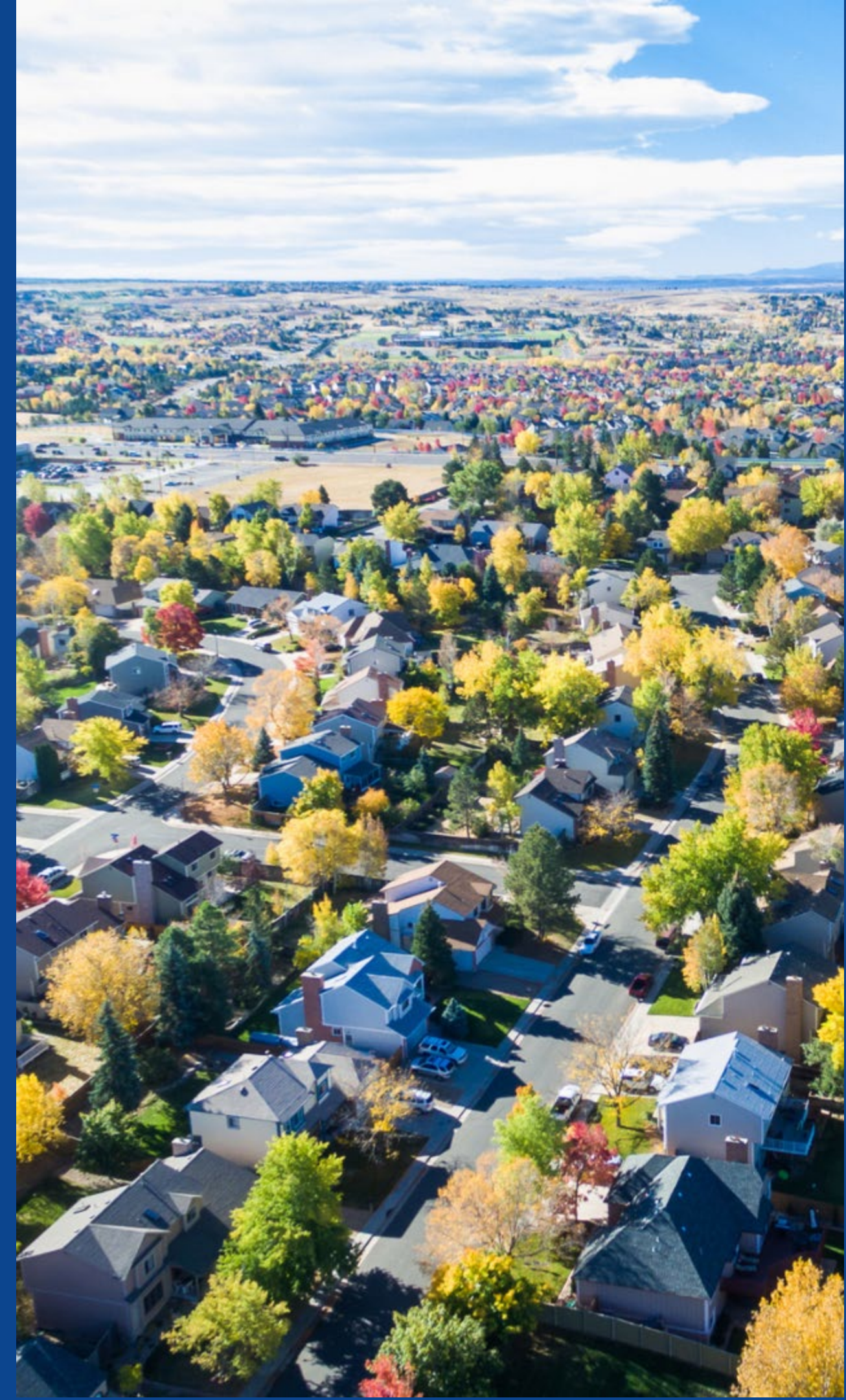


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Department of the State Fire Marshal

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Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System

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- 11,000 firefighters
- 304 fire agencies
- 7 Regional Mobilization Coordinators

