

# Philomath Fire & Rescue

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

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

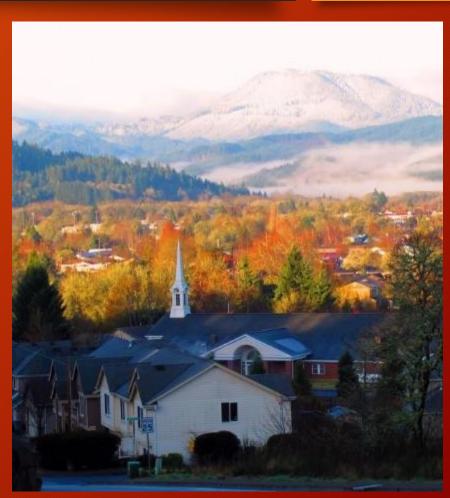
The development of character through commitment and teamwork.

#### Who we are and what we do:



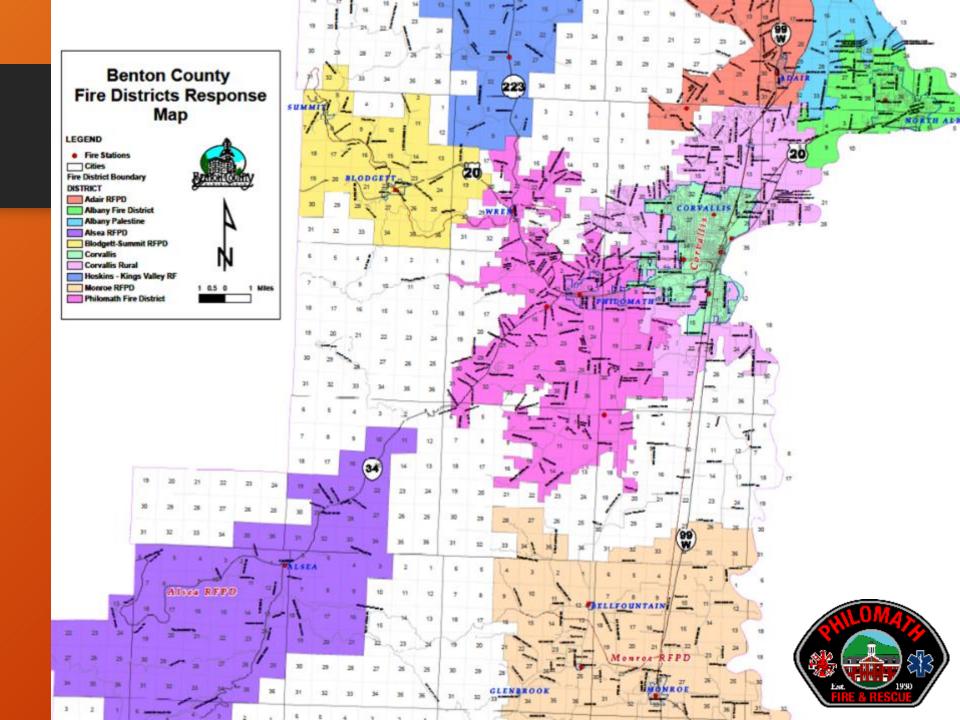
- Provide fire and EMS service to 9,000+ residents, over 58 square miles
   Philomath, Wren, Inavale
- Provide medical standby at events
   Frolic rodeo, football games, wildland certification testing, community events
- Provide fire and life safety education and outreach

Car seat checks, fire prevention education, First Aid/CPR classes



## Where?

Partners
Adair
Alsea
Albany
Blodgett-Summit
Corvallis
Hoskins-Kings Valley
Monroe



## Who we are and what we do:



- 7 career staff and 40+ volunteer fire and EMS responders
  - City began buying firefighting equipment around 1906
  - Established in 1930 as volunteer force and City Department
  - First paid member was Fire Chief Bob Morgan
  - Became a Fire District in 1985 with elected Board of Directors
  - Funded by property taxes
  - All paid staff are members of the Philomath community





#### **Advisory Panels**

• Emergency Medical Advisory Committee, Hospital Preparedness Program, EMS Coordinators, 9-1-1 Users, Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, County Wildfire Protection Plan, Benton County Forestland Classification Committee, Linn-Benton Fire Training Council, Benton County Charter Review, Linn-Benton Fire Defense Board, Oregon Fire Instructors Association

