



Cannon Beach

Rural Fire Protection District

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2022 Annual Report



About

The Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District (“CBRFPD” or “CBFire”) was formed in 1947. District boundaries start at the north entrance to Cannon Beach and runs south to the Oswald West State Park entrance south of Arch Cape and Falcon Cove, approximately milepost 38. The boundaries are ¼ mile wide from the ocean shore in some places and cover 22 miles (6 square miles).

Our Mission

Dedicated to protecting life, property, and the environment for those who are living in and visiting the communities we proudly serve.

Our Vision

To be the premier fire and rescue agency on the Oregon Coast by setting the standard of excellence in training, prevention, protection, and service for all people and communities who call upon us in a time of need.

Motto

Desire to serve, courage to act.

Core Values

CARING

Being responsive to the needs of customers, co-workers, and the public. Demonstrating professionalism through mastery of skills and dedication to work. Performing work carefully and safely.

CITIZENSHIP

Stewardship of public resources, using them only in support of the Fire District's work. Performing work efficiently, effectively, and economically. Adheres to laws, rules, and regulations.

COOPERATION

The ability to work willingly and effectively with associates, co-workers, and the public. Communicating appropriately and showing dedication to teamwork principles. Contributing positively to the work environment.

INDUSTRIOUSNESS

Demonstrating strong work ethics through a commitment to excellence in work, being reliable in attendance, and meeting obligations. Innovative, self-motivated, and solutions orientated.

INTEGRITY

Demonstrating principles such as trustworthiness, honesty, and conformance to professional ethics. Performing one's duties to enhance the public trust, through prudent and moral decisions.

RESPECT

Recognizing the value of diversity and treating each person with dignity, fairness, and respect. Demonstrating self-respect and regard for others and their property.

RESPONSIBILITY

Being accountable for actions. Cultivating customer trust through competency, courtesy, and honoring responsibilities. Being dependable, timely, and mindful of how performance reflects on the Fire District.

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Chief's Message

To All Residents of Cannon Beach:

First, a sincere thank you to the community for the support shared over the last year. It is my honor and privilege to present the 2022 Annual Report of the Cannon Beach Rural Protection Fire District. I would like to highlight some of our accomplishments below.

2022 presented the fire district with many challenges and opportunities as we began moving out of COVID restrictions. Like many, the workforce played a role in our department. Many volunteers found themselves having to re-evaluate how much time they could give the department as their jobs had fewer workers, making their time commitment at work more. The call volume continued to rise, finishing the year with 634 calls for service, a 16% increase over last year. We were delighted in January of 2022 to begin offering a monthly gathering at the station to share information about the District. We call it Dessert with District, and it was a good success. We look forward to continuing it in 2023.

The District continued 2022 to work towards financial stability. The board of directors has worked hard to look to the future with a thought-out strategic plan. This plan has looked at staffing and equipment; what is needed and how we achieve it. The supply chain continued to hinder us, still waiting for the delivery of the rescue that was ordered in 2020, and the engine that was ordered in 2021. In early 2022, the 1995 engine that was due to be replaced, had a catastrophic failure and was not financially responsible to repair, at the same time our second 1995 engine started having similar problems. Clackamas Fire District sold Cannon Beach Fire a 2001 engine for \$5,000 and it was put in service. This engine has been a great investment and will continue to serve as the second out engine when our new engine arrives sometime in 2023.

The 2020 regional grant for portable and mobile radios has nearly been completed. This grant was for Cannon Beach, Seaside, Gearhart, and Warrenton; a \$603,000 project for the 4 departments that FEMA pays 95% of. Cannon Beach hosted and managed this regional grant. In 2022 Cannon Beach Fire was awarded a \$1.9M grant for seismic rehabilitation of the main station, the process is underway to begin the construction and complete it by September of 2024. Also, in 2022 Cannon Beach Fire was awarded a grant to replace the SCBA fill station, purchase an SCBA fit tester, and install vehicle exhaust removal equipment in both stations.

In 2022 Cannon Beach Fire was awarded several grants to build a new brush truck. This new truck replaced the 1993 brush truck that is in the Arch Cape station, the new truck has been placed in service with a removable tank and pump to allow the truck to be used for disaster response as a people mover.

The volunteer association purchased a John Deer Gator with a tank, pump, and patient basket on the back. This was placed in service in July and has been very useful for beach responses. Also in 2022, one of the 2004 jet skis had a catastrophic failure. The volunteer association spent \$38,000 on new jet skis. These expenditures were made possible due to the generous support of the Annual Ham Dinner.

In July the Prepared Food Tax went into effect and the City of Cannon Beach began collecting the tax in November. The District received \$297,000 for the first quarter of revenue. Job offers were extended to 3 Firefighter/EMTs that started in January of 2023, starting the process to have personnel on duty 24 hours a day. This is the first benefit the District will have from the proceeds of the Prepared Food Tax.

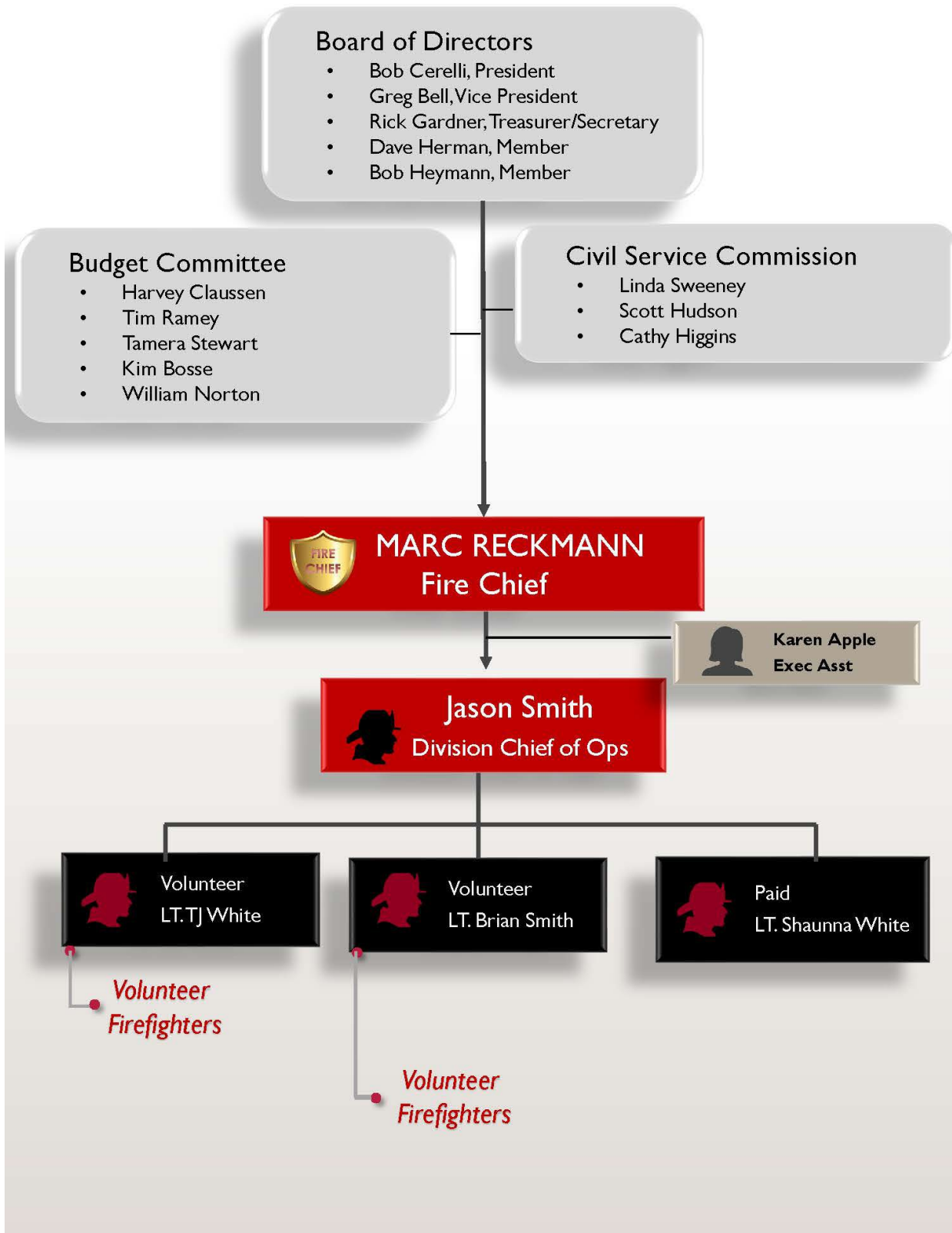
In closing, THANK YOU for your continued support. Please know we are hard at work training, planning, and providing support for our community. Join me in extending a warm thank you to the dedicated volunteers who make it their job to bring emergency coverage and safety to our community.

