

# January 2025 Chief's Report (2024 in Review)

## Current Volunteers

We currently have 12 Responding Volunteers and two active applicants. In addition, we have 5 Specialty Volunteers.

## Apparatus and Buildings

Station 1 (East end of District) houses a rescue vehicle (medical response), a structural fire engine and a water tender. Station 2 (west end of District) houses a structural engine and a wildland tender. Station 3 houses a type 6 wildland engine, a type 3 engine, and fuel reduction equipment.

## Total Calls

We responded to a total of 251 incidents in 2024: 205 medical calls, 35 fire calls, 6 motor vehicle crashes, and 5 mutual aid (fires and other incidents in Shady Cove District).

## Volunteer Training

Our Volunteers trained for a total of 1,820 documented hours. That is an average of over 100 hours per Volunteer!

## Volunteer Hours

In addition, our Volunteers gave just over 2,000 hours of incident response including preparing equipment for the next call. Another 100+ hours average.

## Grants

Volunteer Firefighter/ODF Wildland Training \$6,200.00  
2024 Wildfire Seasonal Staffing (Oregon State Fire Marshal) \$35,000.00  
SDAO Safety Grant (new doors at station 3) \$2,500.00  
FEMA/AFC (Personal Protective Equipment) \$65,000.00  
OSFM Community Risk Reduction \$75,000.00  
**TOTAL \$181,000.00**

## Partnerships

We continue to work together and build bridges through incident support, partner projects, and training with our neighbors at: Pacific Power, US Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association, US Army Corps of Engineers, Jackson County Parks, Prospect Charter School, Lions Club, Community Club, Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon, Mercy Flights Inc., Prospect Hotel, Prospect Store, Rogue Interagency Training Association and others.

### **Continued Progress**

We continue to give medical support to the Prospect Charter School Football events and the Christmas Bazaar, held our second ever Open House, participated in and supported the Timber Festival, held a year end Volunteer Dinner, benefited from three officer positions: (Safety, Training, Fleet Manager), Graduated 3 Firefighters from FF1 academy AND held our own graduation ceremony, continue fuel reduction work to create defensible space for homeowners and renters in our community, added two more medical responders, and delivered Santa to the Prospect Store on Christmas Eve!

### **Firsts**

For the first time ever, we have structural turnouts, helmets, shrouds, gloves, boots, and breathing apparatus for every responding firefighter. (Wildland turnouts are on the way!) We had our first in-house instructed CPR for Medical Responders Course. In addition, for the first time ever we own enough certified and unexpired SCBA bottles and airpicks, and a filling station so that we can train, use, and refill the bottles...those keep us alive on structural fires and motor vehicle fires. Thanks to our amazing Levy Committee we held the first fundraising dinner (chili feed) in a while, (Thank you, Levy Committee and esp. chef Stanna Walker!), Shady Cove and Prospect Chief's spent a day with the Prospect Third and Fourth Graders with the Fire Prevention Education Trailer, instituted a free community smoke and carbon monoxide program, began a community risk fuel reduction project that addresses shared community spaces, created two full-time jobs and two part time jobs for Prospect residents, and had a Prospect Fire Department 2025 calendar produced by our newest specialty Volunteer!

### **For the Good of the Order**

During 2024 we responded to a structural fire that required us to enter a partially engulfed home. A lot of stars had to align for us to save that home...a watchful neighbor, trained and willing Volunteers, functional equipment, and support from our neighboring Fire District. It was no accident that the stars aligned! Thank you all!!!