

Ted Netter, Lower Bridge RFPA

# 28 RFPAs provide fire protection across 17.6 million acres in eastern Oregon



- ▶ 1,200 volunteer members; 800 volunteer firefighters, plus 400 support personnel
- ▶ Almost 900 pieces of firefighting equipment, including federal excess property (FEPP), Forest Service and BLM hand-me-downs
- ▶ RFPAs have no direct access to ODF excess vehicles and supplies
- ▶ State of Oregon contributes \$300,000 per biennium directly to RFPA operating budgets for reimbursement of administrative expenses and liability insurance only



1. Ironside RFPA, Malheur Co. est. 1964
2. Crane RFPA, Harney Co. est. 1998
3. Fields-Andrews RFPA, Harney Co. est. 1998
4. Burnt River RFPA, Baker Co. est. 2000
5. Silver Creek RFPA, Harney Co. est. 2001
6. Twickenham RFPA, Wheeler Co. est. 2001
7. Brothers-Hampton RFPA, Crook, Deschutes Co. est. 2006
8. Post-Paulina RFPA, Crook, Deschutes, & Harney Co. est. 2006
9. Juntura RFPA, Malheur Co. est. 2007
10. Vale RFPA, Malheur Co. est. 2008
11. Jordan Valley RFPA, Malheur Co. est. 2008
12. Ashwood-Antelope RFPA, Jefferson, Wasco Co. est. 2009
13. Gateway RFPA, Jefferson Co. est. 2010
14. Warner Valley RFPA, Lake Co. est. 2011
15. Blue Mountain RFPA, Malheur Co. est. 2013
16. Frenchglen RFPA, Harney Co. est. 2013
17. Lone Pine RFPA, Harney Co. est. 2013
18. Lookout-Glasgow RFPA, Baker Co. est. 2014
19. Wagontire RFPA, Harney Co. est. 2015
20. WC Ranches RFPA, Wheeler Co. est. 2015
21. Wheeler County Fire & Rescue RFPA, Wheeler Co. est. 2016
22. Greater Pine Valley RFPA, Baker Co. est. 2016
23. High Desert RFPA, Lake Co. est. 2018
24. Bakeoven-Shaniko RFPA, Wasco Co. est. 2019
25. Lower Bridge RFPA, Deschutes & Jefferson Co. est. 2022
26. North Harney RFPA, Harney Co. est. 2022
27. Grizzly RFPA, Jefferson Co. est. 2023
28. Petersburg RFPA, Wasco Co. est. 2023

Elizabeth Parke, WC Ranches RFPA

# RFPAs on the Lone Rock Fire

- ▶ 137,222 acre megafire
- ▶ Managed by Complex Incident Management Team (CIMT)
- ▶ WC Ranches, Wheeler County Fire & Rescue and Twickenham RFPAs spent 6,773 volunteer hours over 13 days with 50 fire apparatus fighting the fire
- ▶ Multiple night shift back burn operations by WC Ranches credited with saving 9 structures and the community of Spray
- ▶ WC Ranches fuel costs totaled approximately \$12,728





Tom Doman, Crane RFPA

# RFPAs on 2024 Large Fires

- ▶ RFPAs engaged on **39** fires over 500 acres in 2024 (10 year average is 10)
- ▶ 24 of the 28 RFPAs worked with type 1, 2 or 3 incident management teams
- ▶ Durkee; 7,990 hours, 65 apparatus
- ▶ Lone Rock; 6,773 hours, 50 apparatus
- ▶ Falls/Telephone; 1,649 hours, 33 apparatus
- ▶ Badlands Complex, Cow Valley, Crazy Creek, Fossil Complex, Rail Ridge, Town Gulch and Hole in the Ground all over 1,000 RFPA hours



