

# House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Oregon State Fire Marshal

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## Our Mission

To protect people, property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials.

## Our Values

Integrity: *We believe in being honest, fair, and doing the right thing in everything we do.*

Dedication: *We are committed to performing our work the best we can in support of our mission, our customers, our stakeholders, the public, and each other.*

Leadership: *We are committed to be a leader in the Oregon fire service, to lead our organization, and lead ourselves as individuals in our day to day work.*

Partnerships: *We believe our success and the success of others depends on collaboration with our stakeholders.*

Service to Others: *We believe that serving others is a cornerstone of our mission, our day to day work and is all inclusive.*





# Agency Structure

## Fire and Life Safety Education

- Programs and services to reduce fire impacts to people and property
- Uses data and methods of prevention to reduce fire
- Practitioners in the field supporting communities and fire service
- Data collection and research

## Regulatory Services

- Community Right to Know-Hazardous Materials Storage
- Fireworks
- Cardlock Program
- Self-Serve Fueling

## Fire and Life Safety Services

- Oregon Fire Code
- Defensible space program
- Regional staff to support fire service agencies and communities
- Fire Investigation

## Emergency Response Services

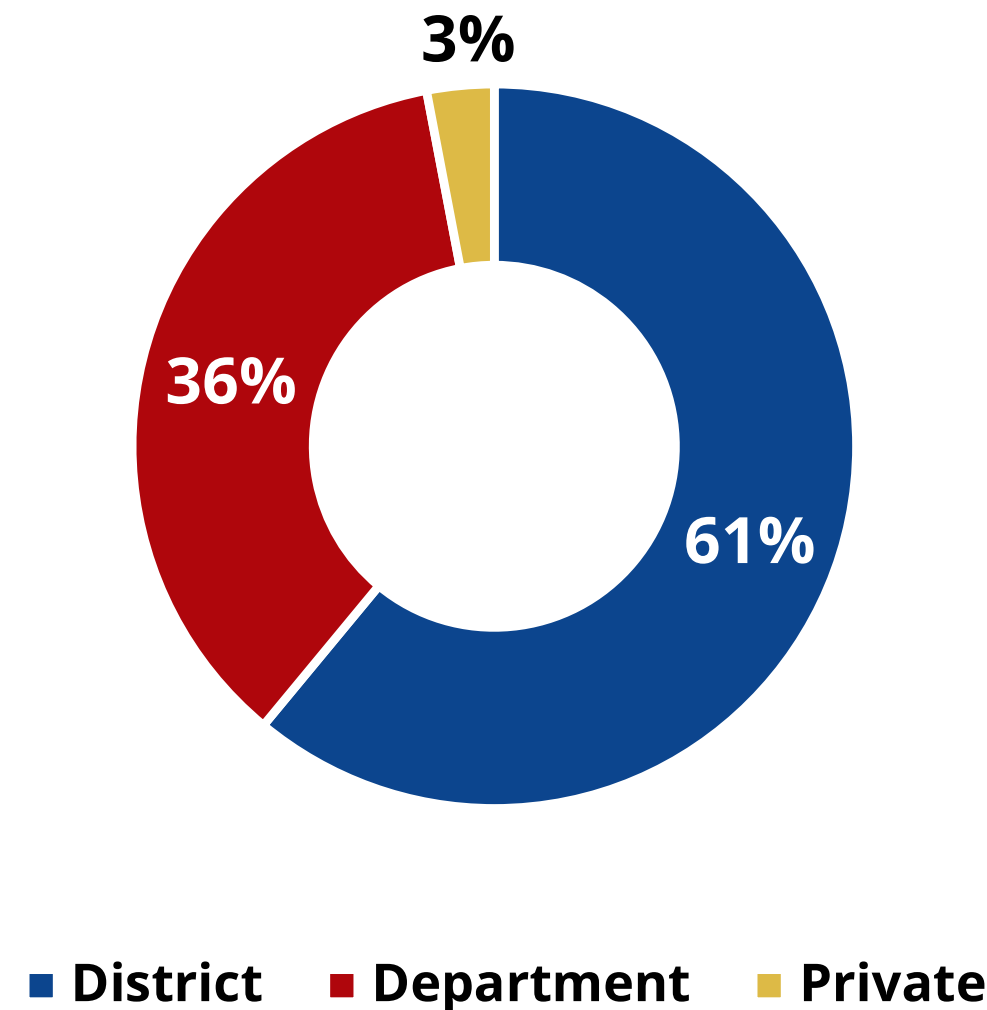
- Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System
- Incident Management Teams
- Conflagration Mobilizations
- Regional HazMat Teams
- Oregon Structure Assessment Program