Best regards,



Marc Reckmann, Fire Chief

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection Organization Chart



Personnel

In 2022, CBFIRE Career Personnel included Fire Chief, Division Chief of Training & Operations, grant-funded Recruitment and Retention Coordinator/Lieutenant, and an Executive Assistant. Volunteers include two volunteer Lieutenants and 12 volunteer firefighters. All but the Executive Assistant respond to calls.



CHIEF RECKMANN



Chief Reckmann started in the fire service in high school in 1994 with Grass Valley Volunteer Fire Department in Grass Valley, Oregon, joining his dad in the department. After high school Chief Reckmann attended Blue Mountain Community College and worked as a student volunteer with Pendleton Fire Department and volunteered with Helix Fire District. After receiving his Associate Degree in Agriculture Business, Chief Reckmann decided to change his career and attended Chemeketa Community College to major in fire science. While attending Chemeketa Community College Chief Reckmann was a student with Jefferson Fire District. In 2001 Chief Reckmann was hired by Cornelius Fire Department as a firefighter. Chief Reckmann was promoted to lieutenant in 2007 and the captain in 2010. Chief Reckmann received his Bachelor's Degree in Fire Administration from Eastern Oregon University in 2013. In 2017 Chief Reckmann was hired part time by Cannon Beach Fire as Division Chief of Training & Operation, and then in 2020 was hired as the fulltime Fire Chief. Chief Reckmann is married to his wife Haily for 20 years and has daughter Kayla, 15; Hanna, 14; and son JT, 5.

DIVISION CHIEF - JASON SMITH



Born in California, Division Chief Smith grew up in a small town in the Santa Cruz Mountains. In 2002, he began as a volunteer firefighter with Felton Fire Protection District. In 2003 Division Chief Smith graduated high school and began attending college classes in pursuit of an associate degree in fire science. In 2007 he was both promoted to volunteer Fire Captain/ Acting Battalion Chief, as well as was hired as a full-time paid Fire Engineer with the Monterey Airport Fire Department. Division Chief Smith served as both a volunteer firefighter, and paid Fire Engineer until his daughter was born in 2009, when he resigned his volunteer position. In 2012, Division Chief Smith was promoted to Lieutenant/ Training Officer at the Monterey Airport Fire Department. In 2014, the Monterey Airport Fire Department merged with the Monterey Fire Department. During this merger, he was voluntarily demoted to Firefighter. In 2015 he was promoted to Captain at the Monterey Fire Department and was assigned to the downtown station housing their engine and ladder truck. While at Monterey Fire, Division Chief Smith was a member of the county's USAR (Urban Search and Rescue Team), was a qualified deckhand on the fire boat, was Truck Captain qualified, ARFF (aircraft rescue firefighter) qualified, and taught the annual Hazmat training. In 2018, he took on the role of Training Captain. During his time as Training Captain, he obtained his Acting Division Chief qualification, developed the department's training program, oversaw two 4-month recruit firefighter training academies, developed a department-wide live fire training program, developed a company officer development academy, and was president of the County's Training Officers Association. In 2021, Division Chief Smith was hired as the Division Chief/ Training Officer at Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District. Division Chief Smith now oversees all department training, and new volunteer training. In addition to training, he is the department's safety officer and oversees department operations. In 2023, he organized and led a 4-week full-time firefighter training academy, and now he is responsible for the daily operations of our three new full-time firefighters. Now that Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District has assumed management of the Cannon Beach Lifeguard Program, Division Chief Smith is now responsible for hiring, training, and staffing our seasonal lifeguards. He is also an active member of the Clatsop County Search and Rescue Team, as well as High-Angle Rescue Team. As of this year, he also assumed the role of Training Coordinator for the Clatsop County Firefighters Association. On his days off, he enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter, and you'll more than likely see him walking his dog on the beach. Division Chief Smith also spends a lot of his time either in the woods hiking, running, mountain biking, or in the ocean surfing.

LIEUTENANT SHAUNNA WHITE



Lt. White grew up in Seaside and after high school she joined and served as a Corporal in the Marine Corps from 2009-2013. Lt White deployed to Afghanistan Helmand Province in 2012 as a member of an all-women's specialty team called the Female Engagement Team (F.E.T) with artillery battalion 2/11. After the service, she started volunteering in 2014 with Cannon Beach Fire due to missing the comradery, challenges, and pride of serving. In 2019, Lt. White earned a paid position as a Firefighter/EMT Recruitment and Retention Coordinator for Hamlet and Cannon Beach Fire Departments. Lt White obtained her associate degree in Fire Science from Clatsop Community College and my bachelor's from Eastern Oregon University in Fire Service Administration with a minor in communications. Lt White was promoted in 2021 to Lieutenant and oversees the development and growth of the surf rescue team.