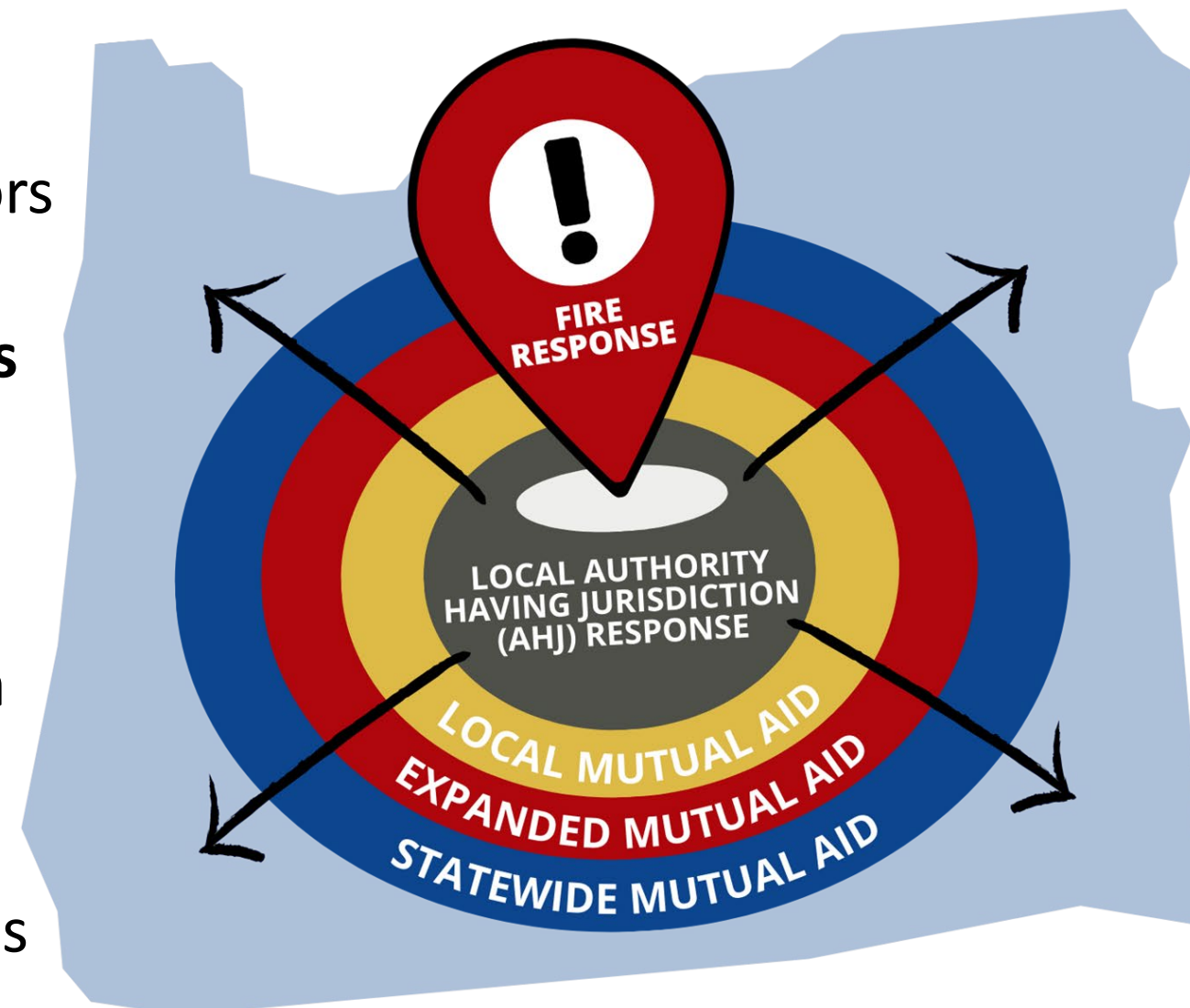
Oregon's 33 Fire Defense Board Chiefs

- Annual training
- Annual mobilization drill

Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan

- All Hazards

Oregon's method to mobilize resources when an incident exceeds local capability. This system has been in place for 70 years.



1. LOCAL RESPONSE

Initial attack by AHJ or nearby agencies.



2. LOCAL MUTUAL AID

Local agency agreements used to bring in partners from neighboring jurisdictions.



3. EXPANDED MUTUAL AID

Local agency agreements which may be county wide or inter-county used to bolster capability.



4. STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID

Conflagration or other state-level response by resources mobilized by the State Fire Marshal.



5. INTERSTATE MUTUAL AID

State-level agreements allowing resources from other states to respond.

ORS 476.590 Mobilization Plan

AUTHORITY

Emergency Conflagration Act

- ORS 476.510 to 476.610 and 476.990(4)

State of Emergency

Department of Emergency Management

- ORS 401.055 to 401.155

Structural Collapse

- ORS 401.930 assignment by Governor of local resources under direction of the State Fire Marshal

SCOPE

All Hazards Plan

- Mobilize fire resources to any incident beyond local fire service capabilities
- Covers the entire state
- Plan assumes prior existence of mutual aid agreements
- Mob Plan may be used separately from Conflagration Act
 - Reimbursement by OSFM for responding resources is assured only when Governor invokes the Conflagration Act

Statutory Authority & Responsibility

ORS 476.510 Emergency Conflagration Act

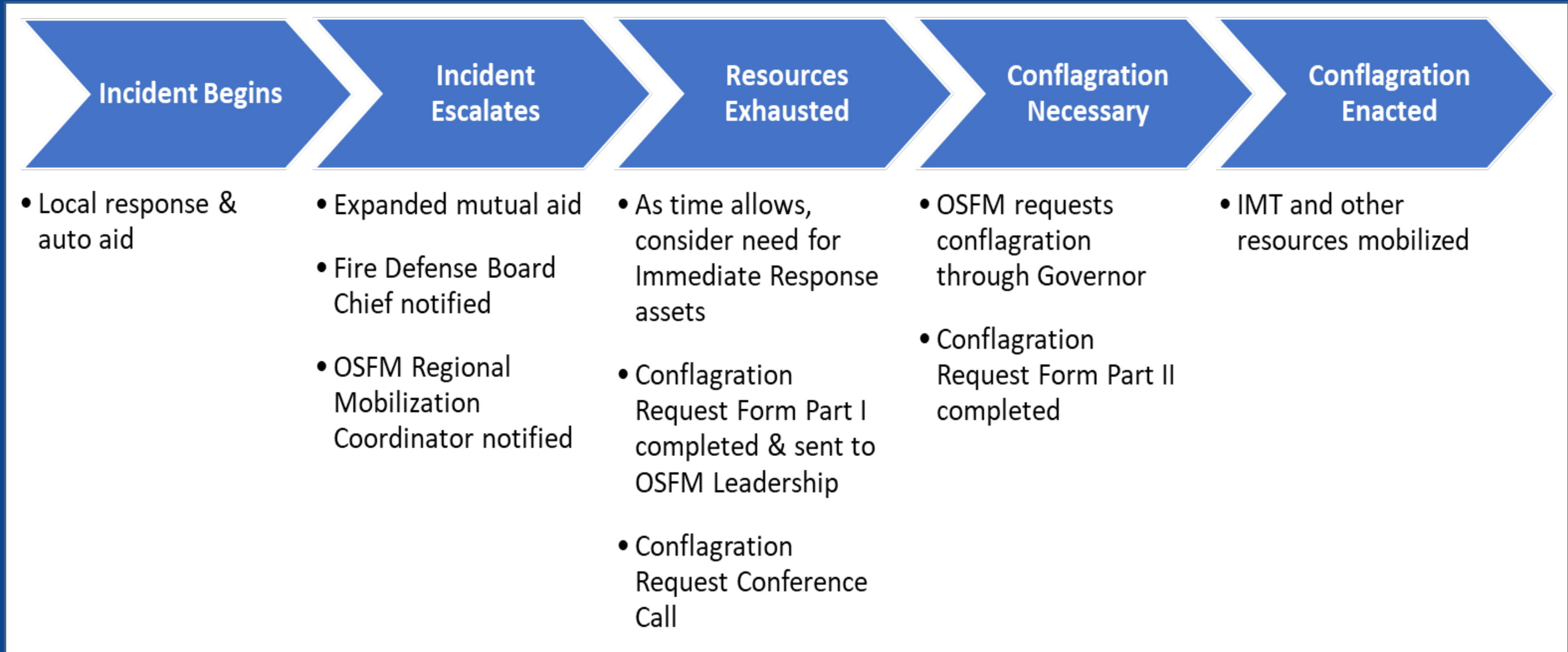
ORS 476.520

The Governor may assign and make available for use and duty in any county, city or district, under the direction and command of an officer designated by the Governor for the purpose, any part of the fire-fighting forces and equipment of any fire-fighting organization in this state other than an organization that possesses only one self-propelled pumping unit. **The Governor may make fire-fighting forces and equipment available under this section in response to fire, a heightened danger of fire or a significant reduction in available fire-fighting resources.**