# Oregon Fire Service by the Numbers

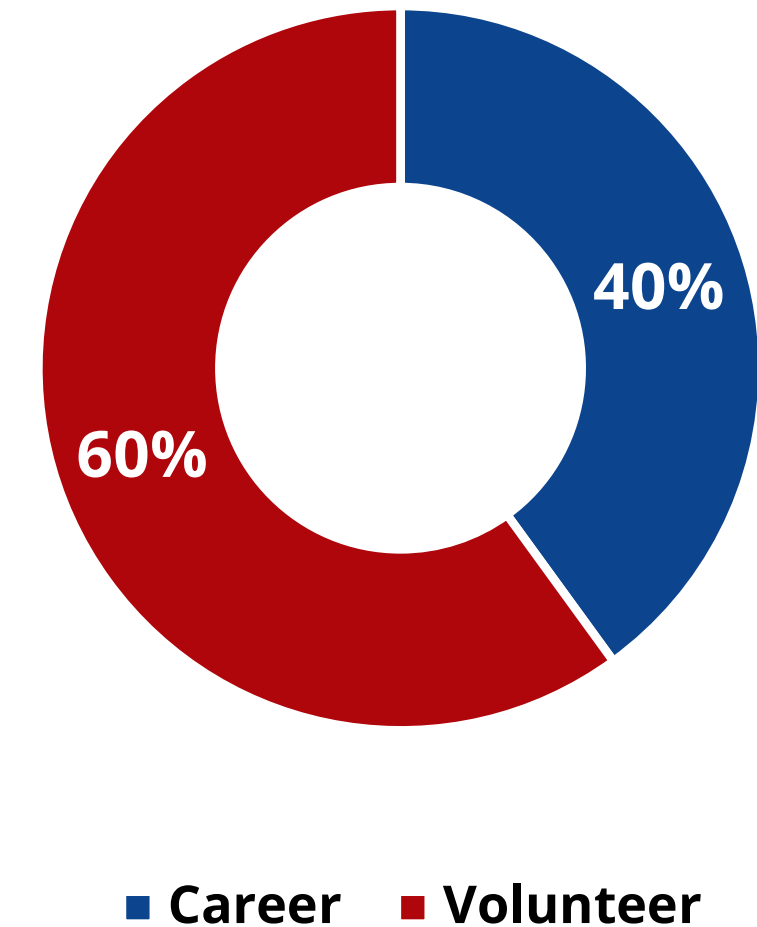
Agency data used in this presentation was compiled from agency submitted data either directly to OSFM or to industry affiliated websites.

Agency classification & composition data was available on **289** of the **306** active structural firefighting agencies.

