



# Prospect Rural Fire Protection District Volunteer Association

# Operations Update

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*This meeting is being recorded*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEhfA-WVZgM>

# What is the Prospect Rural Fire Protection District?

“The District”, “the Fire Department”, the PRFPD, etc consists of:

**Board of Directors**- responsible for Department policies, tax budget approval and oversight (ie- levies, financial execution, etc)

**Fire Chief**- responsible for Department Operations, personnel management

**Responding Volunteers**- 911 response; maintain vehicles, equipment and supplies

**Special Scope Volunteers**- duties vary (admin/financial, grants, general, construction and/or maintenance)

**PRFPD Volunteer Association**- provide general Operational support

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# What is the Prospect Rural Fire Protection District?

**P**rofessionalism  
**R**espect  
**O**bjectivity  
**S**ervice  
**P**reparedness  
**E**thics  
**C**ommunity  
**T**eamwork

Our **Mission** is to preserve and protect life and property in *our Upper Rogue community.*

*This includes Prospect, Shady Cove, Butte Falls, and USFS-managed lands clear out to Chemult!*

Our **Vision** is to advance public safety by providing emergency response, community education and prevention programs.

# Snapshots in Time

| October 2019  | January 2023  | January 2024  |
|---|---|---|
| 8 volunteers total  | 13 volunteers total   | 17 volunteers total   |
| 3 EMTs, 1 AEMT  | 1 EMT, 2 EMT/FF1, 1 AEMT  | 1 EMT, 1 EMT/FF1, 1 EMT/FF2, 1 AEMT   |
| 4 FF  | 4 FF, 3 FF1   | 4 FF, 2 FF1, 2 LPN, 1 FF/HM   |
| 0 special scope volunteers  | 2 special scope volunteers  | 4 special scope volunteers  |
| 2 Engines (failing)<br>1 Tender<br>2 Brush Engines<br>1 Rescue (2WD)<br>1 Chief's Rig (failing) | 2 Engines (operable)<br>1 Tender<br>2 Brush Engines<br>2 Brush Trucks<br>1 Rescue (4WD) | 2 Engines (operable)<br>1 Tender<br>2 Brush Engines<br>2 Brush Trucks<br>1 Rescue (4WD) |
| OSFM Fire Incident Reporting Requirements <b>Delinquent</b>                                     | OSFM Fire Incident Reporting Requirements <b>Newly Compliant</b>                        | OSFM Fire Incident Reporting Requirements <b>Fully Compliant</b>                        |



# The Picture of Progress

*We're  
Growing!*

# Facilities and Apparatus

## Station 1- 276 Mill Creek Drive

**6201- Type I Structural Engine**  
**1997 Pierce Arrow**  
*Donated by Medford Fire*



**6230- Rescue (medical response)**  
**2005 Ford F350**  
*Most used vehicle in fleet*

**6242- Water Tender**  
**1996 Freightliner ( 4000 gall)**  
*Most requested Mutual Aid Vehicle*

## Station 3- 1<sup>st</sup> Street

**6261- Type III Wildland Brush Truck**  
**1994 Ford F800 (600 gall)**  
*Donated by NPS*

**6263- Type VI Wildland Engine**  
**2023 Ford F550 (400 gall water, Foam)**  
*Grant funded- first new vehicle in Dept history!*



## Station 2- Mill Creek Drive

**6210- Type I Structural Engine**  
**1986 Spartan**

**6260- 5 Ton Brush Engine 6x6**  
**1967 International (1500 gall)**



## South Side Rapid Response

**6281- Rapid Medical**  
**Response/Brush Truck**  
**Ford F250 (200 gall removable**  
**tank/pump)**

*Light duty, multi-use vehicle*  
*Currently out of service*

# 2023 Emergency Services Summary



**Medical Calls- 150** *(medical program not funded!)*

**Fire Calls- 63**

**Motor Vehicle Collision (MVC)- 12**

**Agency Assist- 6**

**Mutual Aid Calls- 24** *(fire, medical and/or MVC calls out of District- Shady Cove, USFS, Chemult)*



October 29, 2023 · 🌐

Prospect Firefighters responded to a call for agency assist this afternoon. We located and removed a fallen tree from highway 62 near CLNP.



***Over 1,000 hours on emergency response alone!***





# 2023 Training & Certifications

Over 2,015 Recorded Responder Training Hours for 2023



- Firefighter I Academy- 640 hours
- Firefighter II Academy- 2 volunteers
- EMT (OR State Recert.)- 2 volunteers
- Advanced EMT (OR State Recert.)- 1 volunteer
- EMT (National Recert.)- 2 volunteers
- Grants and Administration- 100 hours
- State of Jefferson Medical Recertification- 75 hours
- Drill- 1,040 hours
- Sawyer Training- 60 hours
- HazMat- 20 hours
- CPR- 80 hours



# Why go through all that trouble?

DISPATCH: Chest Pains, Union Creek

Responders reached patient, recognized active heart attack, activated the helicopter, established LZ and transferred the patient in less time than it normally takes for a ground ambulance to get to Prospect!