2022 ANNUAL

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Action Plan & Comments

Staffing

Hire 3 firefighter/EMTs that fit the mentality and needs of the District by January 1, 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The assessment center is completed, and a list created. 3 FF/EMT started January 18, 2023
Fill all 3 student positions and maintain them by July 1,1, 2022,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to obtain due to lack of applications. Have advertised and had some applications, but no follow-through from applicants. Other departments are having similar issues. We need housing to be able to compete.
Hire Chief of Life Safety & Prevention (Fire Marshal) by July 1,1, 2023,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On track to do this by spring of 2023
Increase volunteer response by recruitment and implementation of new programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilized the summer staffing grant from OSFM. Very big success. Worked to implement several programs to encourage response. Volunteer availability remains a problem.
Develop a succession plan for all levels of responsibility, both volunteer and paid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on this with hiring and changing job descriptions. This will take more work.

Equipment

Continue to examine the needs of the district compared to the apparatus and adjust in the apparatus based on those needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have made several changes this year. New Jet Skis via Association John Deer Gator via Association Replaced 1993 Arch Cape Brush truck with a grant-funded Replaced one of the 1995 engines with a used engine 2nd 1995 engine will be replaced in early spring New Rescue will be here in early spring
Ensure that an apparatus reserve program is funded and maintained.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have transfers budgeted and planned in the 10-year financial plan.
Look for opportunities for grants to assist with apparatus needs. Maintain and improve small equipment, including EMS and rescue equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have done very well with grants to help support apparatus and equipment. Improved line items to support these programs.

Training

Continue to improve the ability of new firefighters to obtain firefighter 1 without a burden on work and family.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been very successful with new volunteers. Gives them options at own pace or a structured academy.
Ensure that all firefighters can complete FF2 within 24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have made this opportunity available.
Provide continuous opportunities for an emergency drive, pump operator, and aerial operator throughout the year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearly every volunteer is pump and aerial certified.
Develop a robust officer development program that encourages and enables new officers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still a work in progress
Provides advancements for current officers. Support and encourage participation in state mobilization deployments by providing training opportunities to achieve qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very successful. We're able to deploy on both mobilizations

Community

Develop a robust business inspection program with the hiring of a Division Chief of Life Safety and utilizing line staff as company inspectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to implement this
Begin a plan to Transition CERT into the Fire District with the City of Cannon Beach Emergency Management support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have assisted with CERT. Unable to take over until we have more staff
Continue and improve monthly community open house and outreach (Desert with District)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very successful.
Adopt a quarterly newsletter that will provide information to all district residents to begin July 1, 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was not able to start this but have improved community communications in other ways
Depend on the hiring of a Division Chief of Life Safety, develop a community education program that involves beach safety, smoke detectors, escape plans, and community CPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will look to start this next year.
Assess all addresses outside the city limits, provide address signs to those needed with a cooperative effort of Clatsop County and Cannon Beach Volunteer Firefighters Association. Clatsop County and Cannon Beach Volunteer Firefighters Association.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to start this program due to staff. Will look to starting this with future hiring.

Financial

Look For continuous opportunities for cost recovery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have done well with cost recovery. Will continue to bill for services where possible.
Measure in a 10-year financial plan, the district’s operational and equipment needs compared to projected revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have continued to improve and adjust the 10-year plan.
Continue private and public partnerships that reduce costs and increase services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have continued to do this through the City of Cannon Beach, the Firefighter Association, and private grants.
Continue to seek public and private grants to fund operational and equipment needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been successful with several grants and funding opportunities.

Governance

Board of Directors

Cannon Beach RFPD is a special district. **Important to understand:** Special Districts are not City-run or City-funded but are closely partnered with them. The Cannon Beach Fire District runs from the north end of Cannon Beach south to approximately milepost 38 on Highway 101, this includes the City of Cannon Beach and the communities of Arch Cape and Falcon Cove. The response area extends north to highway 101 and highway 26 junction, including Ecola State Park, and south to milepost 38, including the north end of Oswald West State Park. There are five positions on the Board of Directors, each serving four-year terms. To be eligible to serve as a Board of Directors, petitioners must be registered voters and reside or own property within the district boundary during the one year immediately preceding the appointment. District firefighters (volunteers or otherwise) and other District employees cannot serve on the Board. Term years run from July 1 through June 30. Current board members are listed below:

Position #	Member	Title	Term Expiration
1	Greg Bell	Vice President	6/2025
2	Bob Heymann	Member	6/2023
3	Bob Cerelli	President	6/2023
4	Rick Gardner	Treasurer	6/2025
5	Dave Herman	Member	6/2023

Board Meetings

Board of Director Meetings is held on the second Monday of every month. Starting in 2021 all Board meetings are also available on Zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/96909730187>

Citizen Budget Committee Members

There is a 4-year commitment to be on the Budget Committee. The budget fiscal year is from July 1 through June 30 the following year. A new fiscal budget must be adopted by the CBFIRE Board of Directors prior to the fiscal year. The Board appoints the Fire Chief as the Budget Officer.

The Budget Officer is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the proposed budget to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee members fulfill an important need for citizen involvement in the budget process.

Member	Term Expiration
Harvey Claussen	1/2025
Tim Ramey	1/2025
Tamara Stewart	1/2025
Kim Bosse	1/2024
William Norton	1/2024

The Budget Committee members meet only for the purpose of reviewing and ultimately recommending the budget to the CBFIRE Board of Directors for adoption. While this can be an intensive process, it is common for budgets to be reviewed and recommended within 1-2 meetings lasting approximately 2-3 hours, requiring very little time commitment from members. Pre-reads, including a draft budget, are provided by the Budget Officer before meetings in anticipation of participation and decision-making.

Budget and Financials (2021-2022):

This “Annual Report” covers the calendar year (January-December) of 2022 with the exception of board membership, budget, and financials. Budget and Financials are reported by Fiscal Year, which for CBFire is July 1 through June 30 of the following year. The budget was managed to plan. The following pages explain the Fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.

Where does the funding come from?

	Fiscal year 2021-2022 rates	
	Rate per \$1000 assessec Revenue	
Permanent Tax Rate	\$0.35	\$420,450
2019 Fire Chief Levy	\$0.19	\$228,313
2020 Staffing and Operations Levy	\$0.35	\$420,450
Total Operations	\$0.89	\$1,069,213

*Levy’s must be voted on to be renewed every 5 years.

In 2014, a one-time 10-year Bond was passed to pay for a new Ladder Truck at \$101,572 which is roughly \$0.08 per \$1,000 in FY2021-2022. This Ladder truck will be paid off in 2024.

Prepared food tax: Voters approved the prepared food tax in November of 2021. Cannon Beach Fire District began receiving 50% of that revenue with the first distribution received in November of 2022 in the amount of \$297,000. It is estimated that Cannon Beach Fire District will receive approximately \$700,000 annually. This increased revenue allowed for the hiring of 3 full-time firefighters, allowing 1 firefighter to be on duty 24 hours a day to augment the volunteer response. It allows for the retention of the daytime position that had been previously funded by a grant since 2018, but the funding expired in December of 2022. The remaining funds will be used to hire a Division Chief/Fire Marshal in the summer of 2023.

How does the CBRFPD tax rate compare, and why is it so low?