## Fire Agencies by Type

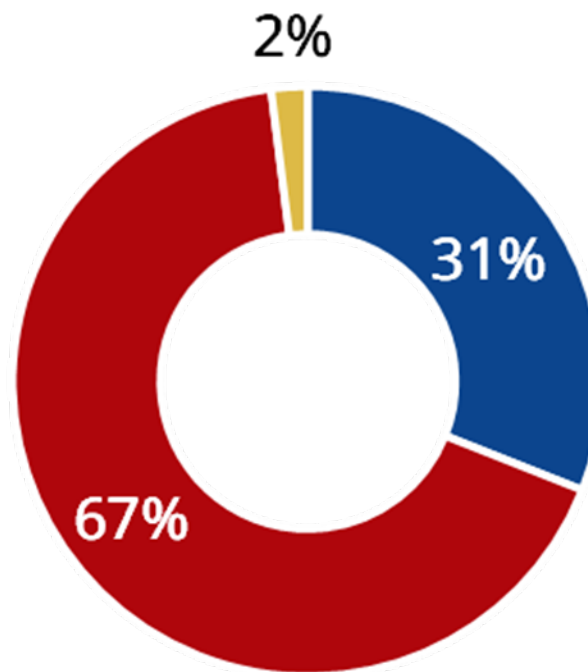


## Firefighters by Classification



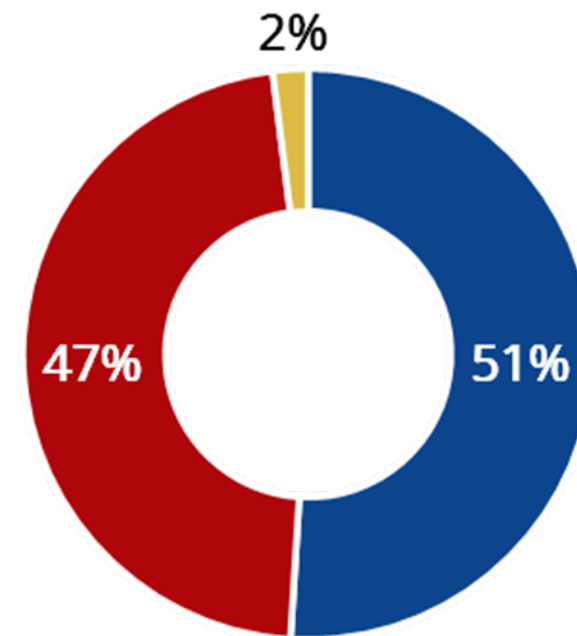
# Oregon Fire Service by the Numbers

Career Firefighters  
by Agency Type



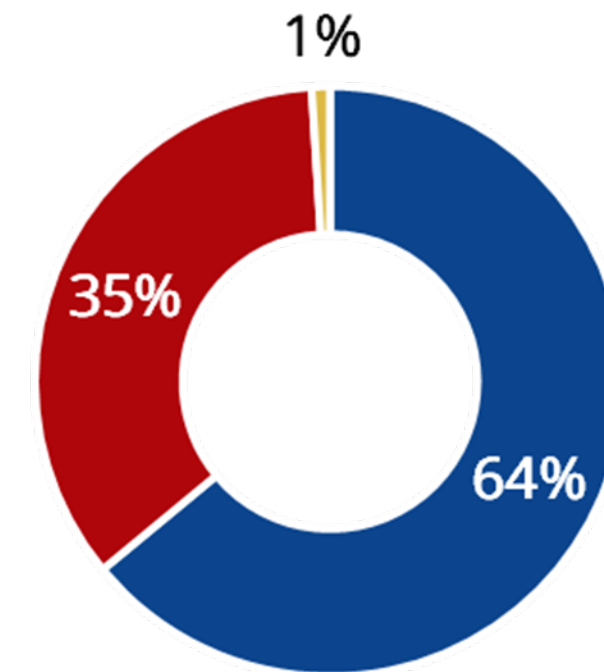
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All Firefighters by Agency Type



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Volunteer Firefighters  
by Agency Type



