



BUDGET PRESENTATION

2025-2027 BIENNIUM

Ways & Means Public Safety Subcommittee

Mariana Ruiz-Temple
State Fire Marshal



MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

A prepared, protected, and resilient Oregon.

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 DIVISIONS

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Emergency Response Services

Regulatory Services

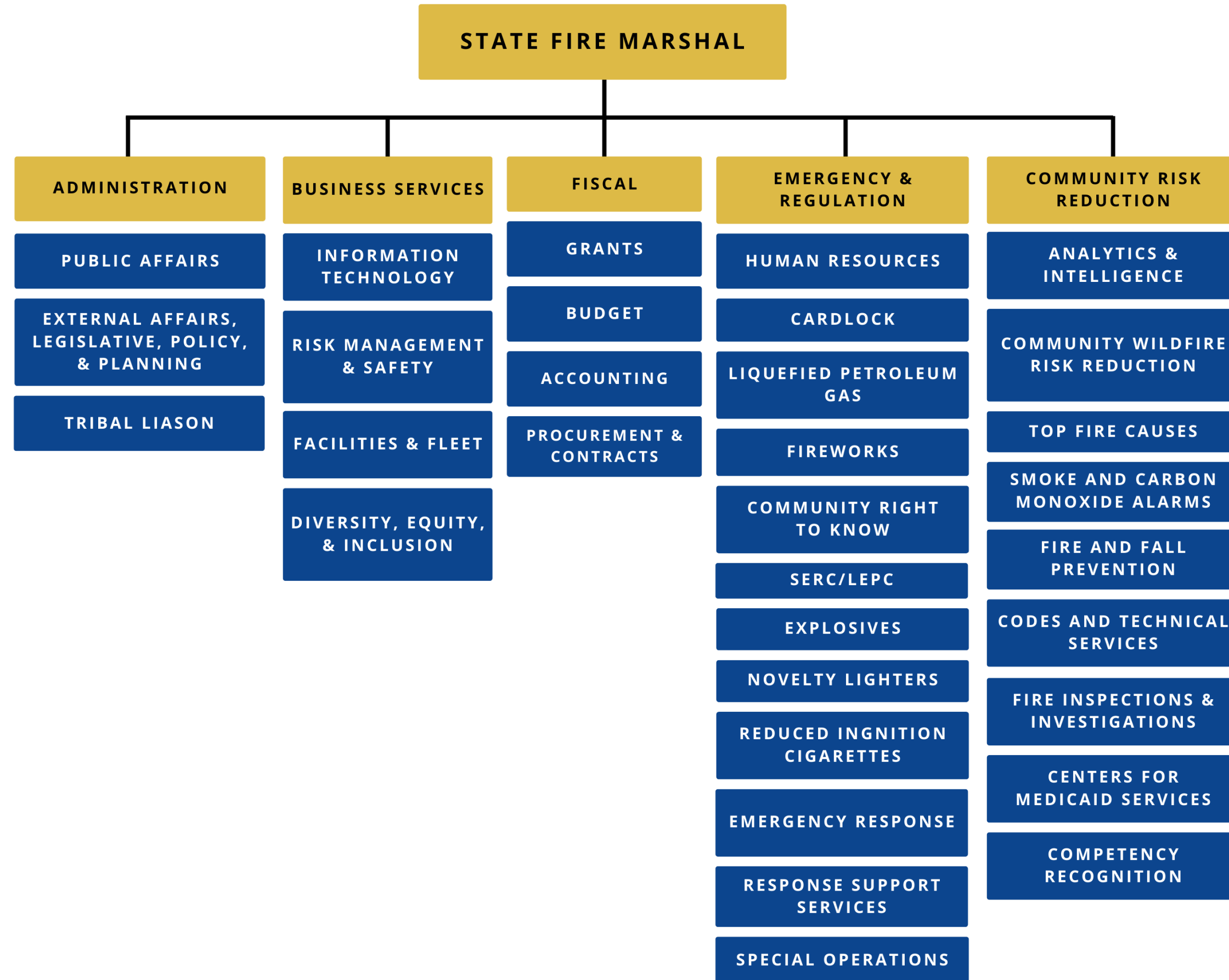
Fire & Life Safety Education

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Business & Fiscal Services



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





STRATEGIC GOALS

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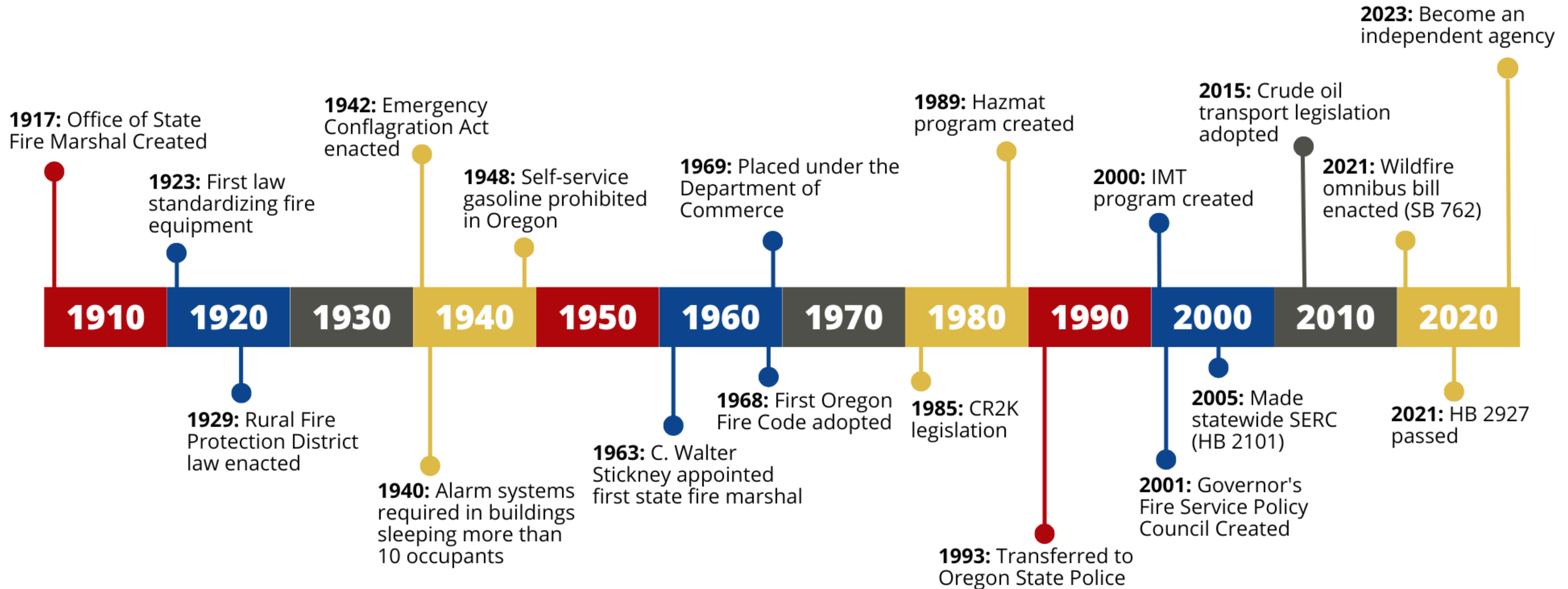
- Community & partner engagement
- Expand technology resources
- Diversity, equity, & inclusion
- Tribal partners
- Fiscal sustainability
- Leadership





HISTORICAL CONTEXT

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GOVERNORS FIRE SERVICE POLICY COUNCIL

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Provides advice and guidance on issues of common interest, policies, and affairs that affect the fire protection and life safety of the people of Oregon.