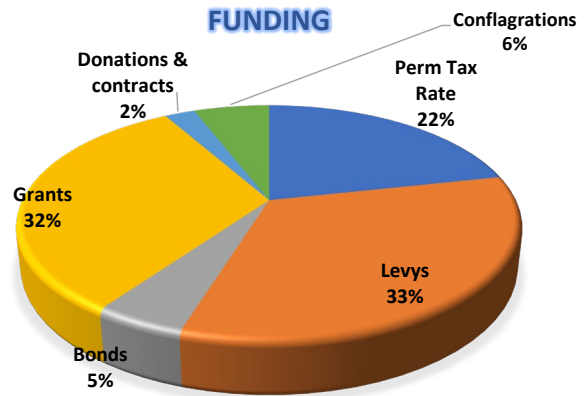
Cannon Beach Fire District was established in 1947, before the City of Cannon Beach was incorporated. At that time the tax rate was very comparable for this type of community. Taxing measures have prevented the permanent tax rate from being changed, the only way to change is to pass a levy which must be renewed by voters every 5 years, or to “significantly change the boundaries of the district”. The only way for Cannon Beach Fire District to change the boundaries is to merge with another fire district. The reason the other districts are higher is that they have merged which allows for a new tax rate to be voted on.

County	Permanent	Levy	TOTAL Ops
Clatsop County			
Lewis & Clark Fire	\$1.09	\$0.90	\$1.99
Knappa Fire	\$1.18	\$0.72	\$1.90
Hamlet Fire District	\$1.24		\$1.24
Cannon Beach Fire	\$0.35	\$0.54	\$0.89
Tillamook County			
Nehalem Bay	\$1.15		\$1.15
Nestucca Fire	\$1.58		\$1.58
Netarts-oceanside Fire	\$1.62		\$1.62
Lincoln County			
Depot Bay	\$0.83	1.09	\$1.92
Central Coast	\$0.82	1.52	\$2.34
Siletz	\$1.33		\$1.33
North Lincoln	\$0.68	1.22	\$1.90

FUNDING

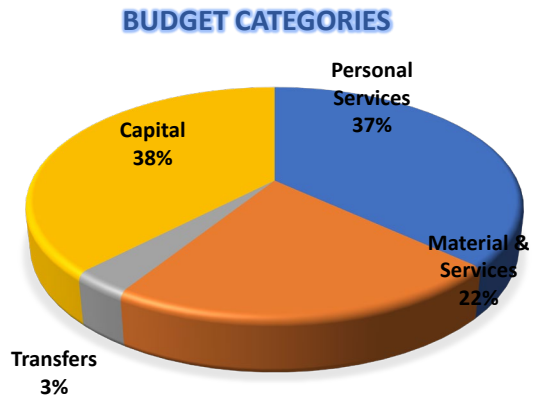
The CBFIRE receives its funding from:

Permanent Tax Rate	\$ 437,745
Levy's	673,255
Bonds	101,572
Grants	649,071
Donations & Contracts	47,520
Conflagrations	118,369
TOTAL	\$ 2,027,531



Budget Categories

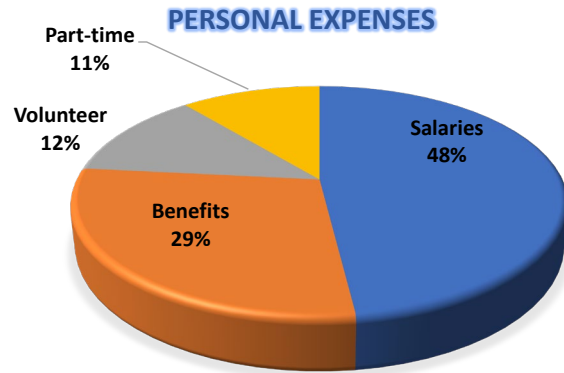
Personal Services	673,777
Material & Services	403,304
Transfers	60,000
Capital	690,963
TOTAL	\$ 1,827,774



PERSONNEL EXPENSES

The CBFIRE personnel expenses are:

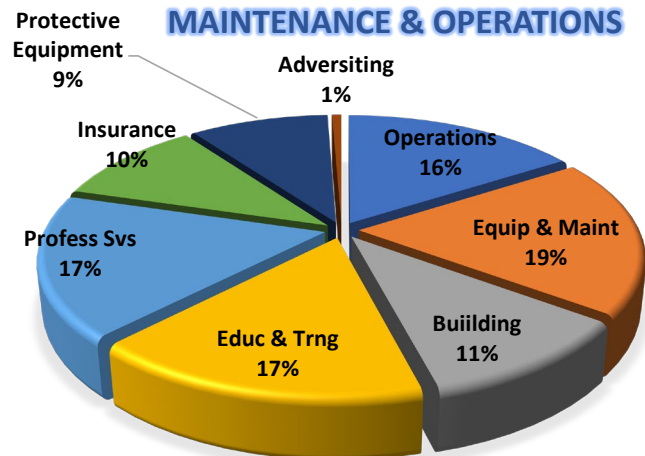
Salaries	\$ 320,444
Benefits	190,661
Volunteer	82,498
Part-time	73,354
TOTAL	\$ 666,957



MATERIALS AND SERVICES

The CBFIRE material and services expenses:

Operations	\$ 63,707
Equip & Maintenance	76,338
Building	43,186
Educ & Training	65,550
Profess Services	68,880
Insurance	41,504
Protective equipment	37,474
Advertising	2,516
TOTAL	\$ 339,155



GRANTS

Since 2018 Cannon Beach Fire District has been successful in being awarded numerous grants. The process of getting grants is not a quick task. It can take months to finish the process. Applications for federal (AFG & SAFER) grants are started in the fall to early winter. When the grant becomes available it is only open for 30 days to apply. If an award is granted it can take anywhere from 1 year - 1.5 years to get the award. After the award is given, quarterly performance reports must be completed, and then a financial report needs to be turned in twice a year for the remainder of the grant. A grant can last anywhere from 3 to 7 years. Below is a mostly inclusive list of the grants we have received from 2018 to current.

2018:

- Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER)
 - 4-year daytime firefighter/Recruitment & Retention Coordinator
 - \$422,400
- SPIRE New truck that the brush was built on, replaced the 1993 Ford.
- VFA (Volunteer Fire Association) for wildland hose and adapters
 - \$9,030

2019:

- AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) for Airpack's, joint for Hamlet & Cannon Beach, the Airpack's were 15 years old and no longer repairable.
 - Combined award \$317,333
- DPSST (Department of Public Safety Standard and Training) Rope rescue training
 - \$15,000

2020:

- AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) Attack hose & Nozzles, this replaced our hose and nozzles, some manufactured as far back as 1976.
 - \$47,600
- State - COVID money
 - \$247,000