■ District ■ Department ■ Private



# Statewide Fire Statistics

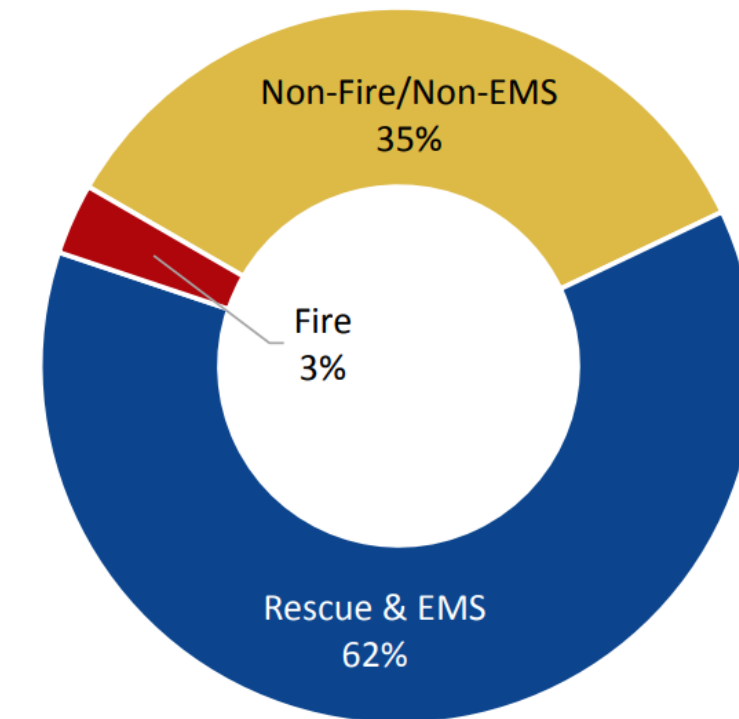
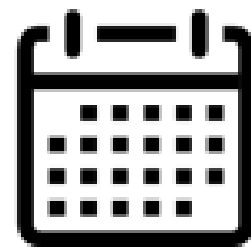
On average, a fire department in Oregon responds to:



a **fire** every **30 minutes**.  
a **structure fire** every **1 hour, 49 minutes**.  
a **house fire** every **6 hours, 9 minutes**.  
a **vehicle fire** every **3 hours, 27 minutes**  
an **outside fire** every **53 minutes**.

On average, fire in Oregon resulted in:

estimated **property loss** of \$576,000 every day.  
one **civilian death** every **5 days**.  
one **civilian injury** every **3 days**.  
one **firefighter injury** every **5 days**.



#### Non-Fire/Non-EMS Incident Types

Good intent call  
Service call  
False call or false alarm  
Hazardous condition  
Special incidents  
Weather or natural disaster  
Overpressure

