

2017

PENDLETON FIRE AND AMBULANCE



ANNUAL

REPORT



Pendleton Fire and Ambulance



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Letter from the Chief

Dear citizens of Pendleton, residents of Ambulance Service Area No. 1 and the rural Fire Districts that we serve:

It is with great honor that I present the 2017 annual report. 2017 was truly a monumental year for the Pendleton Fire Department. From the citizens approving the 10 million dollar fire station replacement bond, to the unprecedented wildland fire response we provided across the western states, to an entire new cadre of officers, this year saw many successes, changes, and challenges. While 2017 saw numerous changes and improvements to our department, I would like to highlight just a few:



- We began the departments first ever strategic planning process. We were assisted by many business, community, and elected leaders in this planning effort..
- Under the leadership of Lt. Jeremy Keene, we saw tremendous growth within our Reserve and Intern programs.
- The city was awarded the five-year franchise for providing ambulance service to the majority of central and southern Umatilla County.
- Continued to receive grants through the Wildhorse Foundation and other sources that allowed us to replace outdated equipment.
- Provided coverage for numerous large events in the city at no cost to our citizens.
- Our ambulance fleet and EMS equipment have all been upgraded and we continue to provide one of the highest cardiac survival rates in the Pacific Northwest.

While the department is heading in the right direction, we continue to face many challenges. Our staffing levels continue to fall below industry standards and several very expensive fire engines (and other fire equipment) need to be replaced.

The men and women of the Pendleton Fire Department take pride in providing the highest level of emergency medical care and fire protection possible. We are working hard every single day to become the premier fire department in Eastern Oregon.

Sincerely,

Mike Ciraulo
Fire Chief

Special thanks to Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Uselman for the design and development of this report.



Pendleton Fire and Ambulance

Mission Statement

“Protect Life, Preserve Property, and Serve with Integrity”



Values

Integrity

Compassion

Accountability

Teamwork and Shared Leadership

Innovation



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Management Team

Fire Chief:

Mike Ciraulo

Mike Ciraulo has served the city as its Fire Chief since 2015.



Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal:

Shawn Penninger

Shawn Penninger has served the city as its Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal since 2016.



Office Specialist III:

Karen Hoeft

Karen Hoeft has served the city as an Office Specialist since 2013.





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Fire Department Line Personnel

A Shift Roster:

Steve Brost-
Captain/Paramedic

Mark Cave-
Lieutenant/Paramedic

Jeffery Perry-
Lieutenant/Paramedic

Mark Lewis-
Firefighter/Paramedic

Lorne Becker-
Firefighter/Paramedic

Alex Baty-
Firefighter/Paramedic

Morgan Hall-
Firefighter/Paramedic

B Shift Roster:

John Richardson-
Captain/Paramedic

Craig Murstig-
Lieutenant/Paramedic

Jeremy Keene-
Lieutenant/Paramedic

Mark Easley-
Firefighter/Paramedic

Peter Nichols-
Firefighter/Paramedic

Marc Proctor-
Firefighter/Paramedic

Robert Wolf-
Firefighter/Paramedic

C Shift Roster:

Dan Hergert-
Captain/Paramedic

Brandon Schmidtgall-
Lieutenant/Paramedic

Daryl Sams-
Lieutenant/Paramedic

Jared Uselman-
Firefighter/Paramedic

Jaclyn Berentsen-
Firefighter/Paramedic

Adam Wilkinson-
Firefighter/Paramedic

Jordan Tyer-
Firefighter/Paramedic



Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic Pete Nichols who was selected as the Firefighter of the Year.



Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Reserve Staff

Pendleton Fire and Ambulance relies not only on the career staff, but also on its Reserve (Volunteer) staff. The reserve program consists of Fire and EMS reserves, EMS only reserves, and Fire only reserves. Among the reserve staff are citizens of the Pendleton area with a background or interest in fire and/or EMS. We have reserves from many different backgrounds. For example, our EMS only reserves consist largely of Registered Nurses and CNAs from local institutions such as St. Anthony Hospital which is located in Pendleton. Pendleton

Fire and Ambulance also incorporates a student resident intern (RI) program. This program allows young persons with an interest in the fire service to work and live alongside career staff while going to school for EMS and Fire Science. This program is overseen by Lt. Jeremy Keene and offers financial compensation, housing, and reimbursements for tuition. All Pendleton reserve staff are compensated for their time and efforts whether it be for fighting fire, taking inter-facility transfers from one hospital to another, or attending trainings. The reserve program is a vital part of Pendleton Fire and Ambulance and contributes greatly to the success of our agency.





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New Hires

Robert Wolf-

Robert was hired in February of 2017 shortly after completing his paramedic schooling and internship which he completed in Bend, Oregon. Robert is originally from the Portland area and has brought many great assets to the agency.



Morgan Hall-

Morgan was hired in November of 2017 after spending almost a decade serving the Portland Air National Guard Fire Department in Portland, Oregon. Morgan comes from a military background and has served both overseas and on the home front. Morgan has made the move from the Portland area to Pendleton with a desire to be a bigger part of the community through the services that we so proudly provide.