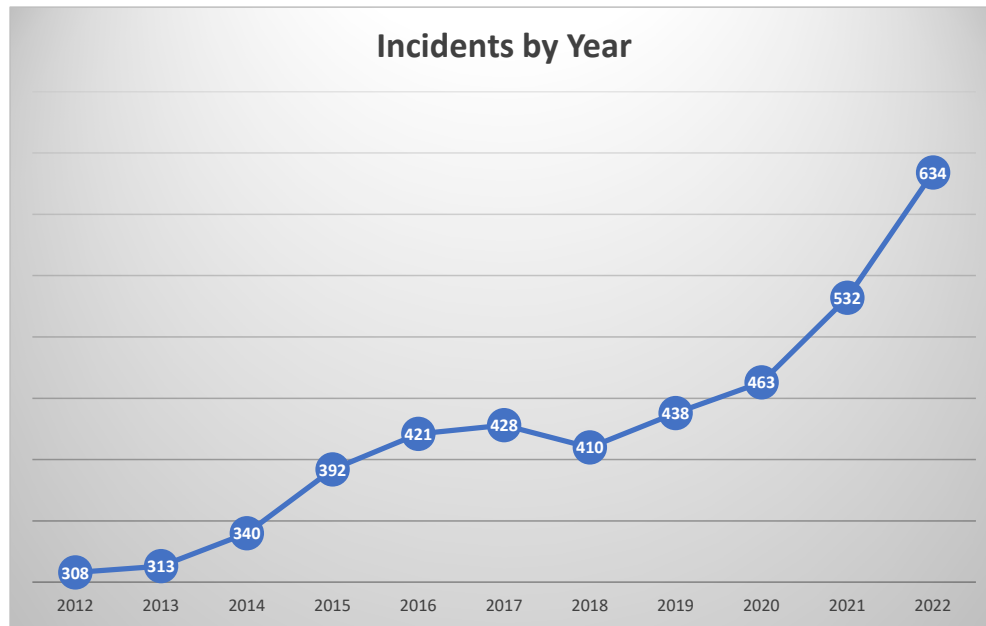
2021:

- AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) - Supply hose. This replaced our supply hose from 1987 - 2004.
 - \$46,380
- AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) - Radios for Seaside, Cannon Beach, Gearhart, and Warrenton
 - Combined award \$574,571

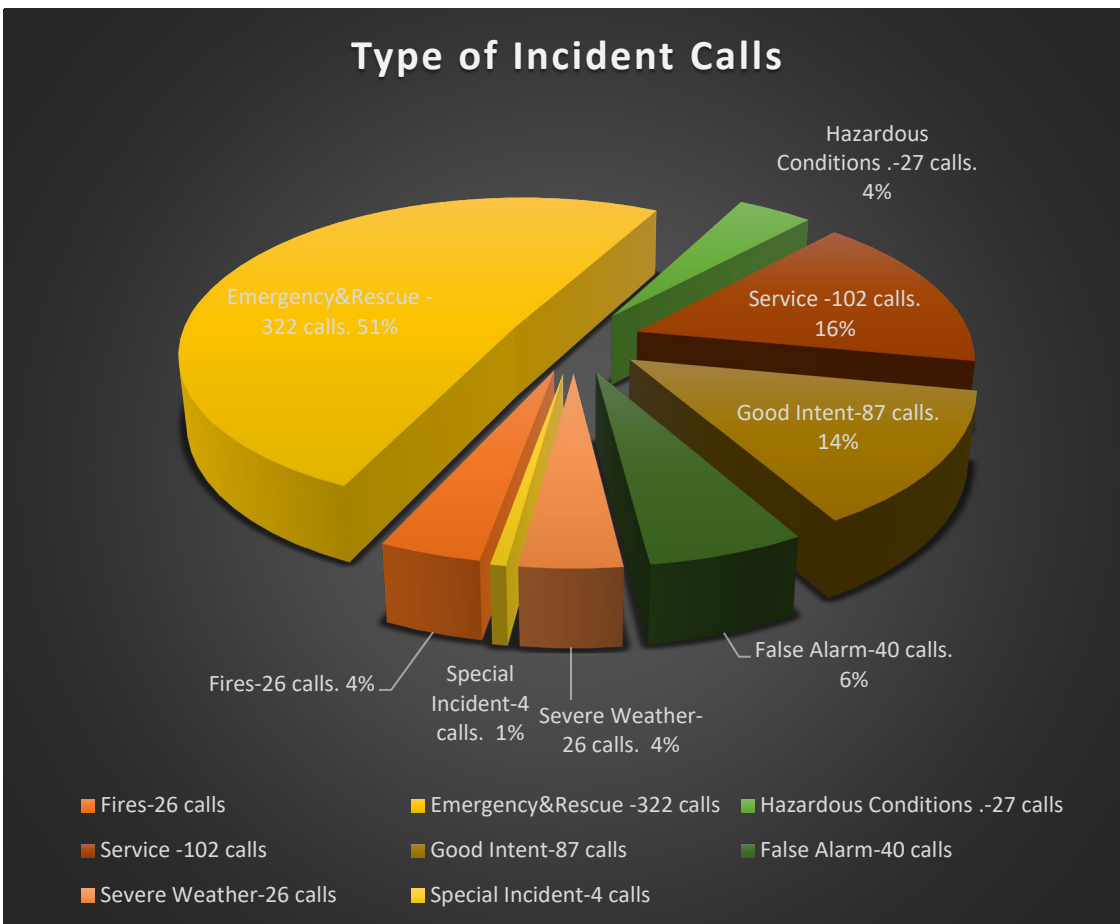
2022:

- Business Oregon -Seismic grant to retro fit the main station for seismic stability.
 - \$1.9M
- AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) - Fill station, fit tester, station exhaust removal system.
 - \$151,428
- VFA (Volunteer Fire Association) - Brush truck \$10,000 to convert SPIRE truck from 2018 into brush to replace 1993 Ford.

Response (calls):