Total Incidents

**543,536**

Rescue & EMS



**338,786**

Non-Fire/Non- EMS



**187,303<sup>1</sup>**

Fire

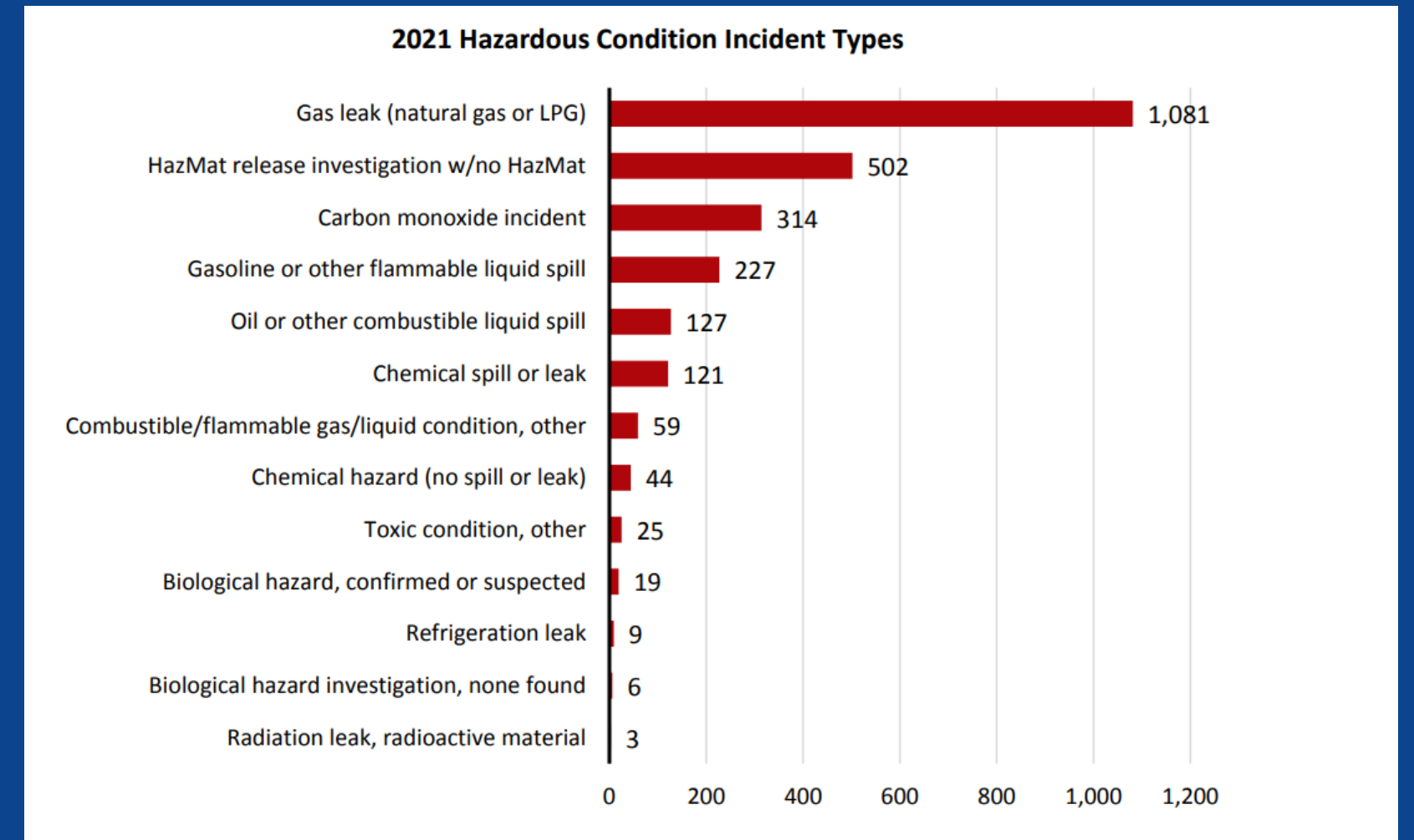
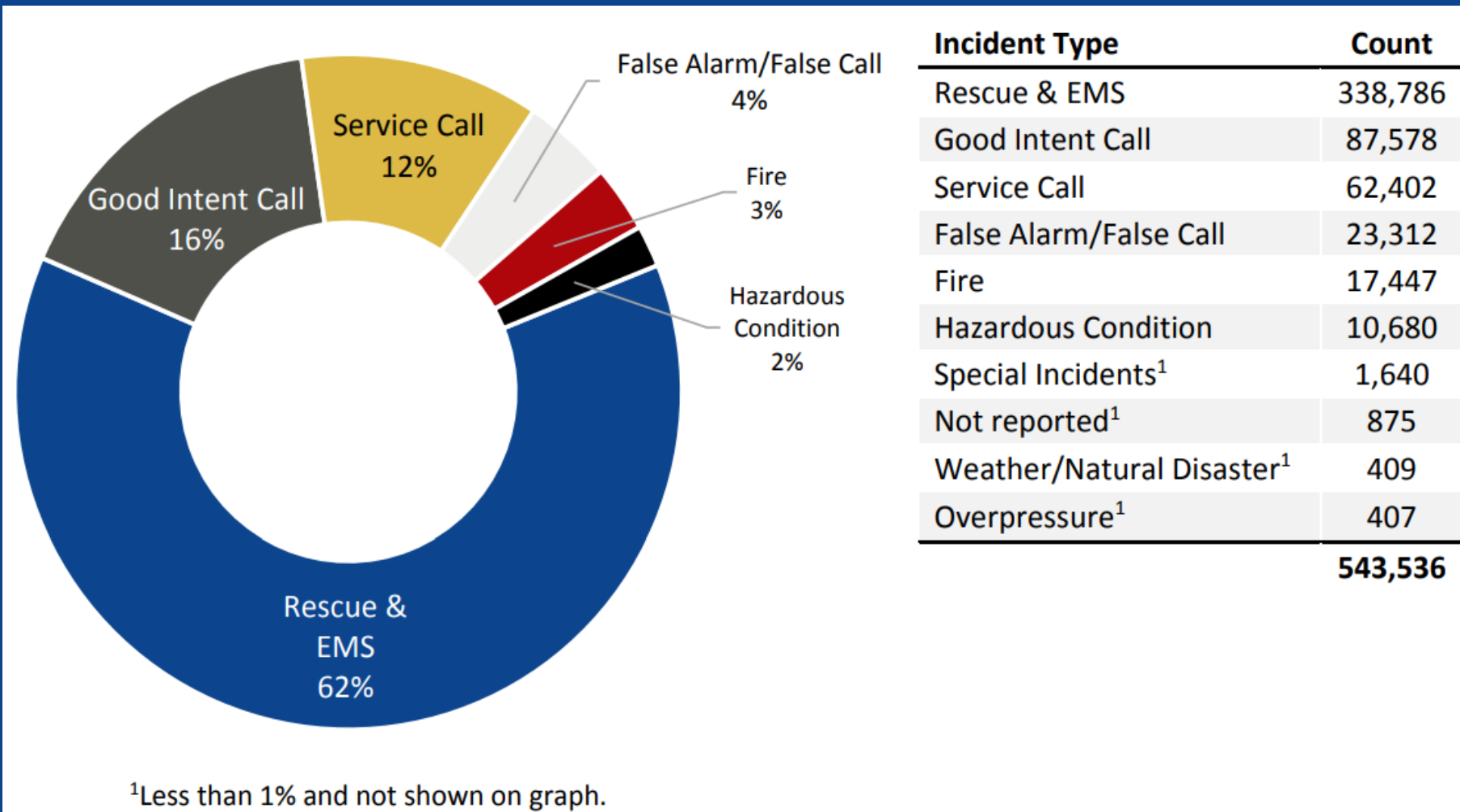


