews
 - Hammond retiring in December – looking for FC
 - Mercy Flight – ramping up in home care as successful in award funding
- HazMat Team 08 – Howard
 - OSFM is supporting 3 more members – Looking at Fall academy TBA
- Oregon State Fire Marshal – Stacy/Lashley/Vonn/Cook
 - All teams are out

- SW Oregon Coordinating Group Quinones/Glode/McCann/Kurzyniec/Lee/Fumasi
 - Preparedness Level of 5
 - Statewide and District resource draw is biggest issue
 - All 3 ODF Teams out
 - USFS extending automatic response for ODF
- Emergency Management–Richmond /Ott/Burns/ Sanders
 - Medford - successful in grant funding to support ICS specific courses – survey to follow
 - Jo County – Hitting the ground running 1st fire last week, Josephine County EM meet and greet tomorrow.
- Public Information – Blakely
 - 3 courses coming up – first one in Oct 14/15 at Jackson County Mental Health, the others will be virtual
- S. Oregon Public Safety Chaplains/SOCERT – Saada
 - Scott Walsh introduction
 - Last month busiest we have had

8. Agency Brief-Out:

- GPF – Fleet issues under control
- OSFM – Clarify fire investigator – based on statute with default to OSFM. Regardless need to at least report incidents to OSFM
- AFD – 5 new hires in academy with projected August 1st release date
- Rural Metro – good catch of the 2 fires, great ODF and Air support
- Redcross – Buzzy with 4 shelters open
- Lake Creek – Staffing with 1 on and patrolling
- Mercy Flight – Partnering with Redcross for whole blood administration within air transport
- ODF – Thank you for the support in catching fires early with your local response. District draw-down will continue into near future. Isabel repeater is up.
- Medford Fire – Appreciate the support in RV1, RV2 and Shady Cove pump station staffing. MFD has 4 members supporting OSFM IMT's. Station 15 move took place without issue and crew operating out of new station. Phase 3 is currently in motion to finish out the logistics building. Open House scheduled for Oct 10th. City in a City Manager search – 31 applicants with 12 from Oregon. Hosting Fire Nuggets for a water mapping for commercial fires course
- FD #3 - Bond hosting EMT-I scope of practice expansion/education – Sept 10th 2pm-5pm in D-3 admin building
- NWS - Next 36hr most difficult time period - potential Red Flag warning. Staffing update 8 meteorologist with 6 more coming on this Oct
- Medford EM – FEMA fuel mitigation grant starting after fire season will be posting multiple RFPs for fuel reduction vendors
- Applegate Fire – Thank you for response/support to Spencer Gulch and Oshala Farm Fires. Oshala Farm is significant local employer with 40 FT and 30 PT staff. Annual Dinner Sept 12th – get with Chief Wolford for tickets

- Red Cross Blood Drive Sept 22nd
- Williams FD - July 1 fully staffed 24/7 with 2-person crew – 1st time ever. Williams Board has placed a Tax Levy on the Ballot \$1.35
- Motion to adjourn at **10:32 a.m.**
- Vote: All in favor.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2026 Medford Fire St.14 (Tablerock Rd & Railroad Park)