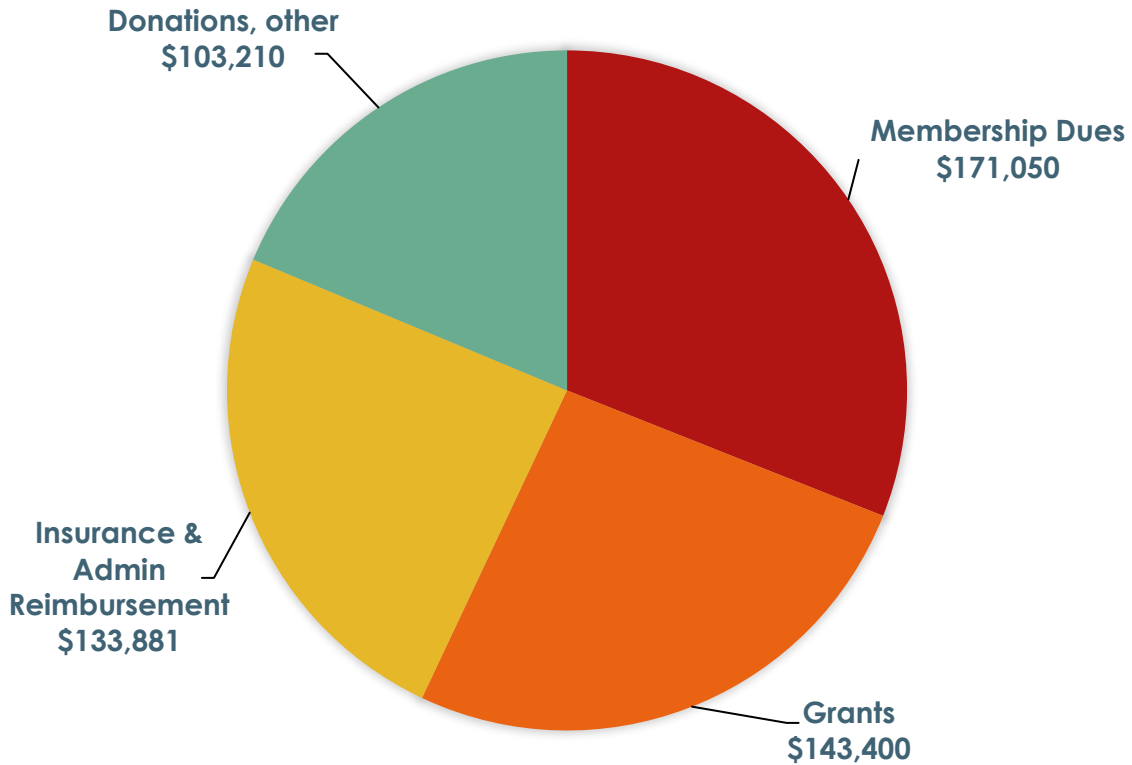
John O'Keeffe, Warner Valley RFPA

# RFPA Funding Structure

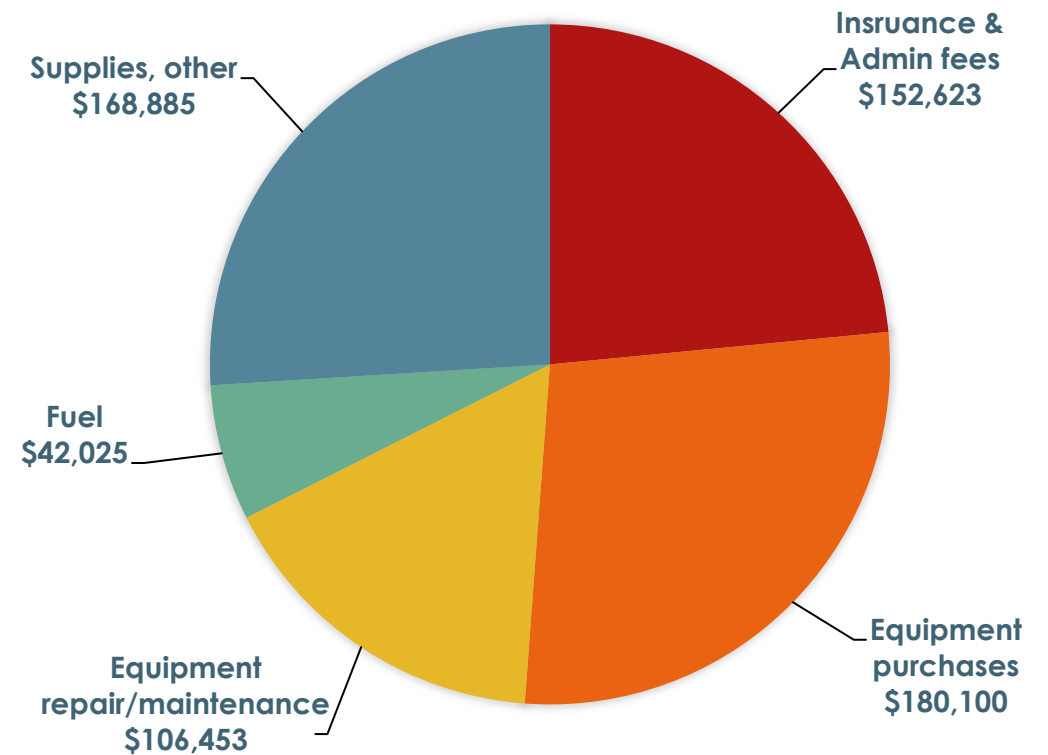
- ▶ Individual RFPA annual budgets range from \$6,000-\$60,000



## RFPA FY25 OPERATING BUDGET: \$551,541



## RFPA FY25 EXPENSES: \$650,086





Silas Skinner, Jordan Valley RFPA

# RFPAs on the Hole in the Ground Fire

- ▶ 98,977 acres
- ▶ Managed by BLM Type 3 Team
- ▶ Day 1: BLM incident commander, 20 Jordan Valley RFPA resources
- ▶ Day 2: 9 BLM resources, 35 RFPA resources
- ▶ Day 3: RFPA constructed 25 miles of fire line saving tens of thousands or more of additional acres burned
- ▶ Jordan Valley equipment repair costs totaled over \$23,000