**17,447**

#### Previous Year Comparison

	2020	2021	Change
Total Fire Incidents	14,980	17,447	+16%
Total EMS & Rescue Incidents	276,072	338,786	+23%
Total Non-Fire/Non-EMS & Rescue Incidents	157,217	187,303	+19%
Total Incidents Reported	448,269	543,536	+21%

# Statewide Statistics



Casualties & Dollar Loss Historical	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Yr Change	
Estimated Dollar Loss (millions)	\$170	\$158	\$143	\$200	\$216	+26%	
Estimated Residential Dollar Loss (millions)	\$107	\$80	\$82	\$95	\$110	+8%	
Fire-Related Fatalities	59	66	47	51	66	0%	
Fire-Related Civilian Casualties	262	248	270	223	261	-4%	
Fire-Related Fire Service Casualties	125	120	87	175	118	+12%	

# HB 2927 History & OSFM Structure

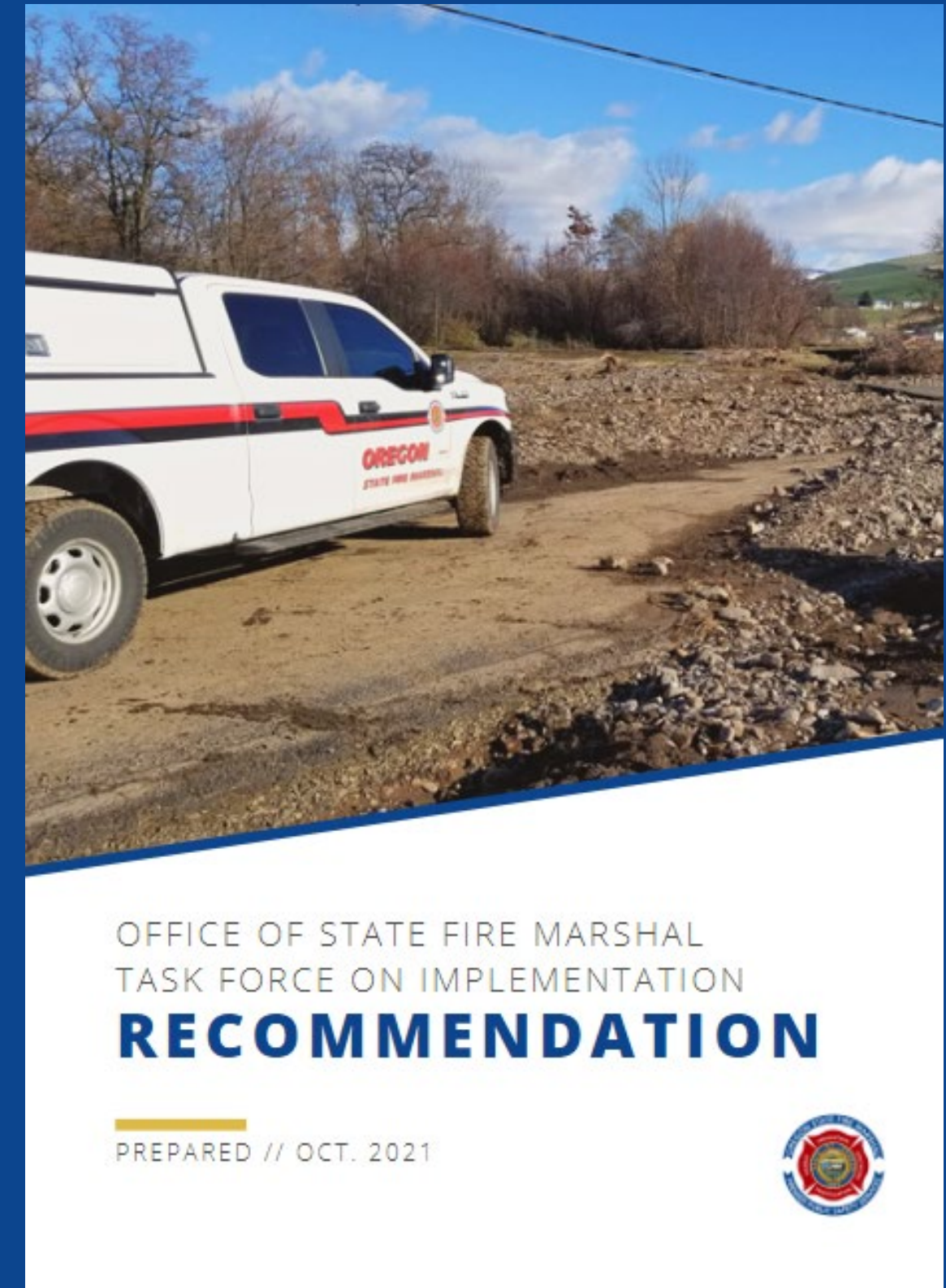
- 1993 OSFM placed under authority of OSP
- Current Structure places OSFM as a Bureau within OSP
- A few factors in the past 2 decades led to a shift:
  - Population growth
  - Acute increased risk to Oregonians
  - Have equal representation on fire and life safety issues
- National shift away from consolidated public safety organizations to equal and distinct public safety agencies.





# HB 2927 Agency Transition Taskforce

- HB 2927 codified in June 2021 Legislative Session
- Created a taskforce to examine the need for OSFM to be an independent agency.
- Taskforce report completed and presented to the Legislature on **November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
- Affirmed the recommendation of OSFM as a stand-alone agency.
- OSFM brought project manager on job rotation to begin the transition.
- Submitted a letter with funding request for Special Purpose Appropriation in February 2022.





