



Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Applegate Fire District Date: March 17, 2026

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Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.

- **1. Approval of Minutes** – Balance: **\$4,760.61**
- Motion to approve: Chief Crume
- Second: Chief Rasor
- Vote: All in favor

2. Financial Report

- Balance: **\$4,953.61**
- Motion to approve: Chief Crume
- Second: Chief Rasor
- Vote: All in favor

3. New Members / Special Guests / Presentations

- Joe Crwford – ECSO Dispatch

4. Old Business

- **Strategic Plan** – Chief Crume had no report of the item as this time. The plan is still being worked on.

5. New Business

- **Support Letter for Prescott Park Wildfire Mitigation and Trail Improvement** – **Aaron Ott** – The deadline happened, and we will still send a support letter for this project.
- **Rogue Valley Mutual Aid Agreement Review** – The agreement was circulated and signed by present members. **Voting for the update of the RV Mutual Aid Agreement:** Motion to approve: Chief Hammond, Second: Chief Crume, Vote: All in favor
- **IAAI Fit Call Out Discussion** – Tabled till May meeting
- **Schedule Conflict with RVFCA April Meeting** – Discussed and Chief Crume will present the meeting at IVFD, and Randy DeLonge will take the minutes. This will be due to the E-Board will be at the State FDBC in Salem that same day.

6. Section Reports

- **Operations (McBride):**
 - Review of the proposed radio channel arrangement
 - Review and update of the RVFRSOs: Wildland Command, Incident Communications, Structure Fire Command, Size Up, Search Oriented Leader, off the hose line and VEIS.
- **Rogue Interagency Training Association (RITA):**
 - 2026 Fire Academy is completed
 - Fire Officer II: April 13–17 at Grants Pass Fire.
 - Developing a regional needs plan to help meet agency needs for future classes.
 - Mercy Flights and Fire Dist#3 High Performance CPR Drill, has a few spots open on February 27th, 2027. Contact Chief Dickerson if interested to see if there is still room.
- **Fire Defense Board:**
 - Fire Defense Board Chief 101- Tuesday April 21 (morning) at DPSST. Designed for new FDBC's. This course is separate from the State Fire Defense Board meeting. Registration details will be available soon.
 - State Fire Defense Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 21 (afternoon) at DPSST.
 - OSFM Task Force Leader Symposium – Tuesday-Wednesday, April 28-29 at Serven Feathers Resort.
- **RV Prevention Co-Op (Vonn):**
 - The Smoke Bear Draft PowerPoint presentation is at the USFS Regional office for approval.
 - The Draft of the Wildfire Prevention message was submitted for review by Ian Kassab (FD3), Tallie Jackson (AFD) are taking the lead on the project.
 - Teresa Vonn discussed the OSFM Thermal Fuse Pilot project with Paula Shelley (OSFM) to determine what role the Co-Op can take on this project.
- **Technology Group (Shay):**
 - The group met to identify and discuss the first draft of the proposed programming guide. Multiple technical and clerical errors were identified as well as proposed required versus optional zone programming (trunked v. non-trunked).
 - Identified changes were presented at the Ops group on Feb 4th meeting where it was discovered further clarification on several issues is required.
 - The tech group will hold a joint meeting with Ops in March to further refine the draft.

7. Advisory Reports

- **911 Centers – Josephine County/Jackson County:**
 - Harris: CAD-CAD formats are at the still working well, and have been adding OSP, ODOT and Pacific Power. There has been an MOU created with Mercy Flights. Working on the radio project, and working with GP 911 for a bi-directional capability.
- **Ambulance Service Areas (Clough / Rasor / Hammond / Mathews):**

