

Oregon's Fire Service – serving and protecting our state

Oregon's fire service is comprised of rural fire protection districts and fire departments.

A rural fire protection district (RFPD) is created as a Special District under Oregon statute. RFPD's are governed by an elected Board of Directors in their jurisdiction and are subject to the requirements for fire service at the local, state and national level. An RFPD does not necessarily have to be based in a 'rural' community. In Oregon you can find a RFPD in urban and rural areas of the state.

A fire department is a city or county based fire agency. They operate under the jurisdiction of their local governmental leadership.

Oregon's fire service provides a wide variety of services – including:

- Vehicle extrication
- Fire/injury prevention
- Wildfire response and conflagration response for structural defense and defense of lives
- Basic Life Support
- Emergency Medical Services
- Technical rescue
- Urban search and rescue
- Public education
- Residential and commercial fire response
- Ambulance transport services

In Oregon there are over

300
fire districts
and departments
protecting Oregonians

94% of Oregon's
fire service registers as a
volunteer or career/volunteer
(combination) district or
department.

In 2021, Oregon's fire
service responded to

543,536
incidents including:

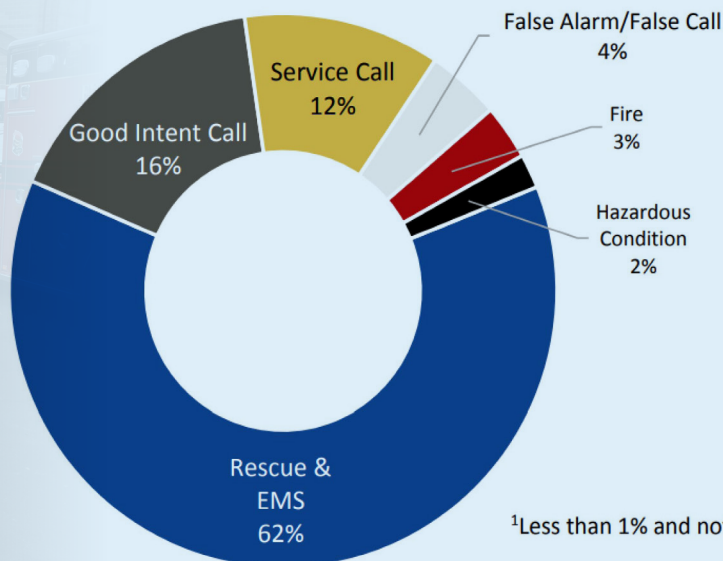
- Emergency Medical Services calls (EMS): 338,786
- Non-medical, Not fire calls: 187,303
- Fire calls: 17,477

There are over

11,000



fighters in Oregon. Approximately 60% are volunteer.



Incident Type	Count
Rescue & EMS	338,786
Good Intent Call	87,578
Service Call	62,402
False Alarm/False Call	23,312
Fire	17,447
Hazardous Condition	10,680
Special Incidents ¹	1,640
Not reported ¹	875
Weather/Natural Disaster ¹	409
Overpressure ¹	407
Total	543,536

¹Less than 1% and not shown on graph.



Fire fighters and EMS undergo a wide variety of training, certification and continuing education to provide services.

Volunteer Firefighters Characteristics

Average age = 43.4 years

New recruits (19% of volunteer firefighters) range from 16 to 70 years old.

16.5% female

Higher than the national average for women firefighters.

17.6% veterans

Higher than the percentage per population of the state (8%).

Oregon Fire Clock & Calendar for 2021

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.



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