



Community Events:

First Aid/CPR Class
March 10, 9am—4pm

First Aid/CPR Class
May 12, 9am—4pm

Daylight Savings
March 11



Spring Break
March 25—31

Philomath Frolic &
Rodeo
July 13—15

First Aid/CPR Class
July 14, 9am—4pm



On Wednesday,
February 28th, we are
hosing a **car seat
check-up**.
Call 541-360-0030 to
schedule an
appointment.



Pictured above: **Lieutenant Bryan Crocker, Resident Volunteer Kyler Crocker, Volunteer Michael Bowman, Resident Volunteer Brandon Leavitt, Volunteer Paula Anderson, and Fire Chief Tom Miller**, pictured here with members from Albany, Lebanon, Polk County, and Dallas Fire, deployed for the Thomas Fire conflagration near Ventura, California. They worked along side California crews as well as other task forces from Oregon.

A Letter to Our Residents—2017 in Review

Philomath Fire & Rescue just wrapped up another record year of serving our community by responding to **769 calls** of service. This is an 8.2% increase in the number of call we responded to from the year before, and is a 55.4% increase over the last 10 years. We can manage this call volume thanks to the six career staff and the 31 men and women volunteers of the Department (including three staff Lieutenants and five resident volunteers who staff the main station 24/7).

A breakdown of our calls for 2017:

- 588 Medical calls
- 181 Fire calls
- West Philomath: 313
- East Philomath: 174
- County area within 3 miles of the City: 154
- Inavale area: 39
- Wren area: 21
- Aid to other departments: 67

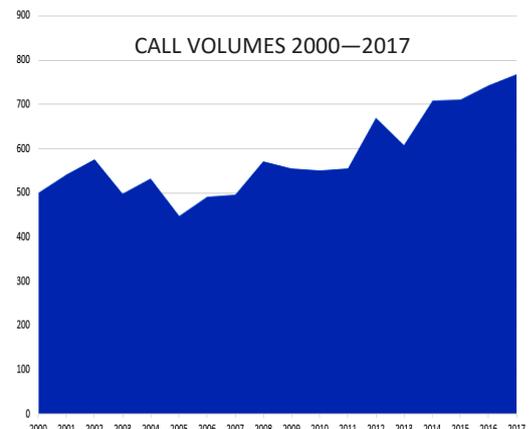
We saw a rise in conflagration this year, as well, with 8 requests for assistance. To these large fire deployments we sent 10 apparatus and 18 personnel. We also went to a large wildland fire in Lebanon with 2 apparatus and 6 personnel, as well as the Oregon Powder Coating fire in Tangent with 3 apparatus and 8 personnel. Our responders cover the western portion of Benton County for motor vehicle crashes, and we have responded into Lincoln, Polk, and Lane Counties as well as Blodgett and Kings Valley.

Not only were we able to respond to more calls throughout the year, we were able to

respond faster. Our on-scene arrival time from Station 201 dropped from 4 minutes and 45 seconds to 3 minutes and 15 seconds. Arrival time from Station 202 dropped from 8 minutes and 15 seconds to 3 minutes and 15 seconds. Arrival time from Station 203 was improved, as well, dropping from 7 minutes 30 seconds to 3 minutes and 30 seconds. This improvement is a direct result of the commitment from our volunteers and the support of the community. We are able to respond to these calls and be prepared for the increased demand because of the support we receive from our Fire District residents. With the bond funds approved by the voters in 2016 we have been able to expand our facilities to better accommodate the personnel, modernize our fleet, and provide the equipment needed to serve our community.

On behalf of the Philomath Fire & Rescue personnel, thank you.

-Fire Chief Tom Miller



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Our Mission:

*The preservation of property through the
extinguishment and prevention of fires.*

*The protection and care of human life through
education and treatment.*

*The development of character through
commitment and teamwork.*

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“The secret of change
is to focus all of your
energy, not on fighting
the old, but on building
the new.” -Socrates

Philomath is Changing and We're Ready!

Our new ladder truck, the Quint, will be arriving in the coming months, which will better prepare us to respond to the changes planned for our community. This year, the city of Philomath has plans for the construction of two new apartment complexes: one off 19th St. at College St. and the other off Main Street at the eastern City limits. High density housing poses a particular challenge for emergency response, having to operate around tall buildings and numerous vehicles in a compact space. With that in mind, the Quint has been designed to be more versatile and is equipped with a 75 foot ladder. There are also plans in place to add housing off of 9th St., 11th St., and in Starlight Summit. This new construction will add as many as 400 new residences.

Philomath City Manager, Chris Workman, noted “We’re not just seeing increased demand for housing in Philomath, we’re seeing real economic development with new businesses like SoftStar Shoes, Windsmith Music, Bob’s Windows and Doors, Vinwood Taphouse, Nectar Creek, The Dizzy Hen, and others.” With this rejuvenation, the City has seen several old, dilapidated buildings, which often become hazards for fire, life and public safety, come down as well, making downtown Philomath a much safer place. Combined with the new construction of the Nectar Creek facility, the remodel of the old CD&J building, and the new ARC building, it’s been a big year for Main Street Philomath.

“The bond really set us up in a good place” Chief Miller added, “to be as prepared as we can be for the growth of the community and the increase in calls. We cannot thank the voters enough!”

Volunteer Spotlight—Ken Corbin

Ken Corbin has been a volunteer with Philomath Fire & Rescue since 1985. Ken first became interested in volunteering for the fire department when his neighbor’s house caught on fire. Since then he has become a certified Emergency Medical Technician and can respond from home with a department vehicle. Ken has recently taken on more shifts as the volunteer EMS officer and reliably responds to the call of duty any hour of day or night. He’s been known to sleep on recliners, lumpy sofas, and even the floor when doing overnight standbys at the Fire Station, though, now, after the remodel, Ken appreciates having a bed in the dorms to sleep in.

In 2017, Ken responded to 224 emergency calls. He has received many awards over the years for responding to the most calls among the volunteer personnel.

Ken has made a career in software engineering, in addition to his passion for emergency response. He earned his BS degree in Electrical Engineering at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pennsylvania. He worked as a Software Engineer for Hewlett-Packard for a few years and taught computer skills at Lane Community College. In 2010, Ken developed a phone app, called Cadpage, which connects emergency dispatch messages with Google maps. This makes responding to emergencies more efficient to navigate. Ken is also a HAM radio operator and actively assists the Wren Emergency Preparedness Network as a neighborhood leader.

In the last year, with the dedication of Ken and Jean, both, they have cut down the District’s response times in the Wren Area from 8 minutes to 3 minutes. Their commitment to the community directly translates to saving lives.