# Transition Looking Forward

- Focused on finalizing the pieces for a full transition by July 1, 2023
- Final key positions onboard
- Submitted a budget at Current Service Level
- Finalize business services transition
- Finalize contract for General Headquarters and satellite location
- Website Transition

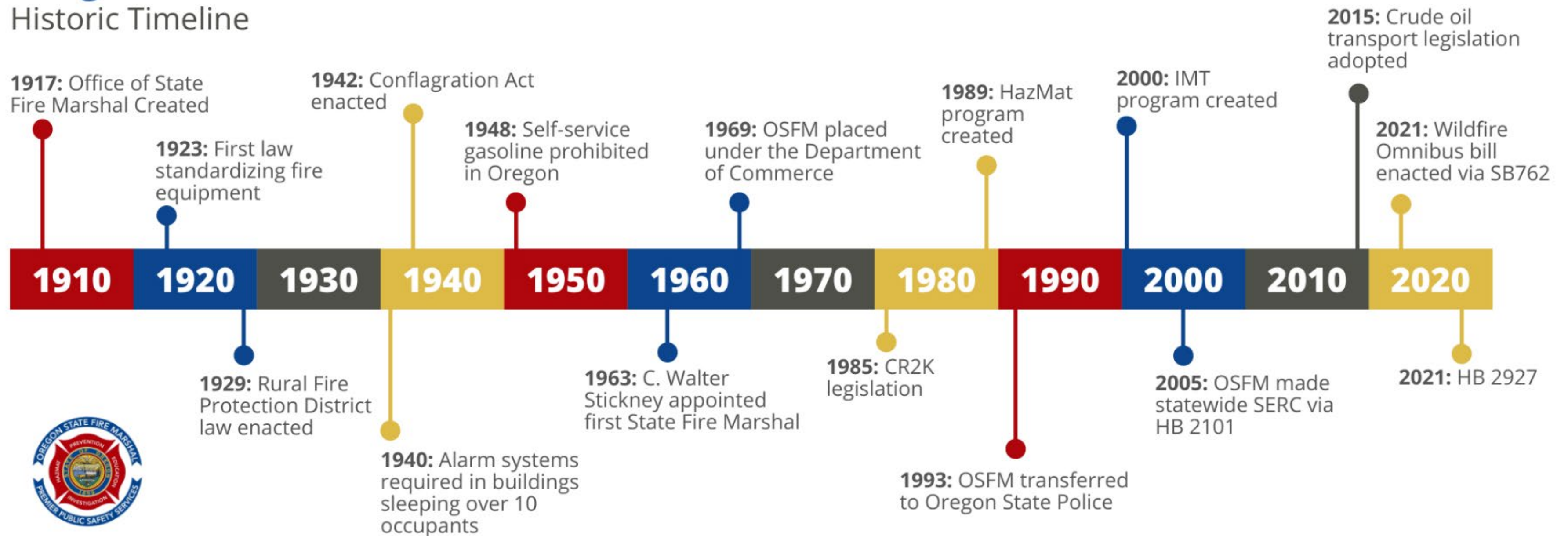




# History of OSFM

## Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

### Historic Timeline







# Senate Bill 762 Programs

## Community Risk Reduction Program

- Fire Adapted Oregon
- Grant programs for community preparedness staffing capacity, vegetation, landowner
- Statewide defensible space program

## Response Ready Oregon

- Pre-positioning
- Immediate response
- Grant programs for staffing capacity, equipment, apparatus, and training.





## OSFM Wildfire Program

# Grant Opportunities

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Wildland-Urban Interface Readiness Grant

Closed - \$4.9 million awarded

Defensible Space Incentive Grant

Closed - \$271,000 awarded

Wildfire Season Staffing Grant

Closed - \$6 million awarded

Wildfire Training Program

Closed - \$250,000 awarded

Engine Program

Closed – \$25 million

Oregon Fire Service Capacity Program

Closed – \$12 million

Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant

Open for Applications - \$18 million

Tribal Investments

Winter 2022/2023

2023 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant

Spring 2023

Defensible Space - Public Assistance Grant

Spring 2023

Wildland-Urban Interface 2.0 Grant

Fall 2023



# Looking to the Future

- Focused on a successful transition from Office to Agency
- Durable and sustainable investments in wildfire initiatives to ensure success
  - Response
  - Community Risk Reduction
- Large fire funding



Questions?

Briefing