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Promotions

Captains:

Dan Hergert:

Dan started his career with Pendleton Fire and Ambulance in July of 1992. Dan showed obvious leadership knowledge, skills, and abilities and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant after only 2 years with Pendleton Fire and Ambulance. On October 1st, 2017 Dan promoted to the rank of Captain. He is currently serving as Captain of C shift and is also the Training Officer for PFD.



Steve Brost:

Steve came to Pendleton Fire and Ambulance in October of 2001 after working for American Medical Response (AMR) as a paramedic and serving with Gladstone Fire Department in Gladstone, Oregon. Steve has a particular interest in EMS and that has shined throughout his career. Steve was appointed to the Oregon Medical Board EMS Committee in 2017 prior to his promotion to Captain on October 1st, 2017. Steve also serves as the EMS Captain at PFD. Steve also oversees the EMS program at Blue Mountain Community College when he is not working as the Captain on A shift.





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Promotions

Lieutenants:

Jeremy Keene



Craig Murstig



Daryl Sams



Brandon Shmidtgall



Mark Cave



Jeffery Perry





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Retirements

Dave Baty-

Dave Baty officially retired on October 31st, 2017. Dave started his career with Pendleton Fire and Ambulance on November 9th, 1992 after serving in the United States Air Force as a Firefighter. Over the span of his 25 year career at PFD, Dave worked up the ranks as a Firefighter/Paramedic, Lieutenant/Paramedic, and ended his

career as a Captain/Paramedic on C Shift. Dave now works as the Fire Chief for East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District. Dave served Pendleton and its surrounding areas' citizens with the utmost professionalism and respect. He will surely be missed by the members of PFD as well as the citizens whom we serve.





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Calls for Service

In 2017, Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Responded to a total of **3161** calls for service. These calls were comprised of the following events and categories, with the remainder falling under miscellaneous:

Call Volume	2017
Civilian Injuries	2
Civilian Deaths	0
Firefighter Deaths	0
Firefighter Injuries	0

Call Volume	2017
Fire-100 Series	111
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire) - 200 Series	2
Rescue & EMS Incident - 300 Series	2,456
Hazardous Condition (No Fire) - 400 Series	24
Service Call - 500 Series	143
Good Intent Call - 600 Series	127
False Alarm & False Call - 700 Series	94
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster - 800 Series	0
Special Incident Type - 900 Series	4
TOTAL	2,961

Call Volume for Fires	2017
Structure Fires (Codes 111-120)	30
Vehicle Fires (Codes 130-138)	17
Vegetation Fires (Codes 140-143)	29
TOTAL	76
Total Acreage of all vegetation fires	149.11

Call Volume for Rescue and EMS Incidents	2017
Motor Vehicle Accidents (Codes 322-324)	100
Vehicle Extrications (Code 352)	1
Rescues (Codes 300,351, 353-381)	384
TOTAL	485

Call Volume for Mutual and Automatic Aid	2017
Mutual Aid Received	28
Auto Aid Received	13
Mutual Aid Given	78
Auto Aid Given	8
TOTAL	127
Number of aid calls involving structure fires	12



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Notable Incidents and Events



January 24th, 2017- Structure Fire at 1525 SE Alexander Place
Pendleton, Oregon

March 10th, 2017- Structure Fire at 2600 SW Goodwin Ave.
Pendleton, Oregon





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Notable Incidents and Events



March 14th, 2017 - Structure Fire at 45542 Mission Rd Pendleton, Oregon (Mutual Aid w/ Umatilla Tribal Fire Department)

March 25th, 2017 – Structure Fire at Unknown Address, Riverside Pendleton, Oregon





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Notable Incidents and Events



March 29th, 2017- Structure Fires at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution and NE Riverside Pendleton, Oregon.



May 5th, 2017- Wood Chipper Fire at 84501 Vansycle Rd. Helix, Oregon. (Mutual Aid w/ Helix and East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District)



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Notable Incidents and Events

June 8th, 2017- Hazmat Truck Fire on I-84 MP 209 and Motor Home Fire on SW Court Ave (Round Up Ground). Pendleton, Oregon



June 23rd, 2017- Brush Fire in Pilot Rock ~20 acres. Pilot Rock, Oregon. (Mutual Aid w/ Pilot Rock Fire Department and the Oregon Department of Forestry)





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Notable Incidents and Events



June 24th, 2017- Plane Crash at Eastern Oregon Regional Airport. Pendleton, Oregon



July 15th, 2017- Whisky Fest Event. Pendleton Oregon



July 21st, 2017- Motor Home Fire on SW Emigrant Ave. Pendleton, Oregon



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Notable Incidents and Events

August 9th, 2017- Wildland Fire in Weston, Oregon.
(Mutual aid w/ East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District and Oregon Department of Forestry)



September 13th, 2017- Brush Fire at SE 3rd St. and Frazier Ave. Pendleton, Oregon

October 26th, 2017- MVA with prolonged extrication on Hoeft Rd. Pendleton, Oregon