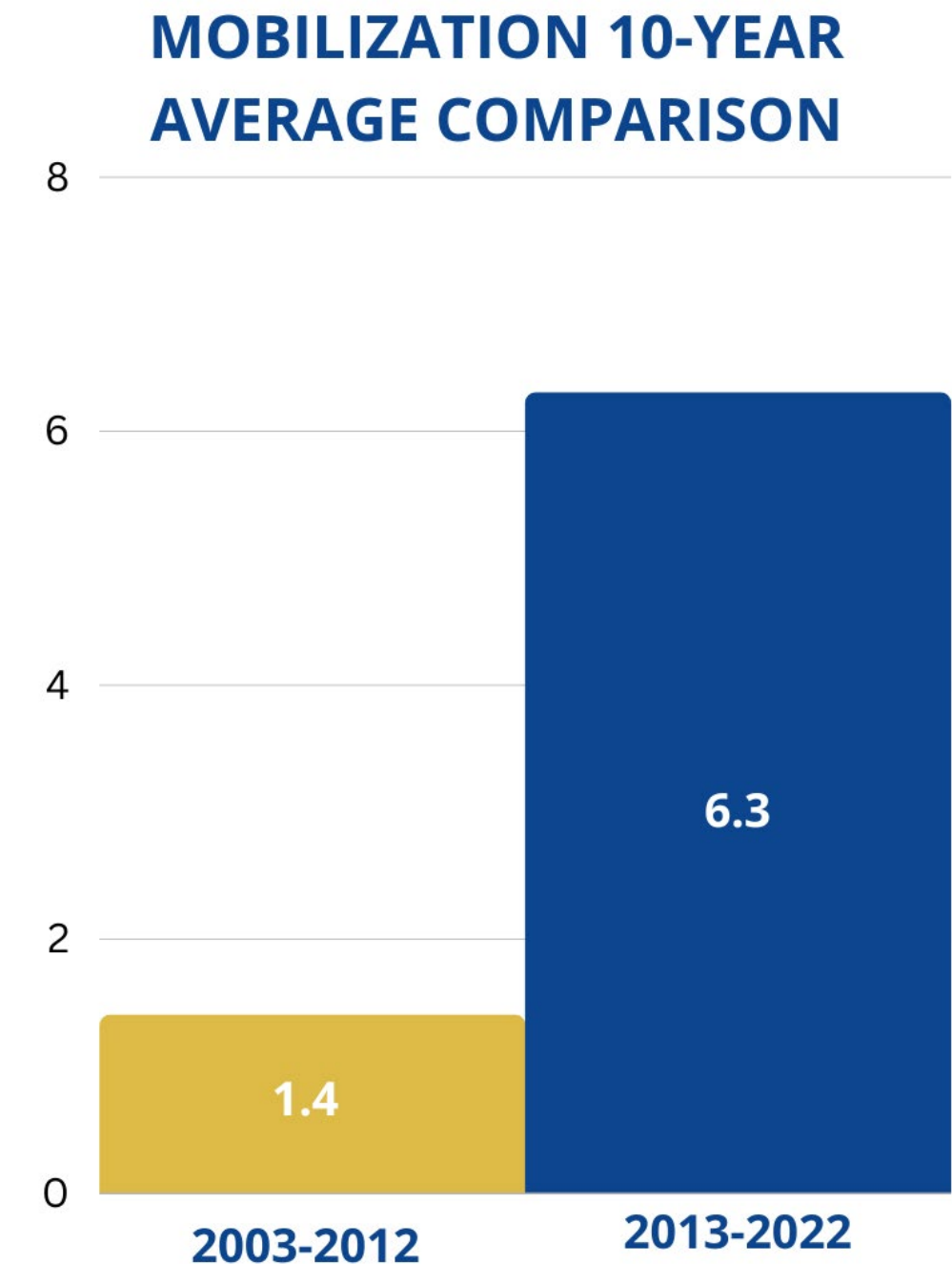