- **Mercy Flights:**
 - Rotor at the Ashland Airport is going well
 - The apprentice program has been successful
 - In home emergency care is working well and will be updated soon.
 - Tablet Command is in the works with Flight Vector.
- **Fire District #1 (Hammond):**
 - 56 applications were received for FF/PM, with the hiring taking place at this time
- **Ashland Fire (Rasor):**
 - No update, however Thank You for the support in the most recent high stressed incident in the area.
- **HazMat Team 08 (Howard):**
 - There will be a Spring Exercise in Klamath, with Roseburg and Eugene Springfield participating April 8-9, with a railroad as the scenario.
- **Oregon State Fire Marshal (Stacy):**
 - (Cook) OSFM Engine reports are due
 - (Vonn) Two new positions being interviewed at this time. Presentations for Defendable Space are being conducted. Prevention boxes are out and being ordered.
- **SW Oregon Coordinating Group (Quinones):**
 - (Lee) Weather trends are being watched/ Hand pile burning will end soon. Fuel crews are engaged. Recruitments for Officer at the moment and should be filled soon.
 - (Jake) SONCAL April 8-9 in Yreka, see him for more information.
 - (Fumasi) Camera and Software upgrade. Dispatch hiring is also happening with new people in Medford.
- **Emergency Management – Richmond / JOCO / Ott / Burns / Rasor:**
 - (Richmond): Wildfire open houses.
 - (Sean): LEPC partnership increasing and next meeting is May 26. The CWPP is being reviewed. And the Safety Fair will be June 6.
 - (Ott): Chipper says are April 29-30 with a Saturday event being determined. The 305 class is full at this time with people waiting. Certain grants are beginning to open, keep eyes open. FEMA \$4.5 million was approved with OEM for the Bear Creek Prescott Park project.
 - (JoCo) Meeting at the present IT/EM is being discussed with the new Commissioners.
- **Pacific Power (Lawless):**
 - Training is taking place with local fire agencies. They are partnering with RITA. And working with OSFM on presentations of PP.
 - For the crews: 911 should be activated prior to contacting the PP representatives. Unless there are an extended circumstance.
- **Rogue Community College:**
 - Absent
- **Oregon Fire Chiefs Association:**

- NW Leadership had lower attendance than prior years. It is a valuable training with great speakers. The Chief's Toolbox is still being developed and has been working with the Cadre for the 18 month – 2-year program. Roll out will be at the May Chief's conference. There are 4 board vacancies, please submit if interested.
- **Public Information (Blakely)**
 - Absent-sick
- **Weather:**
 - Absent
- **Southern Oregon Public Safety Chaplains / SOCERT:**
 - Absent

8. Agency Brief-Outs

- **Applegate:** Live Fire Training April 11, see Blakley for more information. They have donated radios to Williams FD and Wolfcreek FD. There is a volunteer at station 57 with a volunteer there. The IGA with Williams Fire will be signed on April 1st. They will be assisting with Budget, Scheduling and future Operations and Training.
- **Ashland Fire:** Recruitment for 4 for the June 22 academy. Deputy Chief applications have closed with the top 6 moving forward to assessment center soon.
- **Fire District #3:** The 2026 student program is being paused and evaluated for now. There have been no changes with RCC agreement. (Hussey) There is a regional study being uploaded. He expressed the appreciation to meeting timelines and consistency for future meetings. On-site visits will be the end of April/May with a June Draft, and a September speaking with Commissioners and communities.
- **Butte Falls:** 7 active grants at this moment. They are staffed with 2 PMs, 2 EMTs and 18 FFs.
- **Greensprings:** Currently small with 12 volunteers. They are holding department wildland training.
- **Rogue River Airport:** New station number designation. There will be an airport tabletop exercise May 13th. They have lost an employee, with another 1 in backgrounds.
- **Fire District #5:** Levy discussion, with the possibility of not being on the May ballot, with future planning being worked on.
- **Red Cross:** Disaster number shown. He has met with all structural agencies on the importance of contacting the red Cross on incidents.
- **ODF:** "Before Burning App is out there, take a look at it and respond to the app developers if any concerns.
- **Lake Creek:** They have applied for the OSFM Wildland Upstaffing Grant
- **Jacksonville:** ISO Class III designation. The new engine is in service. The Spire grant supplied them with new extrication equipment. May 2nd is the annual community clean up. And they have received the Wildfire Mitigation Award.
- **Grants Pass 911:** The 4-week academy has begun. The new engine will be delivered in May. Thank you to the agencies for supplying applicants in the academy. Staffing is low due to 7 out of PLO.
- **Evans Valley:** The insurance is being settled on the recent accident, and they will be going to retrieve the new brush truck soon.

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at **10:15 a.m.** Chief Razor
- Vote: All in favor.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2026 at Illinois Valley Fire District (681 Caves Hwy, Cave Junction)