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Wildland Fire Deployments and Conflagrations

Throughout the summer, fall, and even winter seasons, Pendleton Fire and Ambulance operated on several wildland fires in Oregon, Washington, and California. Pendleton played a role in numerous wildland complexes by sending ambulances with Paramedics for ambulance deployments, members to work with and as part of the Incident Management Team(s), and Wildland Firefighters to help directly mitigate and protect against wildland fires. The following is a list of the deployments and conflagrations that Pendleton Fire and Ambulance participated in during the 2017 wildland fire season:



State of Oregon:

- **Railroad fire** - July
- **Cinder Butte fire** - August
- **Umpqua North fire** – August & September
- **Eagle Creek fire** - September
- **ABC Misc fire** - August
- **Devils Lake fire** - August
- **Jones fire** - August
- **Whitewater fire** – September

State of Washington:

- **Snake River fire** - July
- **Happy Dog fire** - August
- **Bridge Creek fire** - August

State of California

- **October EMAC response to Santa Rosa** - October
- **December EMAC response to LA/Ventura Counties** - December





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Training and Education





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Stations

Pendleton Fire Station #1 located at 911 SW Court Ave.
Pendleton, Oregon.



Pendleton Fire Station #2 located at 1200 Southgate
Pendleton, Oregon.



Pendleton Fire Station #3 located at 4698 NW A Ave.
Pendleton, Oregon. (Eastern Oregon Regional Airport)





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Apparatus

Station #1:

Engine 1-	2008 Rosenbauer Spartan structure engine
Engine 3-	1986 Seagrave structure engine
Tower 1 -	2005 Rosenbauer Spartan Quint with 104 ft aerial platform
Water Tender 1-	2002 International with 3000 gallon water tank
Brush 1-	2003 Ford F550 Crew Cab Type 6 wildland engine
Rescue 1-	1996 GMC 3500
Medic 1-	2017 Ford F450 (Braun)
Medic 3-	2015 Ford F450 (Braun)
Medic 5-	2002 Ford F450 (MedTech)
Utility 1-	1986 GMC 3500 Flatbed
Utility 2-	2002 Chevy Tahoe
Chief 1-	2013 Ford F150 Crew Cab
Chief 2-	2013 Ford F150 Extended Cab

Station #2:

Engine 2-	1998 HME structure engine
Brush 2-	2002 International Type 3 wildland engine
Medic 2-	2016 Dodge Ram 4500 (Braun)
Medic 4-	2011 Ford F450 (Braun)

Station #3:

ARFF 1-	2012 Oshkosh Striker 1500 crash truck
ARFF 2-	1997 Oshkosh T1500 crash truck



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Fire Station #1 Bond

In May of 2017 the citizens of Pendleton voted in favor of a 10million dollar bond measure that would effectively replace the existing Pendleton Fire Station #1. The new fire station will be located at the site of the old St. Anthony Hospital on the Southeast side of town. McCormack has been chosen as the company that will be building the new station.

The new station will provide better accommodations through health and safety measures as well as an increase in space for additional future employees. Ground breaking at the new site will take place on May 17, 2018. The projected completion and move in date is set for fall of 2019.





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New Equipment and Apparatus

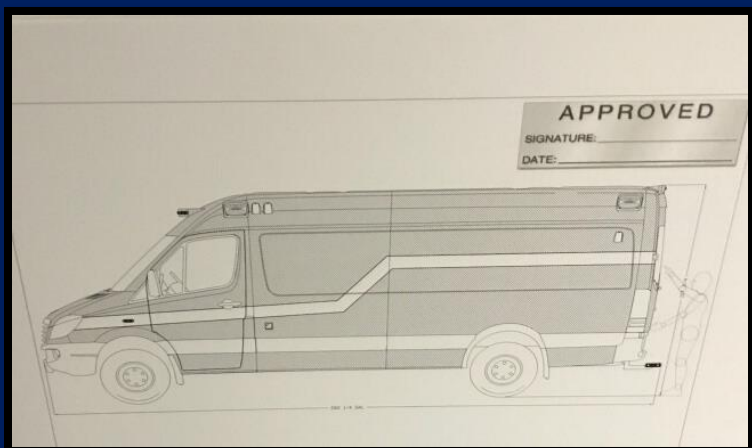


Zoll X Series Cardiac Monitors:

In the summer of 2017, Pendleton City Council approved to purchase of 5 new Zoll cardiac monitors. These cardiac monitors replaced the older Zoll E series cardiac monitors that Pendleton Medic units carried previously.

Hurst E-Draulic Tools:

In the summer of 2017, Pendleton Fire and Ambulance was approved for purchase of 3 new pieces of extrication equipment. This equipment allows our crews for easier manipulation of tools while extricating potentially trapped victims from vehicles and machinery.



Mercedes Sprinter Van Ambulance:

Pendleton Fire and Ambulance was approved for the purchase of a new ambulance with its sole intention being focused on inter-facility transfers (taking a patient from one facility to another). This vehicle will reduce fuel costs and provide the patient with the same level of care as the rest of the ambulance fleet.