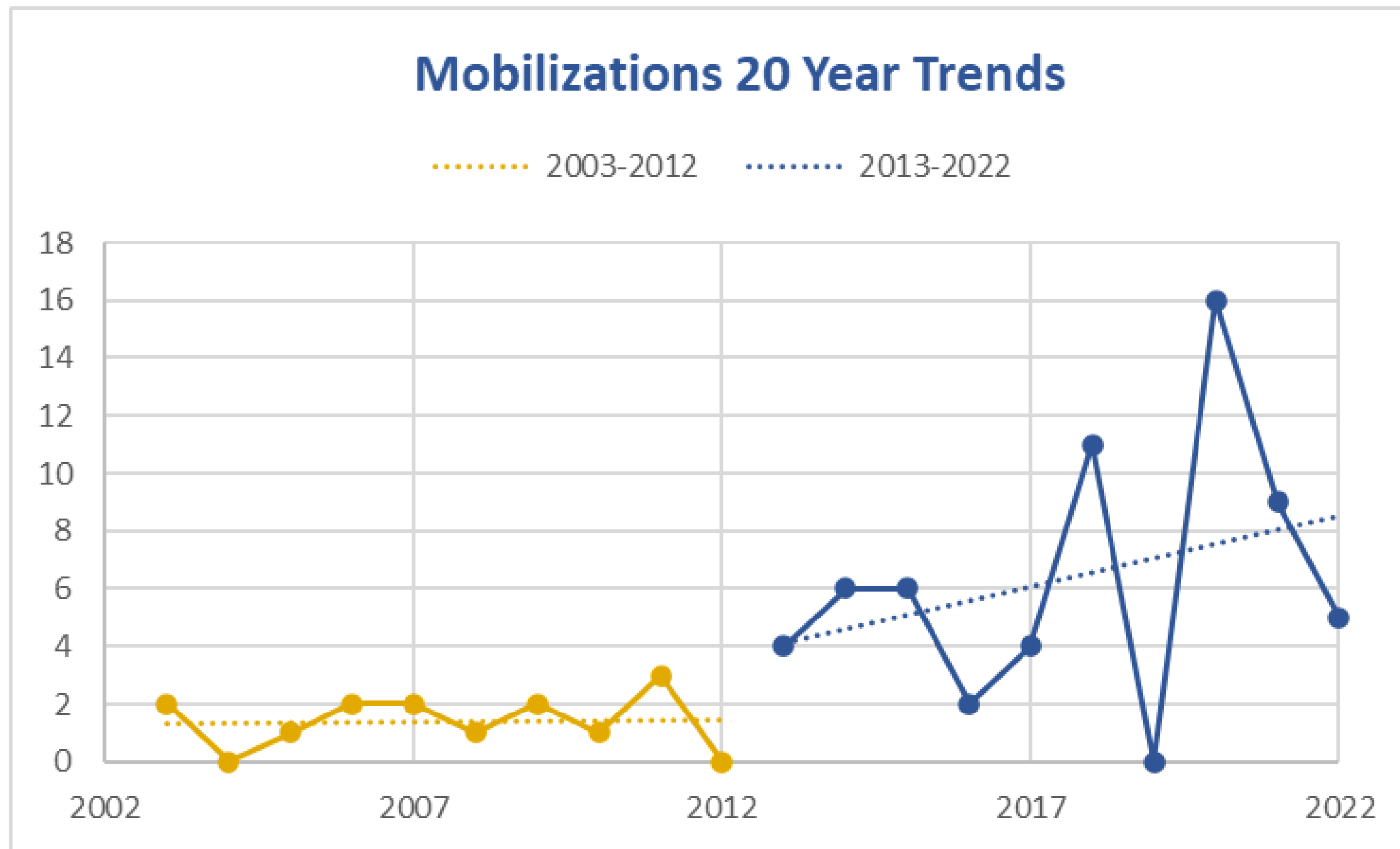
ORS 476.560