Membership (ORS 476.680)

- Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
- Oregon Fire District Directors Association
- Oregon Fire Marshals Association
- Property and casualty insurance providers
- Department of the State Fire Marshal employees
- Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
- Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association
- League of Oregon Cities
- Special Districts Association of Oregon *(new in SB 860)*
- A structural fire agency representative from a federally recognized Indian tribe *(new in SB 860)*
- The public





EMERGENCY RESPONSE DIVISION

Travis Medema

Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal



EMERGENCY RESPONSE DIVISION

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- Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System
- Incident management teams and Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- Fire service investments – Response Ready Oregon
- Hazardous materials programs

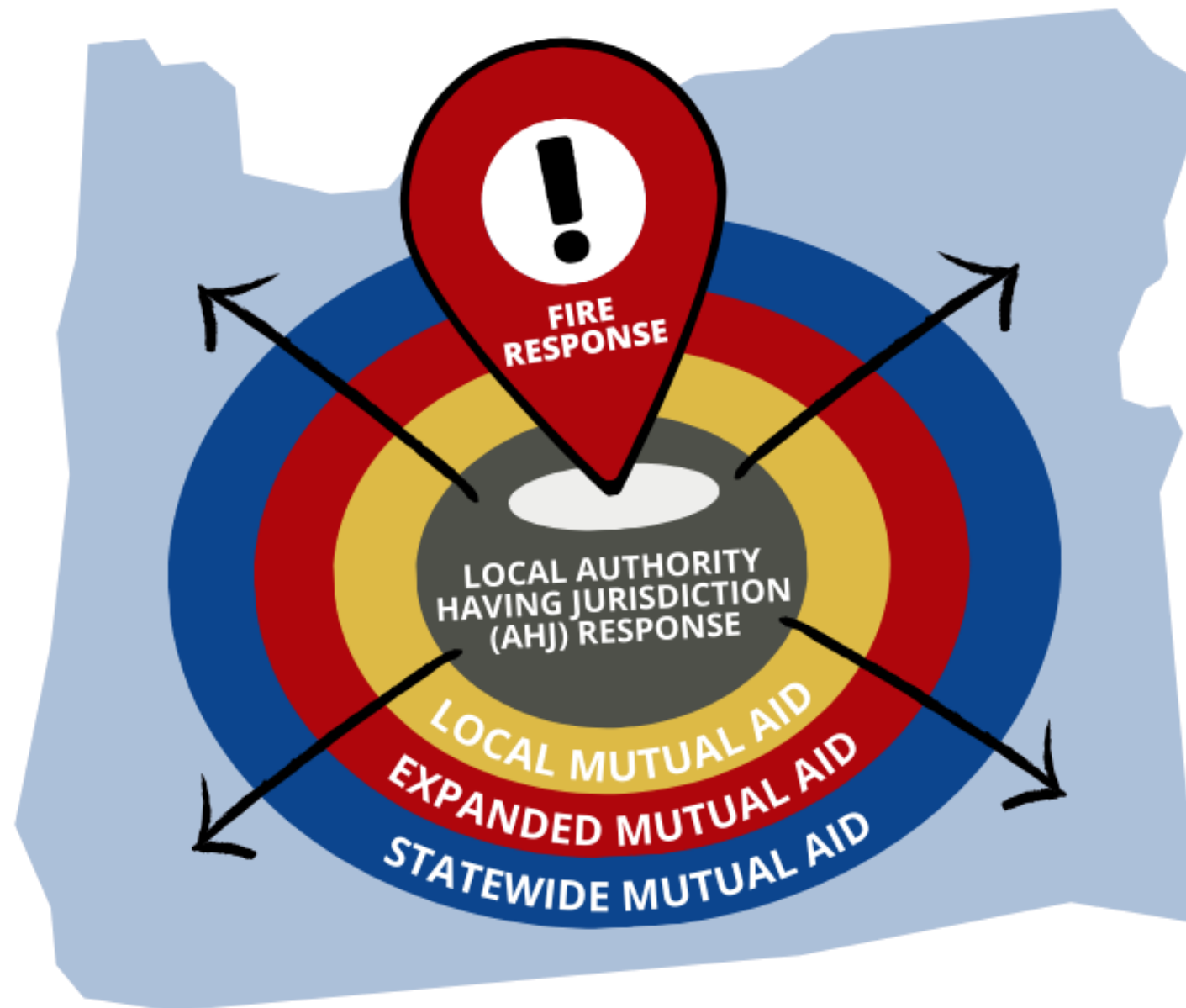
97% of Oregonians live within a local fire agency boundary





OREGON FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM

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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.