Less than 60 minutes after calling 911 from Union Creek our patient was in emergency surgery.

Five days later he asked to meet the people that saved his life.

THIS  
is why we  
do what we  
do!



# Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

## Station 3 Improvements



*They came...  
They saw...  
They worked for days!*

# Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

## Station 3 Improvements

*Yep- our  
Volunteers did all this  
and MORE!*





# Key Partnerships



**Mercy Flights**

**Jackson County Fire District 4 (Shady Cove)**

**Oregon Department of Forestry**

**US Forest Service**

**Jackson County Law Enforcement**

Oregon Department of Transportation

Jackson County Fire District 3

Pacific Power

State Fire Marshal

Jackson County Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon

Southern Oregon Fire Chiefs Association

Jackson County Code Enforcement

Department of Environmental Quality

Jackson County Search and Rescue

Crater Lake National Park Emergency Services

Southern Oregon Fire Service Chaplains

# Grants



HUGE THANKS TO  
**Kathleen Connor**

# 2023 Grant Work

Wildland Fire Education (OFSM/DPSST)- \$2400

Safety Grant (SDAO) Staircase station 3 - \$2500

Fuels Reduction (Jackson Co./ OFSM) - Trailer \$18,850

Seismic Retrofit- Station 1 remodel- \$1,600,000

2023 Wildfire Season Staffing (OSFM) - \$35,000

JCF Grant (2 vehicle mounted exhaust systems)- \$21,600

Arthur Dubs Grant (SCBA bottle refill station) - \$48,500

Fuels Reduction (partner w/ JCFD4) - \$500,000/ 3yrs

Anheuser Busch (Water for Firefighters)- 1 pallet

Save Lives Oregon Grant- Year supply of Narcan

Wildfire training & Fire shelters (Vol. FF Assoc. /ODF) 50% matching (volunteer hours) \$30,000

Mechanized door openers for Station 3 (SDAO) - 50% match (volunteer hours) \$2500

10 SCBA tanks (Firehouse Subs)

New Fire Station (USDA Rural Communities)

Fire camp recruiting- High School students (Fire Chiefs Assoc.)

Community Composting Grant (USDA)

Secondary money (Ford Family Foundation)

Risk Assessment (OFSM)

Pacific Power

Water Tender Loan (OSFM Engine grant)

FT Fire Chief Salary for 3 yrs (OFSM) - \$287,000

4 sets turnouts (Fire fighters Charitable Foundation)- \$17,000

16 handheld radios (AFG)

4 sets turnouts, 10 SCBAs (Gary Sinease foundation) - \$25,000

10 SCBA tanks (Firehouse Subs) - \$21,000

PPE and SCBA tanks (Leary Foundation) - \$20,000

# 2023 Grant Program Summary



**27** total grant actions

**12** grants awarded

**Total grant funds awarded to  
PRFPD in 2023**

**\$2,161,350**

*(\$661,350 excluding the Seismic Retrofit)*



# Community Fuels Reduction Grant

- **\$500,000** over three years
- Established and executed in partnership with JCFD4
- **Costs covered**
  - Labor (incl. administration)
  - Chipper
  - Trailer
  - 2 Chainsaws
  - 2 Pole Saws
  - Gutter Blower
  - Commercial Blower
  - Blade Trimmer
  - Fuel

*Because we work together  
to protect OUR  
Upper Rogue community!*



*"Why is Prospect Fire  
working in Shady Cove?"*

# Pictures of Progress



# PRFPD Staffing Grant

**Funded 4 part time positions!**

**Accomplishments under the grant include:**

**Staffed shifts**

**Operations Asset Maintenance**

**Property Inventory**

**Address sign updates**

**Hose testing**

**Building Maintenance**



*Having responders at the ready during our highest traffic periods means reduced emergency response times!*

# Seismic Retrofitting Grant

Over **\$1,600,000** awarded  
for a  
full seismic retrofit  
of **Station 1**  
*(NOT an expansion)*

*We'll be back-  
better than ever!*



# Community Engagement

**Annual Update (Jan)**- public meeting regarding Operations updates

*Proposed for 2024*  
**Open House (Apr)**- Kick off seismic retrofitting of Station 1!  
Meet your Responders and get Fire Season prep info & resources

**Timber Carnival (Aug)**- Information Table, Free Water, Fundraising (shirt sales), youth education & interaction

**9/11 Tribute (Sept)**- Memorial to our fallen first responders of 9/11/01

**Agency Open House (Oct 2023)**- First ever multi-agency Open House with key partners, Fire and emergency-related information



# Community Engagement

Thank you for helping  
Prospect Charter School

**GO BE GREAT!**

*Thank you to everyone that helped  
with our Homecoming Bonfire last  
Thursday evening and on Game Day.  
We appreciate all of you! Prospect School*



**Prospect Charter School (school year)-**  
Support PCS-sponsored events such as bonfires and sporting events (5 in 2023), currently developing a fire career club

*Proposed for 2024*

**Firefighter Appreciation (Post fire season)-**  
Share a meal to support those that work hard to keep our community safe!