Whenever aid is supplied pursuant to ORS 476.520 (Governor authorized to assign fire-fighting forces and equipment) to 476.590 (Preparation of plans by State Fire Marshal), **the state shall reimburse the political subdivision supplying such aid for the compensation paid to employees supplied under ORS 476.520** (Governor authorized to assign fire-fighting forces and equipment) to 476.590 (Preparation of plans by State Fire Marshal) during the time the rendition of such aid prevents them from performing their duties in the political subdivision by which they are employed and shall defray the actual traveling and maintenance expenses of such employees while they are rendering such aid. "Employee" as used herein means, and the provisions of ORS 476.520 (Governor authorized to assign fire-fighting forces and equipment) to 476.610 (Payment of claims) apply with equal effect to, all firefighters, whether paid, volunteer or call.

Conflagration Process



20-Years of Mobilization Data



Conflagrations

2002 - 2022

- Conflagrations
- County Boundaries
- City Limits

Symbol Note:

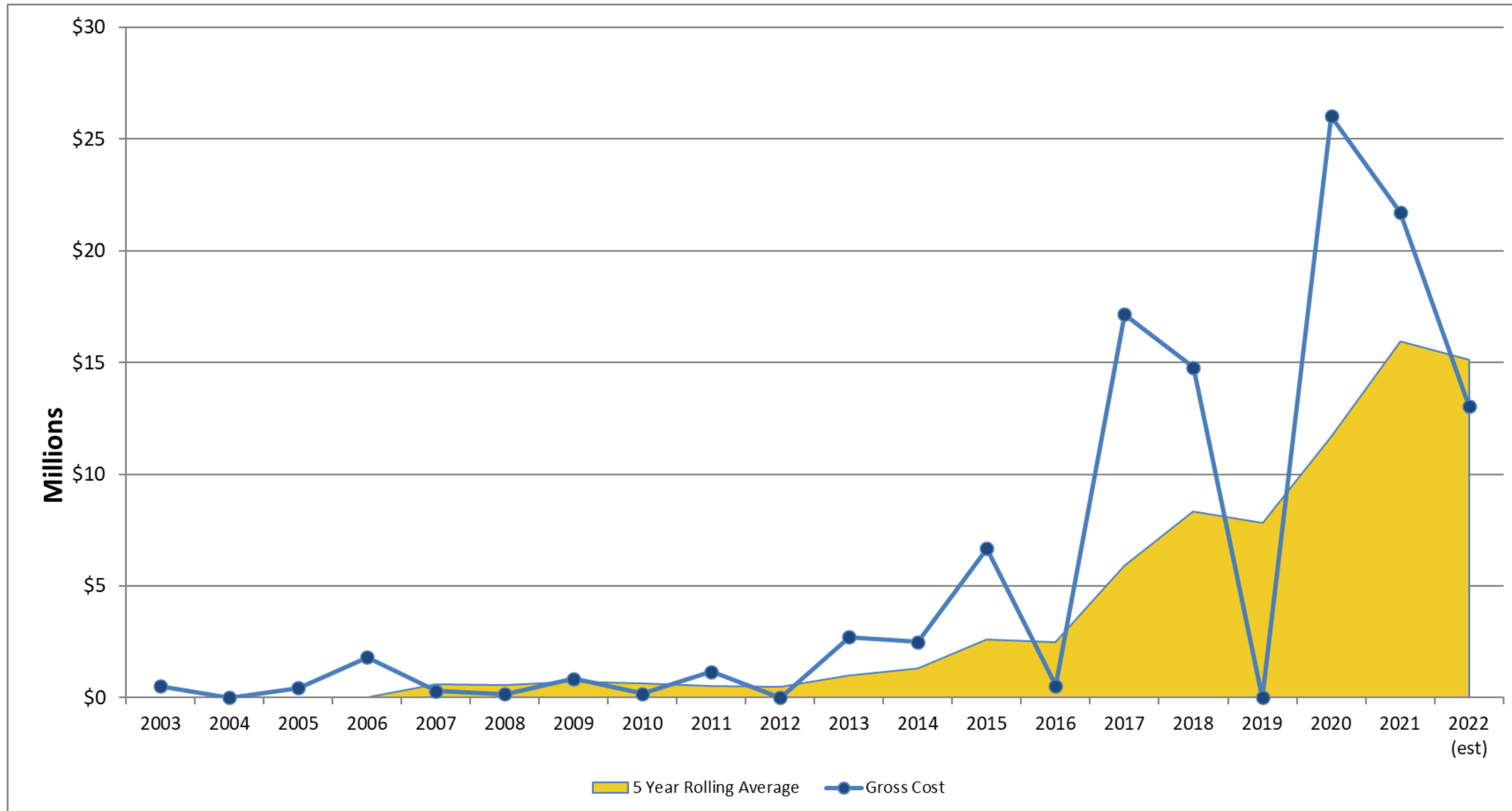
Conflagration extent is indicated with red fill coloring. Areas of overlap are shown with darker red coloring.