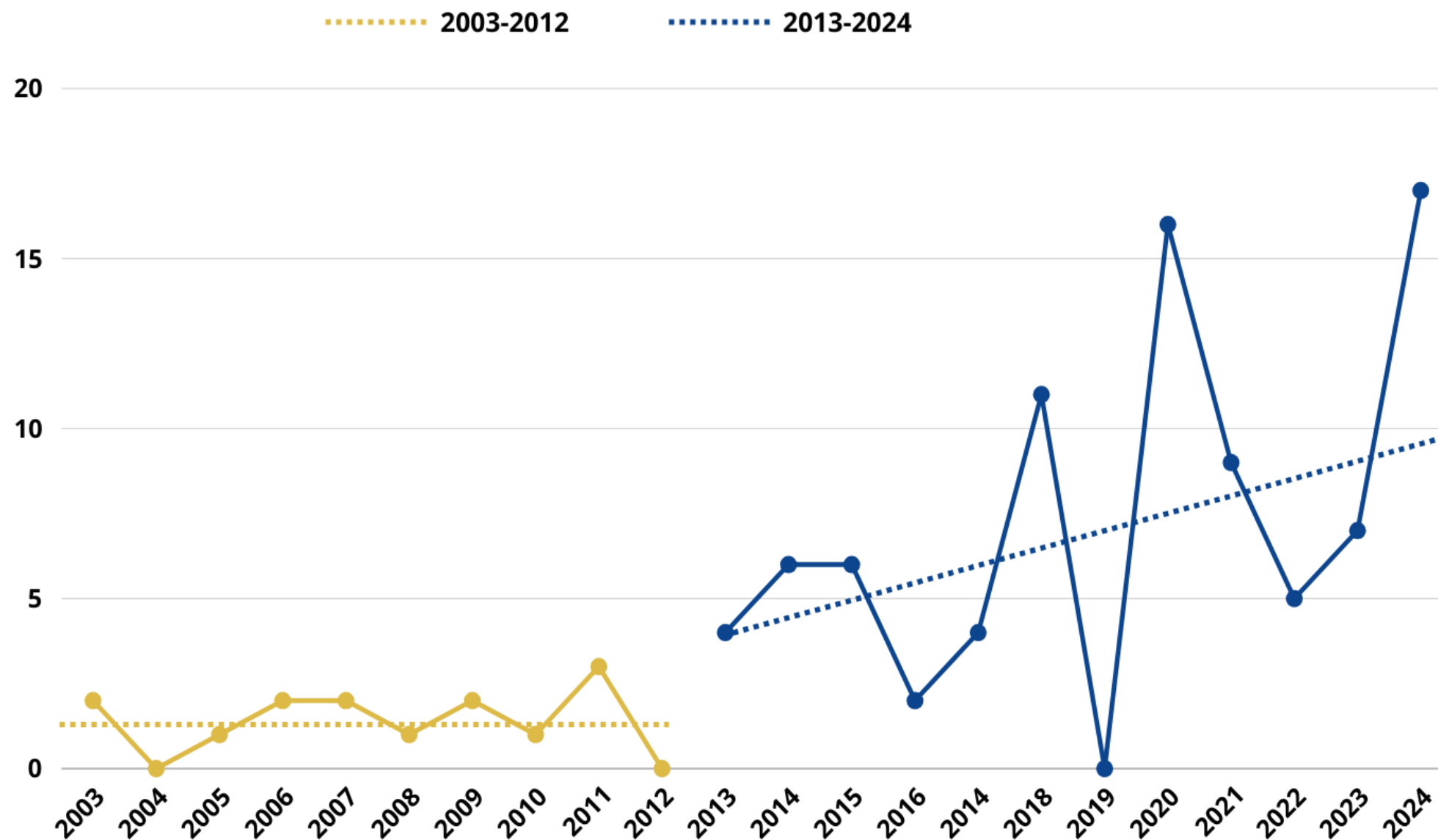


20-YEAR TRENDS

FIRE SEASON & CONFLAGRATIONS

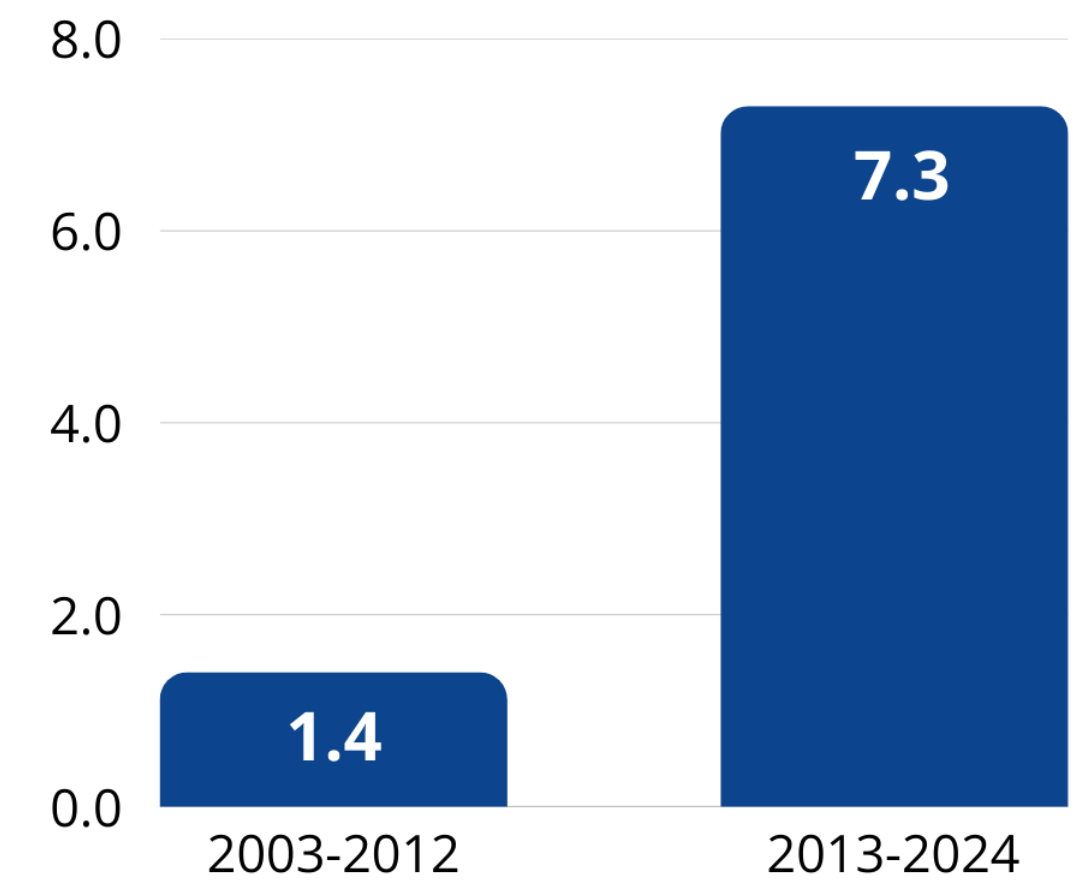
Conflagrations

20-year comparison



Mobilizations

10-year comparison





EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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Incident Management Teams

- Three highly-specialized and trained teams
- Staffed by the Oregon fire service
- All-risk, all-hazard
- Mobilized through the governor or local and interstate agreements

Emergency Management Compact Act (EMAC)

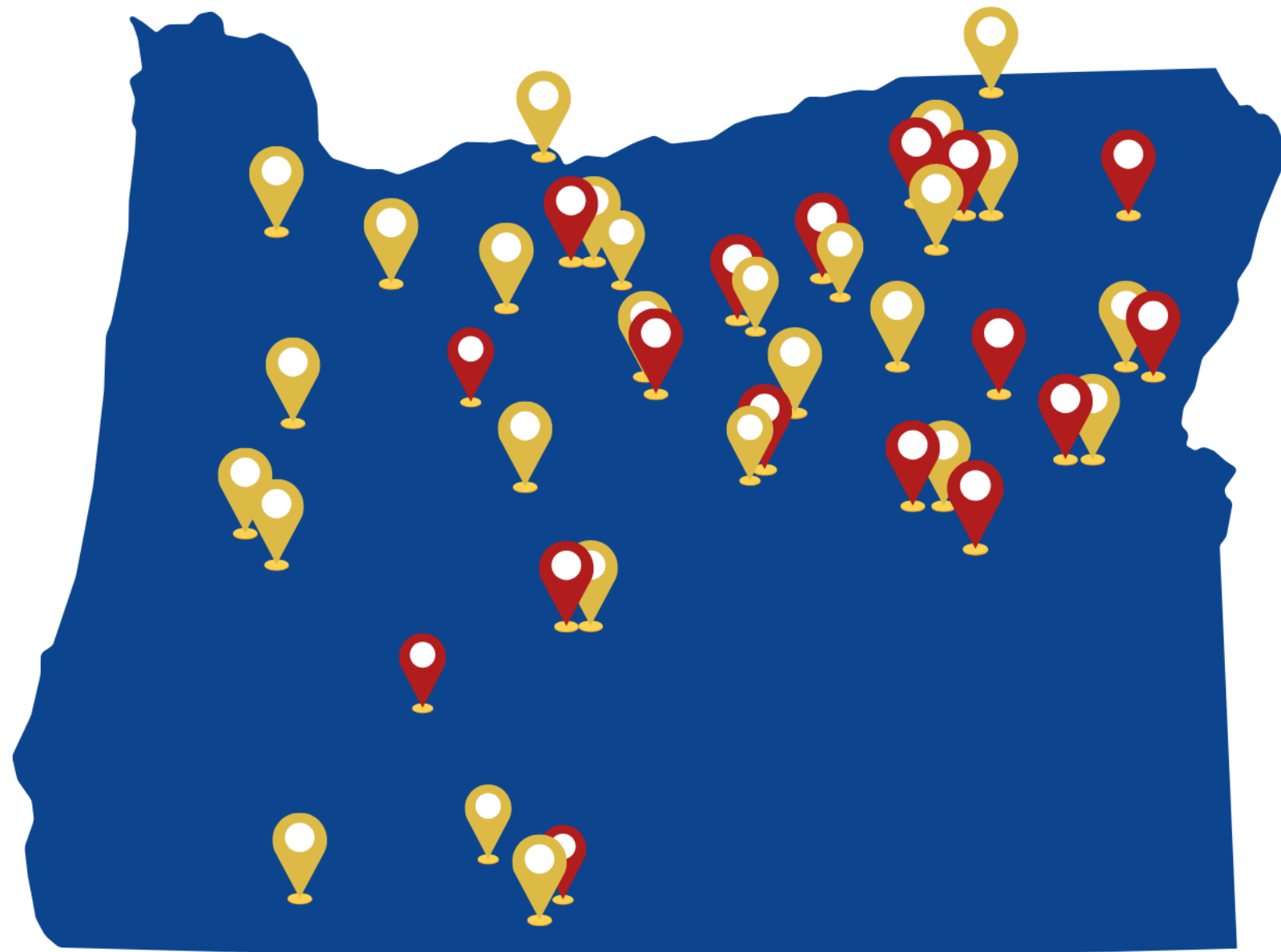
- **Hurricane Helene Response - North Carolina**
 - 8 incident management team staff
- **January California Wildfires**
 - 21 task forces with 370 firefighters
 - 105 engines & water tenders