#### Regional/State

• Incident Management Team, Search & Rescue, Disaster Medical Assistance Team

### Community Involvement

Scholarships, sponsor community events, Holiday Cheer, Sr. Project mentor

Wildland/Urban Interface Education & Planning

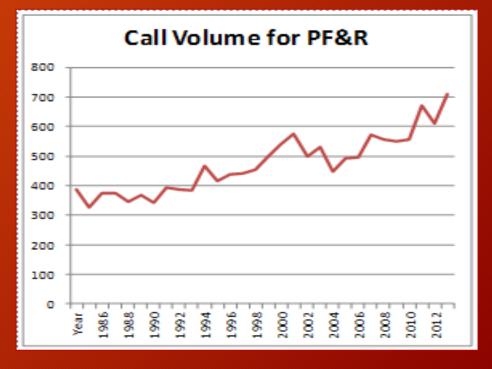




- Call volumes increased From 1977 to 2014 call volume increased by over 800%
- Population increase

From 1980 to 2014 population increased by 72.5%

- 1980 City population = 2,673
- 2014 City population = 4,610
- Volunteers remain Static
  - 1981 41 Volunteers
  - 2015 42 Volunteers







## Officers Profile Through the Years

November 2001	11 Officers	3 Staff	<u>8 Volunteers</u>
April 2003	9 Officers	3 Staff	6 Volunteers
January 2005	9 Officers	3 Staff	6 Volunteers
March 2008*	7 Officers	3 Staff	4 Volunteers
April 2010	8 Officers	4 Staff	4 Volunteers
March 2012	9 Officers	6 Staff	3 Volunteers
September 2014	8 Officers	6 Staff	2 Volunteers
*Hiring of three staff firefighters			

# We need some help:



Aging apparatus - fire trucks, rescue vehicles

5 vehicles have already outlived their "Useful Life"

Not as reliable

Breaking down more frequently

Recent repair costs (\$43k maintenance) Vehicles unavailable for weeks at a time due to being in the shop or out of order



1982 Grumman 95' Aerial

# We need some help:



Emergency equipment needs replacing

Heart Monitors 2017 \$ 72,000 SCBA's 2021 \$344,000 Hydraulic Tools 2018 \$ 88,000 Portable Radios 2018 \$ 70,200 Turnouts Annual \$ 25K-36K Tires Ten year total \$120,000







- Outgrown facilities
  - Facilities Condition Assessment
    Building originally built in 1976 to accommodate one full time Fire Chief
    Need additional space for staff and volunteers
    Training/Community room that is not ADA compliant
- No increase in taxes since 1992
   Manage current expenses without carrying any debt Applying for grants \$1.9M over last 15 years
   Current funding insufficient

## We have a plan:

- Philomath Fire & Rescue adopted the new Master Plan in January of 2015
  - Developed by Fire Board and community members, this document is a summary of our plan for success for the next 15 years.
  - Master Plan identifies 6 major areas:
    - Apparatus update fleet, add 2 response-capable staff vehicles
    - Equipment replace and upgrade out-dated equipment
    - Facilities improve and expand facilities to meet changing needs
    - Staffing increase staff and volunteers, fund volunteer incentive program, recruitment
    - Programs expand community programs, actively promote disaster preparedness
    - Funding current tax rate inadequate for plan elements

# We have a plan:



• \$3.5 million bond over 10 years

**Apparatus** 

Equipment

Facility Improvement







# 10 Year Bond Measure Breakdown:



Apparatus			
Replace Apparatus	\$ 1,374,000		
New Apparatus	\$ 90,000		
Equipment			
Replace/Update	\$ 1,199,630		
Facilities			
New Addition	\$ 400,000		
Remodel 201	\$ 250,000		
Total	\$ 3,408,630		



# Bond Measure Calculated Impact:



- Average Assessed Value
  - Philomath Fire District \$ 166,093
- Monthly Tax Increase for an average homeowner
  - Philomath Fire District \$ 6.92
- \$3.5 million this would be the maximum amount
  - Authority to borrow up to \$3.5 million
  - Only borrow what we need. If we can replace apparatus/equipment with a grant, we wouldn't need to borrow - cost would be lower