**Trunk or Treat (Oct)-** Youth engagement, free Halloween candy

**Christmas Bazaar (Nov)-** Information Table, Fundraising (shirt sales)

**Picture with Santa (Dec)-** Free pictures with Santa at the Prospect Store on Christmas Eve

# Moving Forward

## Operations Goals for 2024

- **Recruit 4 more responding volunteers**
- **Graduate 3 more Firefighters**
- **Train 4 more medical responders**
- **Get 6 Volunteers Wildland Fire certifications**
- **Get 6 Volunteers Sawyer certifications**
- **Implement Volunteer Shifts**
- **Station 1 seismic retrofit**
- **Prospect Lion's Park fire season prep (thinning/chipping)**
- **Joint fuels reduction project with ODF & PP&L**
- **Fuels reduction along the Airport Access Road (partner with ODOT)**
- **Partner with Jackson County Emergency Management to improve emergency communications**
- **Partner with USFS and USACE to address fuels concerns along Rogue Gorge**
- **Support and expand grant program**
- **Improve at least one local landing zone**

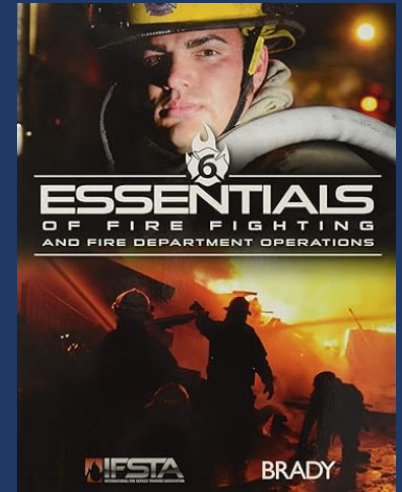


# 2024 Training Opportunities

Our Volunteers are looking forward to:



- **Firefighter I Academy- 3 cadets**
- **Firefighter II Academy- 1 volunteer**
- **EMT, Initial Certification- 1 volunteer**
- **ACLS Course- 1 volunteer**
- **EMT, National Recertification- 2 volunteers**
- **BLS CPR training- all responding volunteers**
- **Emergency Vehicle Driver Certification- All responding volunteers**





# PRFPD Monthly Internal Review

## Goals:

1. Provide PRFPD Directors, Staff and Volunteers routine opportunities to showcase their contributions to better illustrate to the public the breadth of our service to this community.
2. Ensure lines of communication are open across all levels of the PRFPD- constructive feedback and giving credit where it's due fosters our continued growth and improvement

Please feel free to attach additional pages and any supporting documentation such as training certificates, etc.

**The PRFPD Mission** is to preserve and protect life and property in our Upper Rogue community.

**The PRFPD Vision** is to advance public safety by providing emergency response, community education and prevention programs.

*Please provide examples of action(s) you completed this month that directly supports the PRFPD Mission and/or Vision.*

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**The PRFPD Values are:**

**P**rofessionalism **R**espect **O**bjectivism **S**ervice **P**reparedness **E**thics **C**ommunity **T**eamwork

*Please provide example(s) of instances where you personally exhibited these values in the past month.*

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Any constructive feedback or kudos you'd like to share?

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# Current Needs



**WE WANT YOU!**

*Curious?*

*See Chief Neville!*

*Come check out a training night!*

**Responding Volunteers-** Execute emergency fire and/or medical response (training costs covered)

**Help with Specific Projects-** Improve LZs, address signs, fuels reduction needs, etc

**Special Scope Volunteers-**

- **Grant Writing/Administration**
- **IT Assistance-** streaming/recording meetings, troubleshooting
- **Website/Facebook page Management**
- **Staff tables at special events**
- **Construction and/or building maintenance**
- **Vehicle maintenance**
- **Supplies/Inventory Management**
- **Janitorial/Cleaning**
- **Community Coordinators-** FireWise program, youth programs, etc
- **Fundraising**

# OPEN FORUM...!



Be Respectful

Avoid Interruptions

Identify and clarify misunderstandings

Assume and ensure positive intent

# **That's All, Folks!**

*If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the Prospect Rural Fire Protection District, please contact Jesse Brownlee at [jesse.brownlee14@gmail.com](mailto:jesse.brownlee14@gmail.com)*