2024 WILDFIRE SEASON

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 CONFLAGRATION  IMMEDIATE RESPONSE & PRE-POSITION

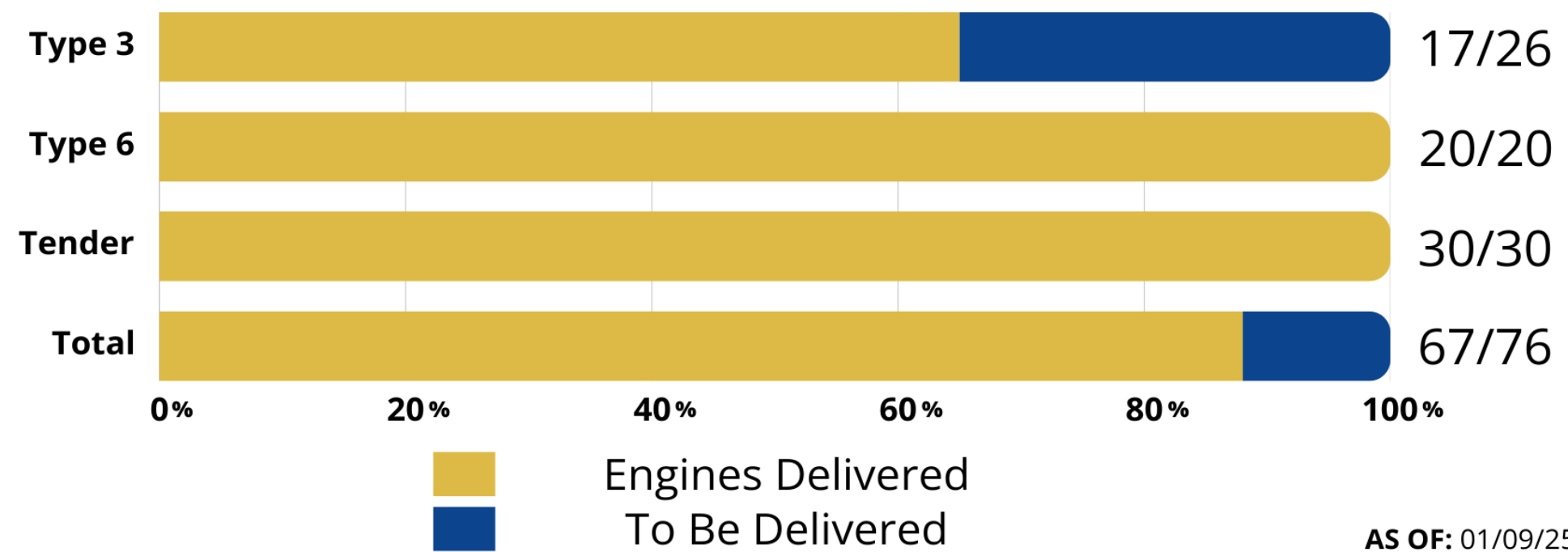
- 17 conflagrations
- 27 Immediate Response & Pre-Positioning assignments
- 88 Oregon task forces deployed



RESPONSE READY OREGON

ENGINE PROGRAM

OSFM ENGINE PROGRAM DELIVERY STATUS





RESPONSE READY OREGON

WILDFIRE SEASON STAFFING GRANT

2024: 192 local fire agencies & 1,596 firefighters funded

2023: 185 local fire agencies & 1,641 firefighters funded

\$6 million per year with significant return on investment

SUCCESS STORIES



"Our crews responded to a brush fire spreading in the I-5 median just north of Creswell, OR in the late afternoon. Temperatures and winds had the potential to spread this fire across I-5. South Lane Fire units responded with tender 202 attained through the **OSFM Engine Program**. This was the first deployment of the tactical tender on a live fire in the district. The pump and roll capability enhanced firefighter safety and helped us rapidly control this fire. The tactical tender was used instead of our type 3 engine, deployed to a conflagration at the time."

-South Lane County Fire & Rescue

On July 22, as 30-mile-per-hour winds drove a wall of flames toward homes near Monument, Oregon, firefighters, local ranchers, the Oregon Department of Forestry, and contract crews joined forces in a high-stakes battle. Thanks to the proactive efforts of the community to become a certified Firewise Community, creating defensible space and hardening their homes, firefighters were able to defend these properties successfully.

While flames came within feet of several homes, only a barn wall suffered minor damage. This story shows how vital the firefighters from the **2024 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant** were. Read the full story [here](#).





HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE

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Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams

- Highly-trained staff in statewide response program
 - 140 hours training minimum
- First-of-its-kind program in the U.S.
- 12 teams across Oregon
- Response, phone consults, training, & outreach
- Hazmat by rail trainer





REGULATORY SERVICES

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Community Right to Know Program (CR2K)

- 13,232 facilities reporting substances
- 1,538 facilities with extremely hazardous substance

Fireworks

Liquefied petroleum gas

Cardlock

Self-serve gasoline





REGULATORY SERVICES

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Federal Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA):

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

- SERC Executive Committee reconvened in Nov. 2024 with 19 voting members
- Guide & assist the SERC and LEPCs to implement EPCRA

Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)

- Arranged by county
- Create emergency response plans
- 22 local emergency planning committees covering 25 counties
- Emergency response plans written or in development

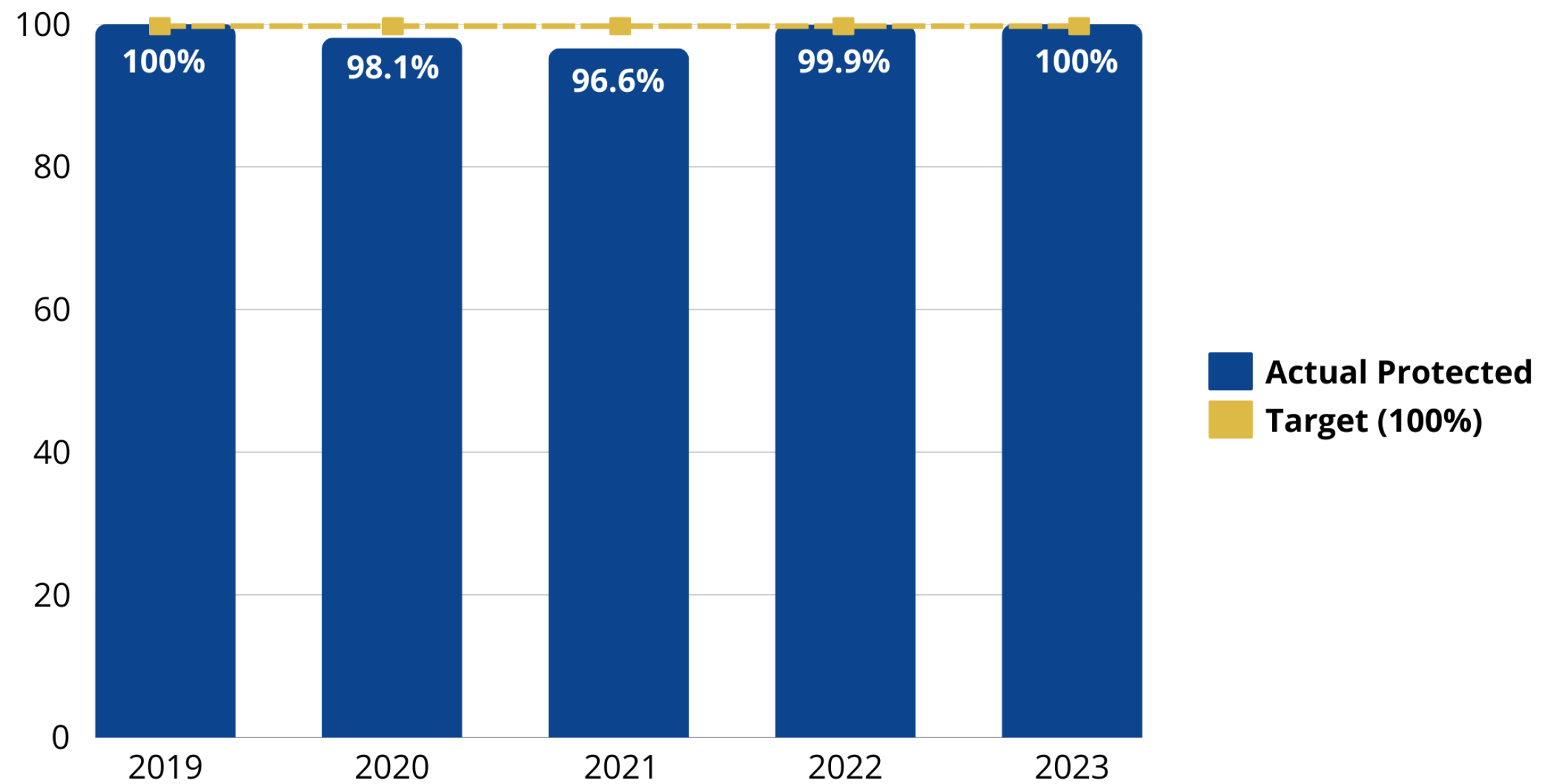




KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURE

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Percent of structures saved





OREGON WILDFIRE FUNDING

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House Bill 5701 (2024):

