

Rogue Valley Chiefs Association-Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Illinois Valley Fire District

Date: 04.15.2025

Call to Order: 09:00 AM

New Members/Special Guests:

- Matt Lass – OSFM Fire Service Safety Specialist.

Presentations:

- Matt Lass presented on Health and Safety Efforts.

Old Business:

- Committee Updates (Crume): Nothing to Report

New Business:

- None

Section Reports:

- **Operations (Fire/EMS): McBride - See packet for information.**
- **Rogue Interagency Training Assoc. (RITA): Gavlik - See packet for information.**
- **RV Prevention Co-op (RVFPC): Kassab – No meeting in April. Huge shout out to all the agencies that are participating in the classroom visits with making it a success.**
- **Fire Defense Board (FDBC): Holmes & Hussey - See packet for information.**
- **Technology Group-Shay-See Report - See packet for information.**

Advisory Reports:

- 911 Centers- JoCo (**Kristen**) Telecommunicators week thank you and it was a success and the dispatchers were extremely happy. It was good for the dispatchers to put a name with the voices and names. The CAD-CAD contract has been signed through ECSO and JoCo, and being forwarded to the Portland Board for review. The interface is being installed and programming will be determined on the timeline.
- Ambulance Service Areas: - **Clough:** Watching the legislature in regards to Support for EMS. She has testified in front of many and will continue to educate the EMS Modernization. She is working on a Strategic Plan and compact bills, along with language changes on House Bills. (**Rob**) advised that the radio project training is

being finalized by Friday and looks like they will be successful with the ICS being implemented. (**Rasor**) Applications are at the highest he has seen in a while. Thank you to RCC and Mercy Flights in the collaboration that is currently taking place. Single Role EMTs/Paramedics list is being established for future hiring. (**AMR-Dave**) AMR has received three new ambulances two type three and one type one 4X4 since the first of the year. Since it is a re-cert year, we are offering more monthly training posted on web page. Prep for fire season with ODF agreements and Viper agreement for federal. Hiring continues with new employee orientation every other month. We will have most shifts covered when our new hires complete FTEP and are working on our float positions. In addition to working with Mercy flights GMR local Air resources remain Reach 8 out of Roseburg, Reach 53 out of North Bend, Reach 19 out of Brookings, Cal/ORE out of Crescent City, and Airlink out of K Falls and Bend.

- HazMat- **Howard**: Two phone consults happened in the month. Rail exercise in Klamath and OSFM rail coordinator training with tabletop was a success. See email for upcoming trainings.
- OSFM- **Lashley**: Open Deputy State Fire Marshal position in Salem opening soon. OSFM is watching Legislative bills. **Stacy**: SB83 is being watched closely. Upstaffing grant awarded. Strat plan is being worked on. The Defensible Space Incentive Program is coming to an end, and there are no money cards being sent out. The SW Regional Mobilization Coordinator position has been filled by Mike Cook from Chiloquin Fire, and he will start on April 21. DEQ had a malware attack. And there are upcoming changes to the 2025 code enforcement.
- SW Oregon Coordinating Group: **Winslow (ODF)**: Medford is hiring a Forest Officer. **Smith**: Fire school is May 19th and there is no more industrial burning being allowed. **Glode** (BLM) FMO position closed yesterday, and they are back filling the position until someone is picked. BLM had their official first fire yesterday with little spread. Chief McCann is the AFMO.
- Emergency Management: No Report
- Rogue Community College: No Report
- Oregon Fire Chiefs Association: **Hussey**: Legislative tracking and the OFCA Conference in May.
- PIO: No Report
- Chaplains: No Report

Agency Brief-Out:

- Medford Fire -Howard: There are three surplus vehicles on Govdeals.com. Testing for medic squad members will happen next month. The internal Battalion Chief process is happening next month. ICS training coming soon. And working with the Ops Group as a joint effort and all are welcome to attend.
- Grants Pass Fire – Sanchez: HazMat Team 8, good job and thank you for the training. He clarified the comment made from the Grants Pass Council that they were looking elsewhere for dispatch and that was not going to happen. A Battalion Chief was hired and they have a current list to be able to move forward with. Fire Officer II training is in the works. And the department purchased a UTV and has utilized it this last week on incidents.
- Ashland Fire – Razor: Budget changes are in the works, and the EMS Training Officer position has been eliminated. The department is also looking at a public safety fee. A Battalion Chief whom had cancer is returning to light duty soon.
- Applegate Fire – Tallie Jackson: They have four applicants for the Recruitment and Retention position. There will be testing for Firefighter next week.
- Williams – Tallie Jackson: The candidate for the Fire Chief position has decided not to take the position. The board will be working on what happens next.
- GP911 – Kristen: The 911 Manager position will be filled soon. When posting social media for the departments, if possible, include JoCo dispatch to show how busy their dispatchers are. There is a letter of duties being drawn up and meeting with officials. Many entities and officials have no idea how busy the dispatch centers are, and it would be a good reminder to show the communities being served how busy they really are.
- OSFM- Lashley: Special projects with GP Fuels Mitigation are being looked at. Big issue with the homeless and the upcoming fire season. There are also discussions happening about Code Enforcement – Cost Recovery in the unprotected lands.
- Mercy Flights – Clough: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony happened at FD#5 with the housing of an ambulance at the Phoenix station. EMS week is May 28-June 4, look for an invite to come out and participate at the main headquarters.
- National Weather Service-Tom: Went over the weather forecasts.
- FD4- Crume: There is public comment for a \$630k grant funding. This would be for Fire Pro QA (ECSO), Tablet Command, and a Regionalization Study for Jackson County.

Motion to adjourn 10:42AM