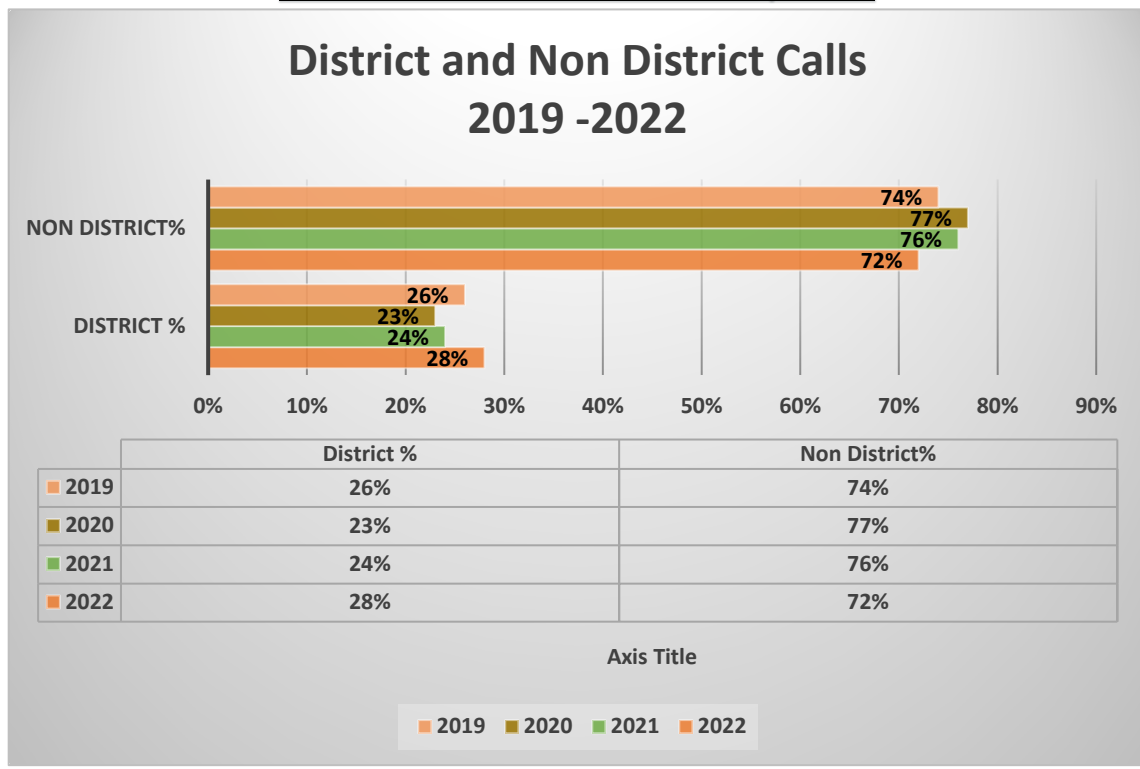
2022 ended with 634 calls for service. This is a 16.09% increase over 2021.



Did you know?

Calling the non-emergency Fire District phone number will not get you a faster response and may in fact slow down the response. **ALWAYS, call 911 for emergencies.** There is no guarantee that firefighters are at the fire station, but all have pagers that alert to a call. Only 911 dispatch can page these responders simultaneously and immediately. Minutes can make a difference to an outcome of a call. Even if you happen to live next door to the fire station and can walk to the station quickly, never come in person or use the non-emergency number for emergencies as it will delay your call response and could impact positive outcomes.

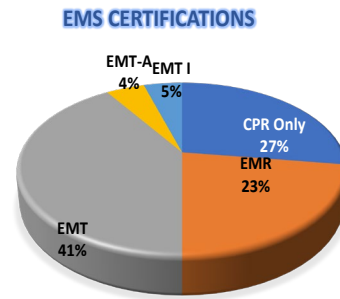
District Residents vs. Visitor responses



A consistent trend is that most calls are from visitors. These are people that do not own property or reside in the district.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) RESCUE TEAMS

With many of our calls for service being medical emergencies. Some of the initial training new members receive is in EMS. CPR/ First-aid is first, followed by Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). We currently have a grant which enables members to seek higher-level EMS training. So far, several members have taken advantage of this opportunity.



Rope Rescue

With many popular State Parks within our Fire District, during our summer months we see a lot of visitors coming to explore them. Unfortunately, we also tend to see an increase in “off-trail” exploring. Several times a year, our firefighters are dispatched to lost hikers, fall victims, or victims stranded on the cliff. Many of these calls require the use of complex rope systems to locate, access, and extricate those victims. Over the past several years, through helpful donations, we have been

able to purchase new state of the art trail and rope rescue equipment. This new equipment has helped us lighten our loads by reducing weight, as well as increasing overall effectiveness which has enabled our personnel to quickly access and extricate our patients. As you know, the equipment is only as good as its user. With that, our firefighters have spent many hours practicing low and high-angle rescue procedures and look forward to increasing our training hours as we begin to near the summer months.



Water / Surf Rescue

One of the largest draws for visitors to Cannon Beach is our beautiful beaches. Unfortunately, many of these visitors do not have enough experience in our challenging surf conditions and find themselves needing to be rescued. Your Cannon Beach Firefighters recognize this hazard and take great pride in providing that needed protection. In 2022, out of roughly 12 water rescues, we are proud to say that none of them ended in fatalities. We attribute this positive

outcome to rapid deployment of properly trained personnel, seamless integration of our mutual-aid partners, as well as early staffing of the beach through a Firefighter/Lifeguard program. This trial program enabled properly trained firefighters to conduct beach patrols during the busy weekends leading up to Lifeguard season which normally doesn’t begin until mid-June. In 2022, we also improved our response capabilities by purchasing (through donations) two new jet skis. These replaced our out-of-service 2004 jet skis. In addition to adding our new jet skis, we also spent the year increasing our level of trained personnel who are capable of entering the water for rescues.

Recruitment & Retention

Nationwide there is a shortage of volunteer firefighters, in Cannon Beach, this is no different. Two major struggles Cannon Beach Fire District faced with volunteers in 2022 are the cost of housing and the workforce shortage. Housing costs drove volunteers out of Cannon Beach and into neighboring communities. The workforce shortage made our working volunteers less available for calls and drills due to working more hours.

At the end of 2022, there were 16 volunteers with Cannon Beach, 10 of whom live in the Cannon Beach Fire District. 12 of our volunteers have been in the department for less than 5 years.

In an attempt to attract and retain more volunteers, Cannon Beach Fire District has implemented many programs which are listed below.

Student Program: A college student, regardless of area of study, may apply for a student scholarship program. Cannon Beach Fire District will provide up to \$1500 per term in scholarships to their college, in return the student works at the fire station at a 48/96 schedule.

Fire Tech: We hire out volunteers on a temporary bases for special projects, such as hydrant testing. This gives them a little extra money and allows Cannon Beach Fire to have better staffing for that time.

Part-time: Cannon Beach Fire District received a \$35,000 grant for summer staffing. It allowed an extra person in the station 7 days a week, 7 am to 7 pm July 1 to October 1.

Staffing Stipend: We give a flat stipend for the Duty officer and for volunteers to sign up for 12-hour availability to respond to calls for those 12 hours.