- Oregon Department of Forestry & Oregon State Fire Marshal
- Convened a diverse workgroup
- Develop sustainable wildfire mitigation and funding options





FIRE & LIFE SAFETY DIVISIONS

Claire McGrew

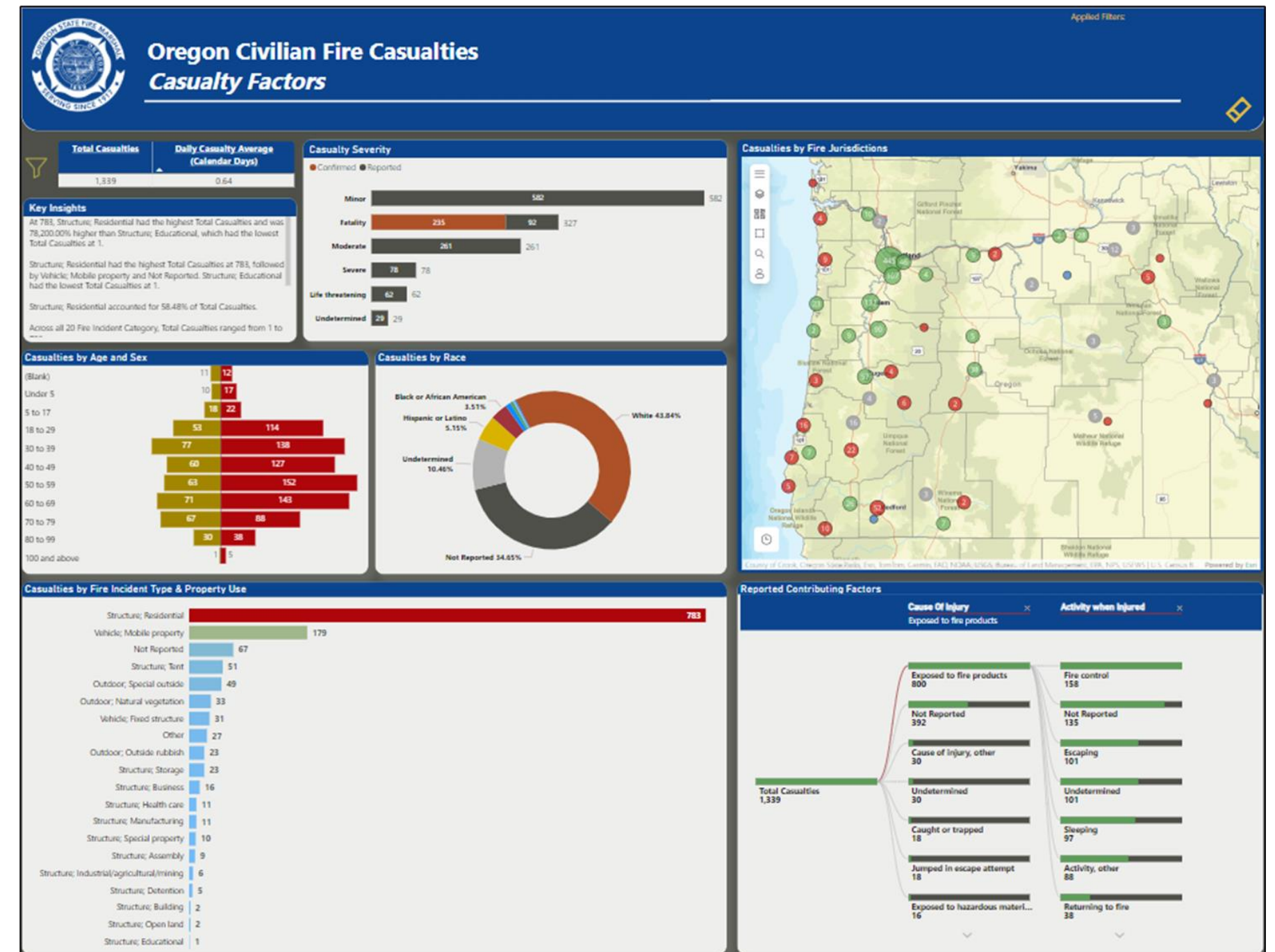
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ANALYTICS & INTELLIGENCE

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- Analytics & research
 - Risk reduction models
 - Business intelligence & data modeling
 - Predictive analysis
- Report development & generation
- Data governance & stewardship
- Fire incident collection & administration

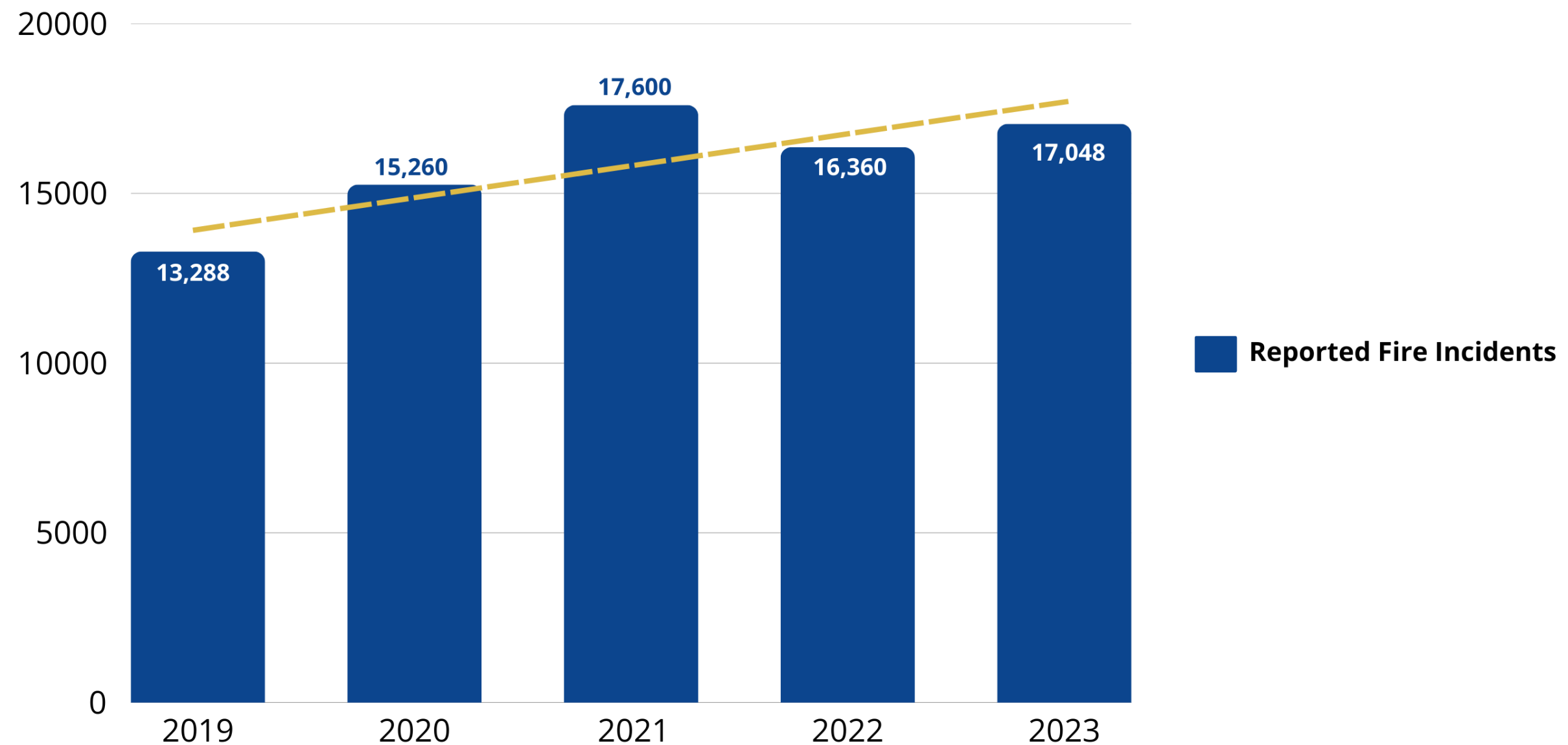




FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION

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Fire Incident Data (2019-2023)





FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION DIVISION

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Community Risk Reduction Programs

- Fire Prevention Education
- Community Wildfire Risk Reduction

Events

- State Fair
- Oregon Ag Fest
- Oregon Burn Center

Campaigns

- Fire Prevention Month
- Wildfire Awareness Month
- Community Risk Reduction Week



Spark Awareness, Not Wildfire.





COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION PROGRAMS

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Top Fire Causes Program

- Smoking, cooking, heating, and electrical fire risks
- 25 agencies piloting community risk reduction educational kits

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms Program

- 2024: 19 agencies participated & 629 alarms distributed
- 13 classes with 231 attendees

Fire & Fall Prevention for Older Adults Program

- Home escape planning materials and training
- NFPA "Steps to Safety" Train-the-Trainer Program





OREGON LIFE SAFETY TEAM

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A multi-agency team that emphasizes community risk reduction, shares best practices, coordinates, develops and implements consistent statewide fire prevention and life safety education.





FIRE ADAPTED OREGON

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- Fire Adapted Oregon strengthens community resilience to wildfires across Oregon.
- Achieving a fire-adapted Oregon requires working together with a wide range of partners to develop strategies for wildfire resilience.
- Program uses statewide data and promotes best practices for community wildfire adaptation.





FIRE ADAPTED OREGON

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

Fire risk reduction specialists support locals:

- Funding solutions & technical assistance with grant opportunities
- Community wildfire mitigation projects
- Wildfire partnerships
- Wildfire preparedness outreach & education
- Community wildfire protection planning efforts





FIRE & LIFE SAFETY DIVISION

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Division Programs

- Inspections
- Investigations

Codes and Technical Services

- State Properties
- Oregon Fire Code
- Defensible Space Program
- Competency Recognition
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services





CODES & TECHNICAL SERVICES

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Oregon Fire Code

- Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board
- Development and adoption every three years
- Interpretation and technical research

Competency Recognition Program

Healthcare Program





INSPECTIONS & INVESTIGATIONS

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Inspections: 4,966 in 2024

Plan reviews: 64

Fire cause & origin determinations

- 366 total fire investigations in 2024
- 142 local agencies supported





DEFENSIBLE SPACE

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Code Development

- Best practices

Defensible Space Program

- Free assessments give guidance to homeowners
 - 2,974 completed in 2024
 - 430 assessors
 - 97 agencies trained

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DEFENSIBLE SPACE & BEST PRACTICES

1 10FT
2 10FT
3 6FT OR 1/3 RULE
4 10FT

LIMBING TREES

30FT 6FT
12FT 4FT

Trees and vegetation more than 18 feet tall, remove limbs up to six feet.
Trees and vegetation less than 18 feet, remove limbs up to 1/3 height.

POWER LINES

1 10FT

Removing or trimming trees near powerlines is dangerous. Only use an experienced, licensed contractor to perform this work.

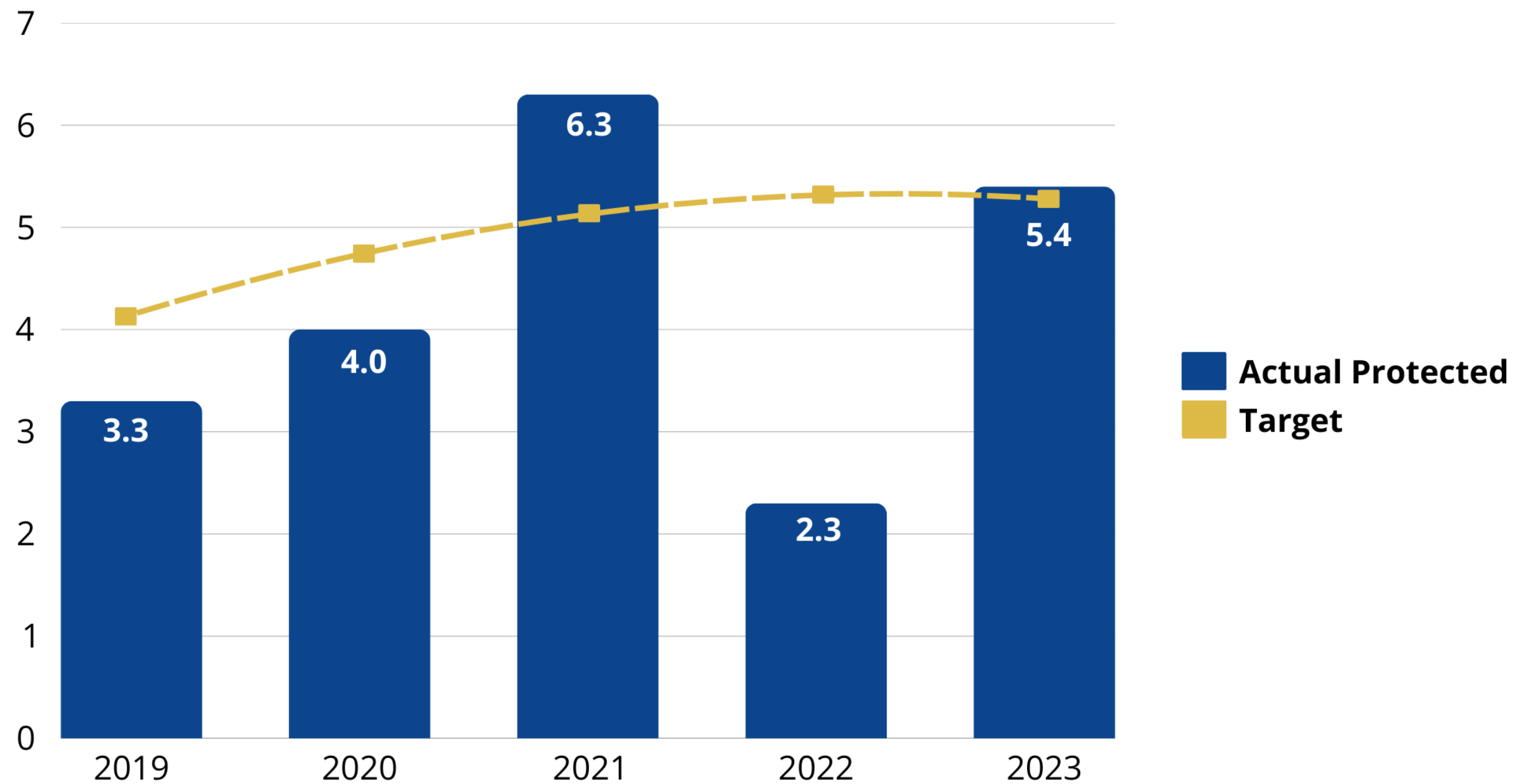
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KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURE

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Oregon residential fire death rate per million population





BUSINESS & FISCAL SERVICES

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SIX-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

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19-21 BIENNIUM

Total Budget: \$60.6 million

- HB 5530, GF budget moved into Patrol Services

Fire Season Costs:

- \$26.6 million

21-23 BIENNIUM

Total Budget: \$189 million

- HB 2927 \$1.8 million
- SB 762 \$100.5 million

Fire Season Costs:

- 2021 - \$27.0 million
- 2022 - \$15.6 million

23-25 BIENNIUM

Total Budget: \$164.5 million

- SB 1049 – Establishes mobilization fund

Fire Season Costs:

- 2023 - \$14.9 million
- 2024 - \$34.6 million



GRANT PROGRAMS

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Response Ready Oregon

- Wildfire Season Staffing Grant
- Engine Program

Fire Adapted Oregon

- Defensible Space for the Built Environment Grant
- Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant
- Community Wildfire Strategic Investments

Both Program Investments

- Tribal Nations Investments
- Oregon Fire Service Capacity Program
- Apprenticeship
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness





BUDGET IMPACTS

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Unresolved Issues from 2023-25 Budget

- Continued implementation of new programs
- Assessment of pilot programs
- FEMA grant funding
- Oregon Wildfire Funding Workgroup

Budget Drivers

- Increased population and public expectations
- Conflagration wildfire response costs
- Dedicated funding fluctuations
- Workforce capacity





2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

AGENCY BILLS

SB 860: Department of the State Fire Marshal authorities

- Updates outdated ORS Chapter 476 language to align with the agency's current operations. Restores authorities lost during separation from Oregon State Police.