The orange outer ring is included to help make smaller conflagrations more visible.



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20 Years of Mobilization Costs



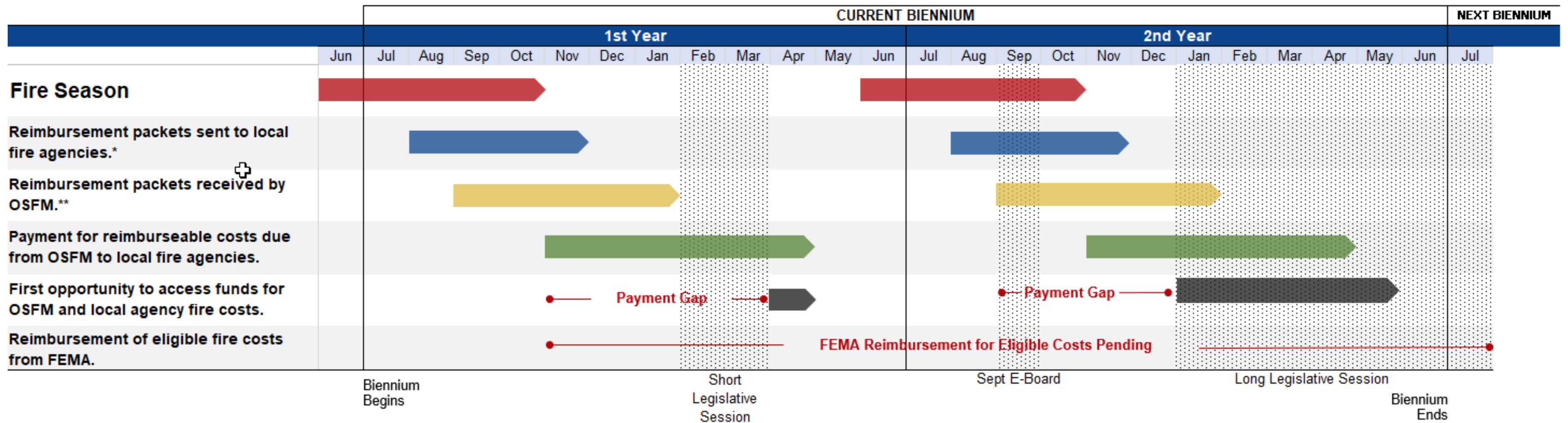
Current 5-year rolling
average cost:
\$15.1m per year



Mobilization Cost Challenges

- Wildfires are increasing in size, frequency and duration
- OSFM incurs cost of mobilizing local fire service to conflagrations.
- No designated line item in current budget
- Federal grants or E-Board are the current funding streams
- Key problem areas:
 - ✓ OSFM required to reimburse costs within 90 days
 - ✓ Local fire service holds state debt
 - ✓ Timelines the agency holds federal debt
 - ✓ Timelines the agency can request conflagration costs

Reimbursement Timeline



*Agencies must return packets to OSFM within 60 days of receipt.

**OSFM must pay Fire Agencies within 90 days of receipt of a completed packet.

FEMA's Role in Wildfire

Public Assistance Grant

- Labor Day Fires 2020
- Oregon's first & only wildfire public assistance grant

Fire Management Assistance Grant

- Criteria includes destroyed structures; threatened structures; land ownership; critical watersheds; resource availability; current fire conditions; economic impact.