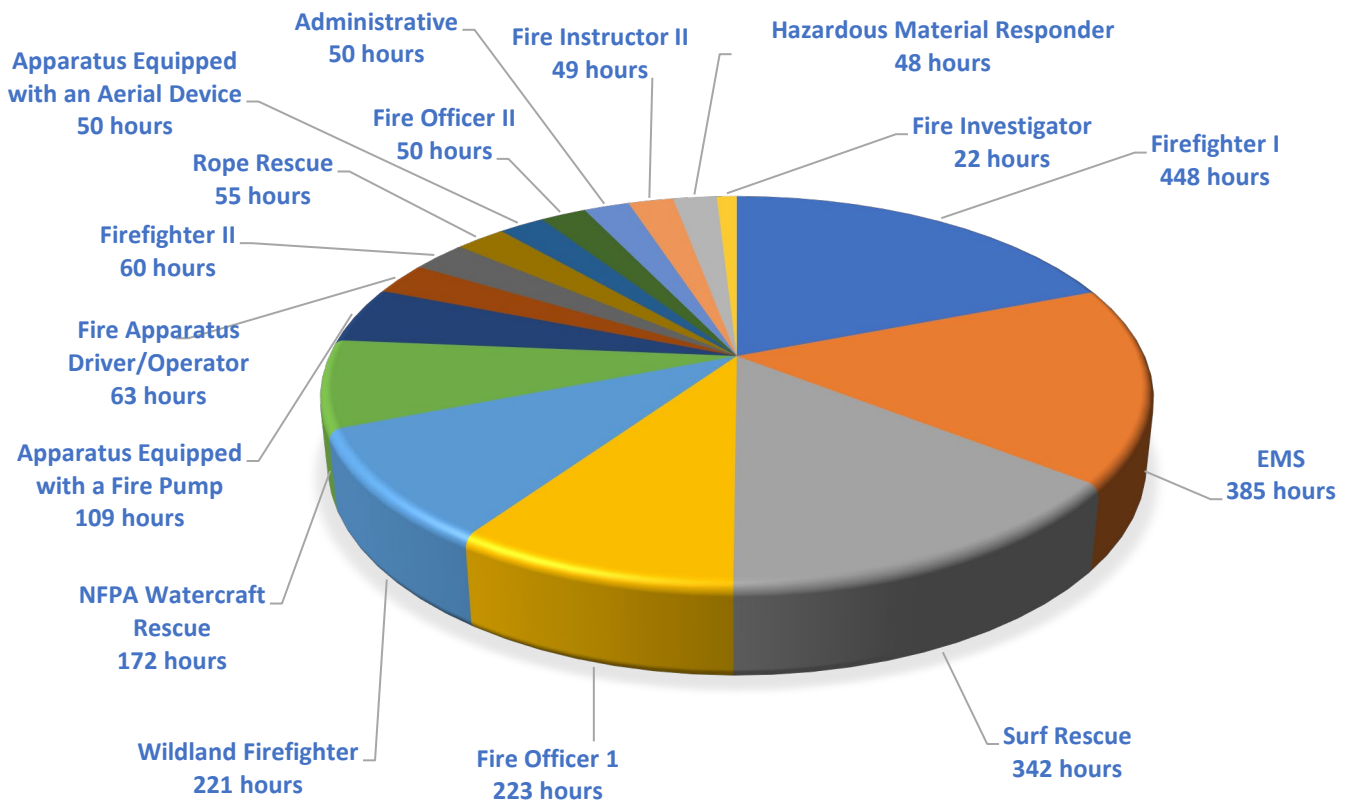
Points System: Volunteers are paid on a point system. There is \$4,000 each month, every call that a volunteer comes to is a point, and every drill is 2 points. At the end of the month, all points are added and divided into \$4,000, and that becomes the value of the point. A monthly point check could be \$25 or \$200 depending on the activity of the volunteer and the number of calls.

Training

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District is an “all hazard” fire department. Meaning that at any given time, our firefighters could be called to handle any type of emergency. From a cut finger needing a band-aid, to a fully involved structure fire requiring the use of several engines to contain it. As a result of this ever-present threat, our firefighters must be trained and ready to handle everything they may respond to.

In 2022 our firefighters completed over 2,300 hours of training. While a majority of our training is completed during our weekly training nights (every Wednesday at 7pm). Many of our firefighters went above and beyond by attending out of the area training. Some of these classes included Rescue Watercraft training (jet ski training); officer and instructor development; lifeguard training; pumper operator training just to name a few. Many of these classes were attended on the firefighter’s own time, which says a lot about their commitment to bettering themselves, as well as ensuring they are prepared to protect life, property, and the environment.

Below is a breakdown of the hours spent training within each specialty area. As you can see from the graph, we were able to spread our training focus across the board. With a primary focus on honing our firefighting skills, continuing our EMS education, and building up our surf rescue program. We focused a majority of our training in these areas because historically, these areas tend to be our most frequent calls for service.



Building Maintenance

CBFIRE has two fire stations: Cannon Beach and Arch Cape.

Cannon Beach (CB) Station

The current Cannon Beach 9,000 square feet main station was built in 1996 by Zink Commercial and designed by architect, Hans Etlin. The station cost \$1.3 million to build. The station has a bunk room, kitchen, and administrative offices. It houses seven apparatus (vehicles) including two fire engines and a ladder truck. The building is located above the tsunami inundation zone, one of the reasons the property site was selected. In 2022 Cannon Beach Fire District received a \$1.9 Million grant for seismic upgrades, construction will begin in September of 2023. Some of the other benefits will be new siding and bay doors.



Arch Cape (AC) Station

The station was built in 2014. It has a community/debriefing room, kitchen, three apparatus bays, a training maze, and a storage room for Red Cross supplies. Cannon Beach Fire District has been working on making plans to add living quarters to the south side of the station to house students and volunteers for better response from this station.



Apparatus & Equipment

Cannon Beach Fire District designates separate monies towards a reserve fund used for upgrading or replacing apparatus and equipment. At the end of the fiscal year 2021-2022, the reserve fund balance was \$902,783. This balance is due to intentional planning of the district for future purchase, but also because of delays in the delivery of the rescue and the engine.

Equipment can include but is not limited to self-contained breathing apparatus, vehicle extrication tools, rope rescue equipment, hoses, nozzles, forcible entry tools, medical equipment, multi-gas monitors, thermal imaging camera, technical rescue gear, backboards, stokes baskets, and automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). In 2021, Cannon Beach applied for and received a grant to replace all radios. This was a regional grant that was managed by Cannon Beach Fire.

Apparatus is the term used to describe vehicle assets such as Fire Engines, Ladder Trucks, EMS Response trucks, Brush Rig, and Duty Officer vehicles. Some apparatuses are inefficient for their purpose. For instance, Apparatus # 3251 is in essence a pick-up truck with a canopy. Getting to the equipment that is needed sometimes means unloading the entire canopy at the scene only to have to reload before leaving. Buying a “Rescue” vehicle specifically built with accessible compartments brings proficiency and aids in morale. The new rescue was ordered in 2020, but due to manufacturing delays, it has not yet been delivered. In 2021 a new engine was ordered to replace one of the 1995 engines; this was done with reserve funds and the district borrowed the rest on a 5-year payment plan, it will be delivered in June of 2023. In late 2021, that engine that was due to be replaced had a catastrophic failure, and the other engine began showing the same mechanical problems. A used 2001 engine was purchased from Clackamas County Fire District #1 for \$5,000 to replace the failed engine.

In 2018 applied for a grant for a “High Axle Rescue Vehicle” with the idea to build a heavy brush truck. Was awarded the grant and given the chassis in 2022 and built a brush truck out of it.