SB 861: Mobilization Fund updates

- Expands funding sources for mobilization costs.

SB 862: 2522 task force recommendations

- Implements minor updates from HB 2522's task force recommendations to improve ORS 478.

SB 863: Mobilization cost recovery

- Establishes cost recovery processes for fires caused by willful, malicious, or negligent actions.

SB 5538: Department of the State Fire Marshal budget bill



AGENCY POLICY OPTION PACKAGES

AGENCY PRIORITIES

POP 102

Self-Serve Gasoline

- Request resources to enforce revised statutes for Class 1 Flammable Liquids following House Bills 2426 and 3260, which expand self-serve fueling in Oregon
- \$0.3 million General Fund
- 1 position, 0.88 FTE

POP 103

Agencywide Support

- Request additional resources for agency operations, Community Risk Reduction program, and modernizing fire service mutual aid resource and reimbursement processes.
- \$0.6 million General Fund
- \$4.1 million Other Funds
- 2 positions, 1.76 FTE

Package 090

Analyst Adjustments

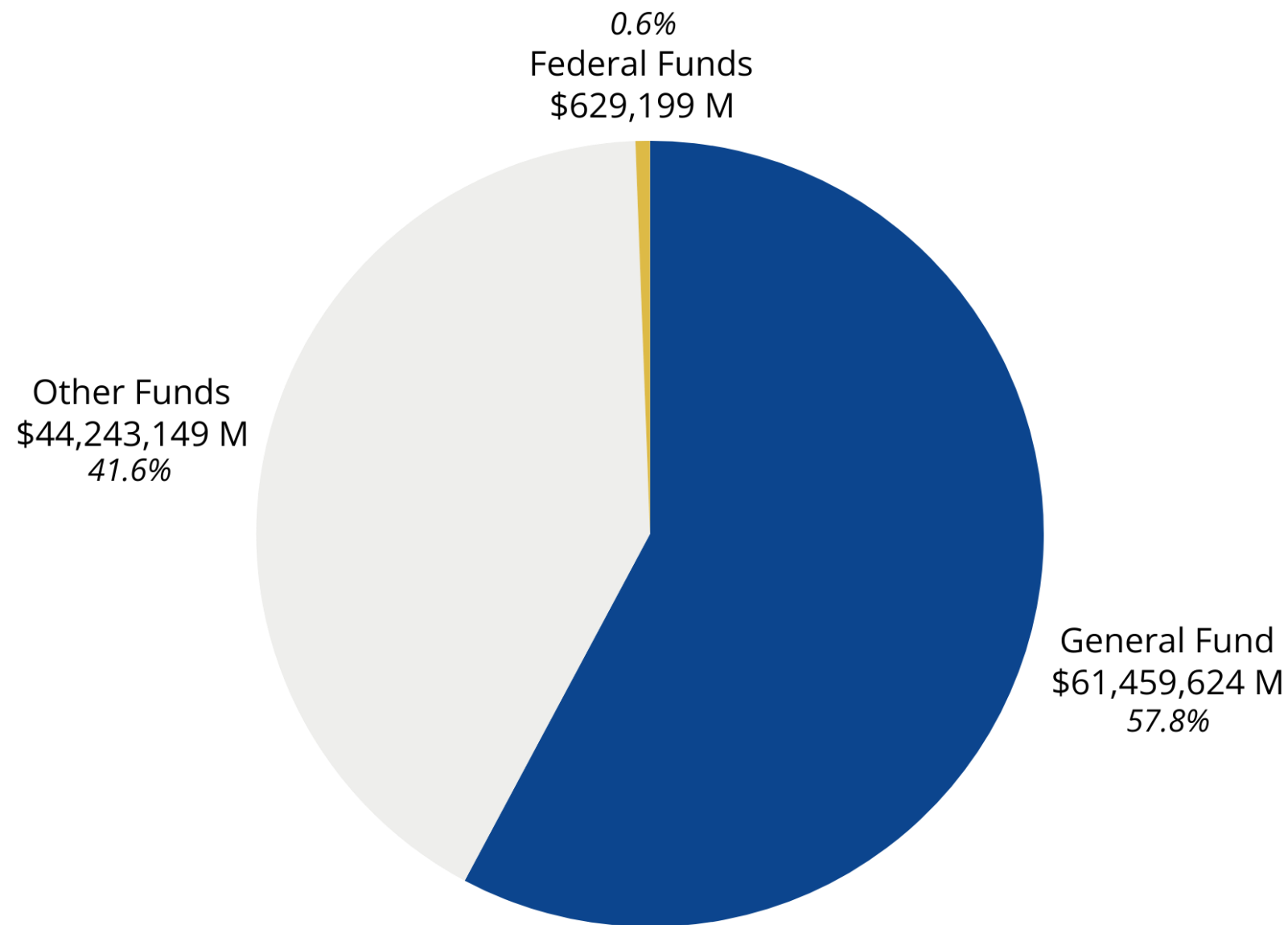
- Fund shifted Program Analyst 3 position
- \$15 million for wildfire season
- \$10 million for upstaffing grants
- \$3 million for prepositioning and mobilization