Criteria has changed over time

- % of FEMA funding over time



Cost Mitigation Measures

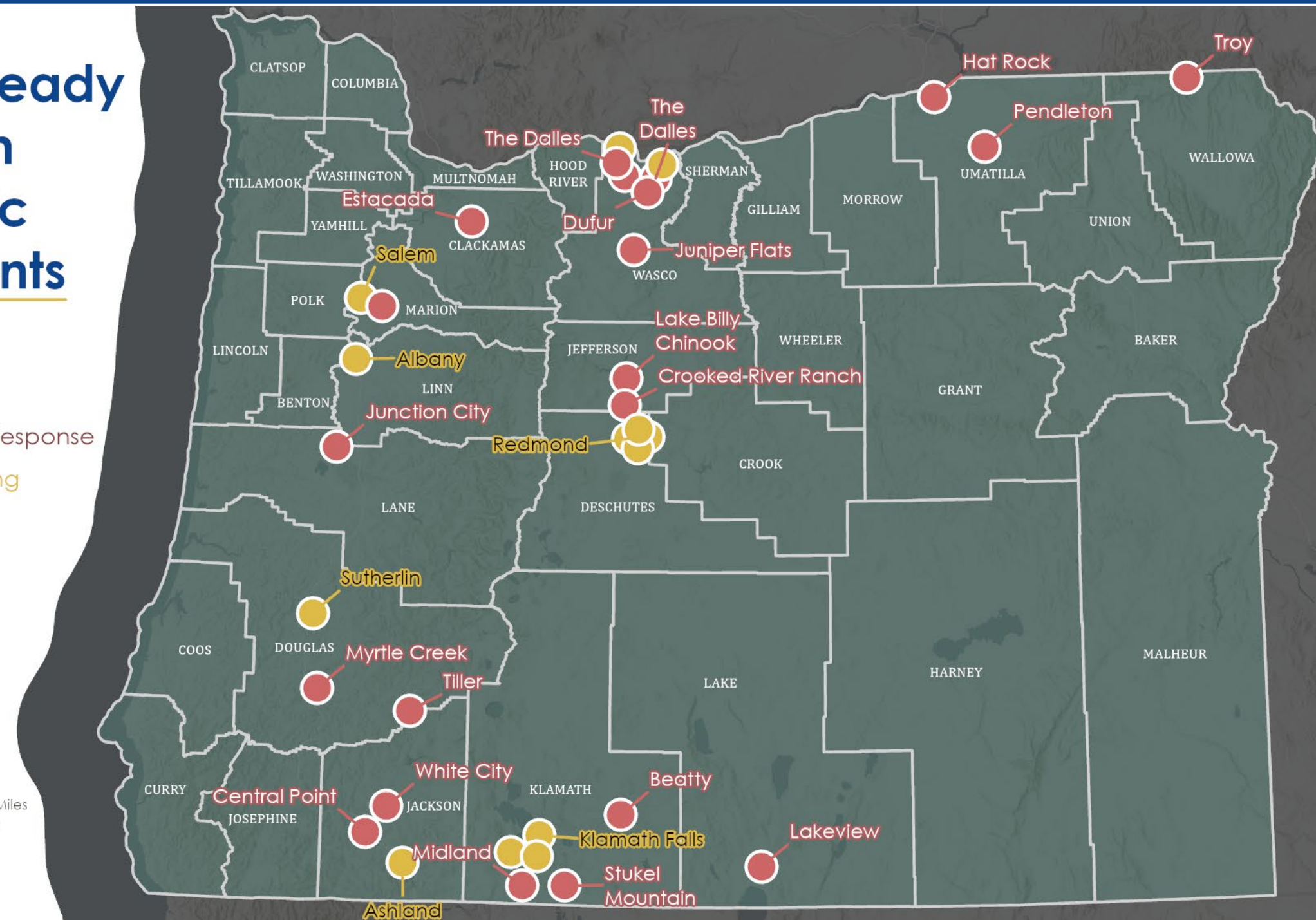
- Strategic investments to include upstaffing, engine program, capacity, apprenticeship, & equipment
- Immediate Response
- Pre-positioning
- Response Ready Oregon
- State Investments
- Technology



Response Ready Oregon Strategic Investments

2022

- Immediate Response
- Pre-Positioning



Thank you.