Apparatus Status

App#	Station	Year	Make/Description	Life Xpect	Replace Sched	Current Cost \$	Notes
3225	Cannon Beach	2001	American LaFrance – Type 1	25	2028	720,000	Purchased used in 2021
3226	Arch Cape	2006	E-One Fire engine – Type III	2	2031	525,000	Replace with a unit better suited for Arch Cape.
3227	Cannon Beach	2022	HME Fire Engine – Type I	25	2048	\$550,000	To be delivered June 2023
3249	Cannon Beach	2016	Pierce Ladder Truck	25	2041	950,000	2014 Bond
3251	Cannon Beach	2015	Ford F-250 4x4 Rescue / EMS	15	2031	80,000	New Rescue was ordered
3261	Staff	2012	Chevy Suburban	15	2027	65,000	Used primarily by Chief
3262	Cannon Beach	2010	Toyota Tundra	15	2025	65,000	Utility
3263	Staff	2019	Ford F-250 4x4 Duty Officer	15	2034	80,000	Used as Duty Officer vehicle
3266	Staff	2001	Jeep Cherokee	15	2026	80,000	Will be used by fire inspector
3276	Arch Cape	2022	Core Spire/Mallory Fire	15	2027	225,000	New from SPIRE grant
3277	Cannon Beach	2014	Ford F-550 4x4 Brush Type VI	15	2029	225,000	2014 Joint purchase w/ City of CB
3281	Cannon Beach	2022	John Deere Gator	15	2037	50,000	Purchased by Association
3291	Cannon Beach	2022	Yamaha Wave Runner	10	2032	16,000	Purchased by Association
3292	Cannon Beach	2022	Yamaha Wave Runner	10	2032	16,000	Purchased by association

REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE:

Large apparatus (3225, 3226, 3227, 3249) have a fixed life of 25 years based on ISO requirements; 1 of those apparatus will be replaced every 5-6 years to keep in that 25-year cycle. Other apparatus have a 10–15-year replacement plan, but that can vary widely based on use and repair history.

Insurance Service Office (ISO)

The insurance Service Office (ISO) is an independent organization that conducts what is referred to as Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey and onsite review. Part of the review compares community risks to what the fire district can provide in fire suppression [e.g., putting out fires]. The ISO PPC Program plays an important role in the underwriting process for insurance companies. Most US-independent insurers use PPC information as part of their decision-making when deciding on insurance coverage and premium rates. PPC rates on a scale from “1” to “10”, with “10” being no protection and “1” being the highest community protection possible. PPC rating occurs approximately every 10 years unless there is a significant change in the community, e.g., re-districting.

CBFire’s PPC rating was reclassified in 2018 from “4” to “3”. The lower the classification number, the better the insurance rate, particularly for commercial businesses in the district.

PPC points are given within the following categories: a) apparatus, b) staffing, c) water supply, and d) fire prevention. Total points are used to determine classification ratings. Examples of each category:

- **Apparatus:** A ladder truck classification, to obtain full points, requires 100 feet extension ladder. The pump capacity for the City of Cannon Beach requires 3,000 gallons per minute (GPM). Points are lost when the apparatus exceeds 25 years.
- **Staffing:** Considers the number of responders and response times.
- **Water Supply:** Includes hydrant flushing, maintenance, water flow pressures, and water volume of apparatus, particularly in areas with limited water supply.
- **Fire Prevention:** Includes points for Fire Marshal availability for inspections and pre-plan / pre-incident surveys.

Why Care about ISO?

While homeowners see relatively small differences in their property insurance bills, commercial owners realize the difference in significant ways. The lower the score, the better their insurance rate.

The challenging goal is to maintain the “3” rating by addressing areas where we can advance progress such as increasing pumping capacity, maintaining hydrants for the city, upgrading apparatus, and enabling Fire Marshal capabilities.

Apparatus List

Engine 3225
First out engine



Engine 3226
Arch Cape Engine



Engine 3227
2nd out/reserve engine



Ladder 3249
Extends 75'



Rescue 3251
EMS / Rescue



Apparatus 3261
Staff, Fire Chief



**Apparatus 3262
Utility**



**Apparatus 3263
Duty Officer**



**3266
Staff vehicle**



**Brush 3276
Arch Cape**



**Brush 3277
Cannon Beach**



**Wave runners 3291 & 3292
Surf Rescue**



Apparatus 3281-Gator



Community Warning System (COWS)

Citizens and visitors along the coast are among the most vulnerable to hazardous weather conditions, including earthquakes and tsunamis. The COWS is a warning siren system intended to alert visitors and residents to evacuate or seek shelter in an emergency. The Emergency Management Division of Clatsop County received the sirens and poles from the Oregon Military Department.

In late 2022 the Cannon Beach Rural Fire District entered into an agreement with the City of Cannon Beach to begin taking over the management of the system. The Cannon Beach Fire District will still fund the maintenance and upgrades for the towers located in Arch Cape. The main controller has now been replaced and are working on replacing speakers in several towers. The system is functional now but are working on upgrades.



Prevention

Hydrants

The City of Cannon Beach owns and maintains the city fire hydrants. There are also hydrants in Arch Cape and Falcon Cove. In 2020 Cannon Beach Fire District entered into an agreement with the City of Cannon Beach to maintain and flow all hydrants within the city limits. The program has expanded now to include Arch Cape and Falcon Cove. Each year 25% of the hydrants are tested so every 4 years every hydrant is tested.

Pre-Construction Review

The fire department has a responsibility to review and assess water supply requirements and availability for new construction or large renovations of existing buildings in the district. This function is on the increase, particularly in Arch Cape where increased development is occurring.

Inspections

With the addition of the Fire Marshal planned in 2023, business inspections will resume.

Public Education

Public education includes going into schools, businesses, and community events to provide valuable information on Fire Prevention. Public Education will resume now that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Association

In 2002, the Cannon Beach Fire District Volunteer Association (“Association”) was established as a non-profit corporation under State and Federal regulations.

The purpose of the organization is to raise and disburse funds toward projects to enhance the ability of the volunteer firefighters to execute the mission of the CBFire with respect to life and property safety in our community.

The 2022 Ham Dinner was brought back as a seated dinner after a break due to COVID-19; dinner sales and donations raised over \$100,000. The Volunteer Association in 2022 made many purchases of equipment for both surf and rope rescue. Also, the Association replaced the (2) 2004 jet skis with new Yamaha jet skis, as one of the 2004 skis had a catastrophic failure.

The current Association officers form the Executive Association Board:

<i>President:</i>	Silvia Avila
<i>Vice President:</i>	Brian Smith
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Luke Williams
<i>Secretary:</i>	Eric Ostrander
<i>Sergeant in Arms:</i>	Keaton Walde

For more information on Volunteers refer to:

<https://www.cbfire.com/volunteers>

Community Driven, Volunteer Proud!



We are always looking for dedicated individuals to join our team!
All volunteers earn a stipend for training and call response.

Please visit our website (www.cbfire.com), call us at 503-436-2949, or complete the below interest form and return to 188 Sunset Blvd, PO Box 24, Cannon Beach, OR 97110.

First and Last Name	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
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City:	
State:	
Zip:	

How did you hear about Us?

- Annual Report
- Another Volunteer
- Friends or Family
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Flyer
- Newspaper
- Radio
- Personalized Mailing
- Local Ad
- Website Ad
- Other: _____

How would you like to be contacted?

- Doesn't matter
- Email
- Phone: Best time _____
- Text: Best time _____





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