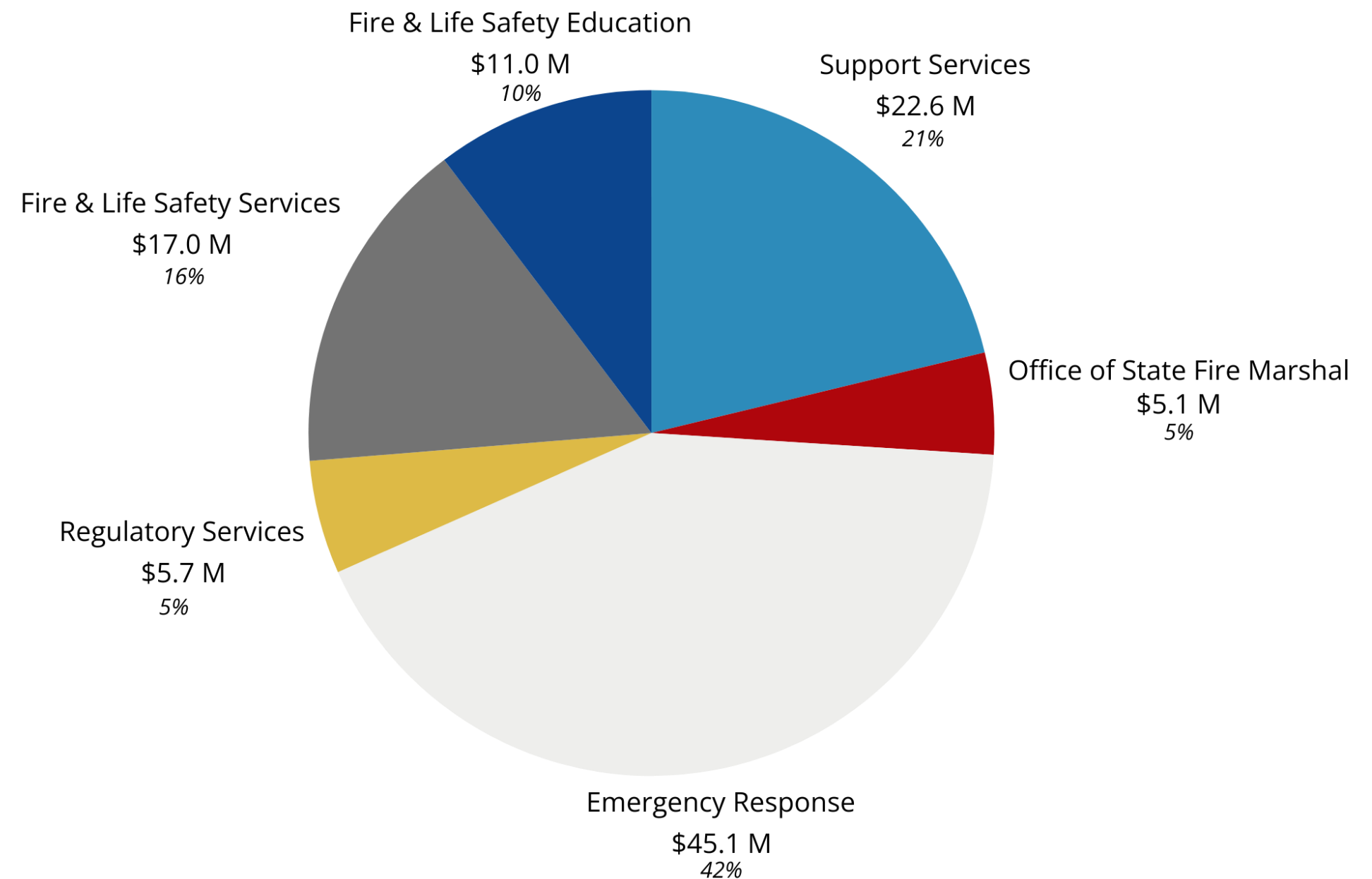
GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET

SUMMARY

2025-27 GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET TOTAL FUNDS \$106,331,972



TOTAL FUNDS BY DIVISION





REDUCTION OPTIONS & LONG-TERM VACANCIES

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10% All Funds Reductions Summary

- Human resource specialist & Oregon Safety Assessment Program coordinator
- Fund shift Engine Program position - GF to OF
- Reduce program operating budgets

Long-Term Vacancy

- Internal auditor & deputy state fire marshal



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

2025-2027



Mutual Aid Reimbursement System – modernizing the process of manually tracking local fire agency deployments and reimbursement processes. This project will improve fire agency experience, expedite fire reimbursements, and improve business efficiency and data collection.



Learning Management System – collaborative project with DPSST, OEM, and OSP to improve training delivery and certification tracking for internal staff and external customers, partners, and stakeholders.



Business Process Mapping/Modernization – mapping our business processes to continue creating efficiency and modernizing old legacy systems and paper processes.



AGENCY ACTIONS FOR COST SAVINGS

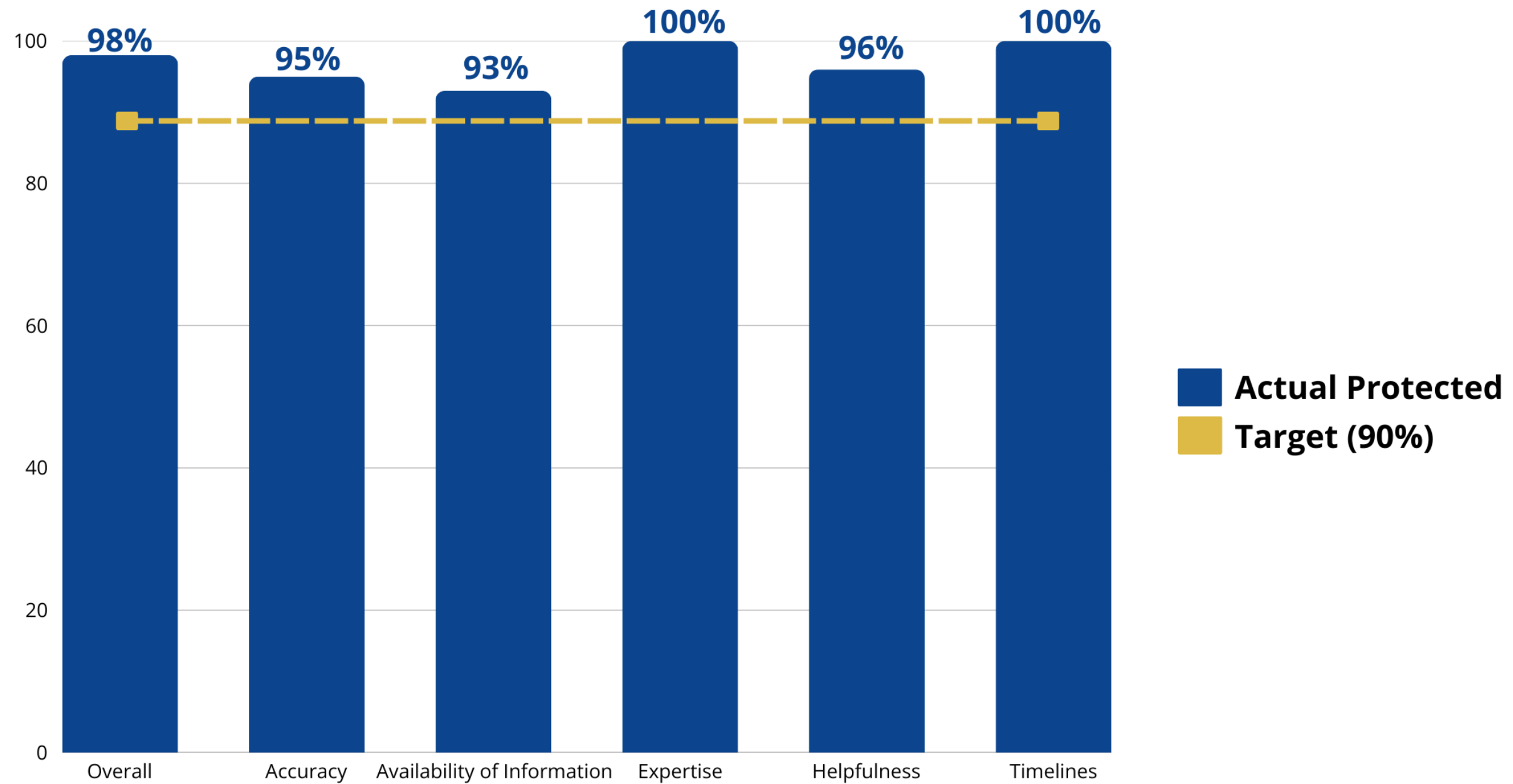
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- Response Ready Oregon, Immediate Response, & Pre-Positioning
- Continued partnership with the Department of Forestry for aviation assets
- Fire season cash flow weekly analysis
- Community risk reduction & community partnerships
- Data dashboards & risk models and predictive analysis
- Automated processes



KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURE

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY



Note: Positive performance is at or above the target.



IMPACTS & OUTCOMES

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- Continue focus on responding to Oregonians' needs
- Financial sustainability and durability
- Diverse workforce and capacity
- Systems modernization and enhancements



CONVENING OF THE FIRE SERVICE

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- Increased calls
- Emergency medical services
- Workforce
- Wildfire
- Regulations
- Funding



Read the report

2024
CONVENING
OF THE OREGON
FIRE SERVICE



**SUMMARY &
SOLUTIONS**



HEALTH & SAFETY COLLABORATIVE

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- In January 2023, the Governor's Fire Service Policy Council Behavioral Health Subcommittee formed to support first responder mental and physical well-being
- The Oregon Fire Service Health and Safety Collaborative was created
- **Focus areas:**
 - Cancer risk reduction
 - Physical health & fitness
 - Behavioral health
 - Incident safety





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