

2022

Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Annual Report



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Letter from the Chief

I would like to take the time to thank each and every one of you for a good year. 2022 brought us many ups and downs, but I am proud of this department. Whiskey fest and Round-up went well. During the Round-Up we had our usual traumas and cardiac events, but all were handled with great care. Well done!



August brought us the Mill fire, a big fire, but one that was kept to the building of origin. Well done!

In September we moved into the Airport barracks, preparing us to improve area response. We are increasing our reserve numbers continuously, to support our growing community. We ran 3944 calls in 2022 and our increased numbers helped to handle this load.

We enter 2023 tired but in fighting shape. We hope to continue to find more ways to reduce our call load, its impact on each individual member and improve service to all our citizens. Shortly, we will get another updated assessment on our department's performance.

Thank you all for your efforts and dedication to the people we serve.

Jim Critchley,
Fire Chief

Mission Statement and Vision



“Protect life, preserve property, and serve with integrity”

The *“Vision”* articulates what we want our organization to become in the future.

Be the Premier Fire Department in Eastern Oregon

In support of the vision we will:

- Be the leader in the provision of emergency services to the communities we serve.
- Recognize that serving our community is a privilege.
- Conduct ourselves in a professional manner at all times.
- Take every opportunity to nurture and facilitate regional partnerships and programs where we can.
- Assure our programs are cost-effective, efficient, and that expenses are well managed.
- Place a high value on the development of future leaders.
- Value teamwork and the strength of decisions developed through open and collaborative processes.
- Treat our personnel and the citizens we serve with respect and dignity at all times.

Administrative Staff

Fire Chief:

Jim Critchley

Chief Critchley has served Pendleton Fire and Ambulance since 2019. Critchley came to Pendleton Fire and Ambulance from Tucson Fire Department after a lengthy career that spanned from 1988-2018, included the position of Fire Chief for over 7 years.



Critchley and Pierotti

Assistant Chief:

Anthony Pierotti

Chief Pierotti has served Pendleton Fire and Ambulance since 2020. Pierotti comes from Tucson Fire Department after a career that spanned from 1999-2020.

Deputy Chief of Recruitment/Retention :

Jim Bolton

Chief Bolton is recent addition to Pendleton Fire and Ambulance and has been working since the fall of 2022. He has an extensive background in the fire service both in and outside of Oregon.

Office Specialist:

Karen Hoeft

Karen Hoeft has served Pendleton Fire and Ambulance since 2013. Karen is a crucial member of our department and handles not only our ambulance billing, but also coordinates and organizes the majority of our interfacility transports, events and meetings, and any other detail that helps keep our department operating efficiently.

Operations Staff

Pendleton fire operates on a 3-platoon schedule. These shifts consist of (1) Captain, (2) Lieutenants, and (4) Firefighters. All career operations staff are licensed Oregon Paramedics.

A Shift

- Capt./P Steve Brost
- Lt/P Mark Cave
- Lt/P Jeff Perry
- FF/P Alex Baty
- FF/P Michael Cuneo
- FF/P Manuel Kirkland
- FF/P Avery Deutz

B Shift

- Capt./P Jeremy Keene
- Lt/P Craig Murstig
- Lt/P Brandon Schmidtgall
- FF/P Peter Nichols
- FF/P Jaclyn Armstrong
- FF/P Tanner Carey
- FF/P Josh Hoeft

C Shift

- Capt./P Jared Uselman
- Lt/P Mark Easley
- Lt/P Daryl Sams
- FF/P Adam Wilkinson
- FF/P Jordan Tyer
- FF/P Morgan Hall
- FF/P Chance McGirr



Firefighter of the Year 2022; Manuel Kirkland.

Manuel was chosen for the title of Firefighter of the Year due to his outstanding service to the community, his department, and his brothers and sisters. He is an exemplary model of what those in the fire service should strive to emulate, and his attitude and energy never fail to shine day in and day out. Congratulations Manny!

Reserve Staff

Pendleton Fire and Ambulance is a combination department, consisting of 21 full time career employees and ~40 reserve staff. Pendleton relies greatly on the reserve staff during times when the service demands exceed the limitations of the career staff on duty. Pendleton has increased its reserve staff over the past few years and currently has reserves in positions such as but not limited to; Fire/EMS reserves, EMS reserves, Fire reserves, and some in support roles such as billing and records keeping. We train our reserves to a high standard which allows for them to operate in conjunction with our career staff with ease and efficiency.



Resident Intern Program

Over the years, Pendleton Fire and Ambulance has created a robust and successful resident intern program. This program is in addition to our reserve staff, and provides educational, financial, and housing support to young men and women looking to enter the emergency services career field. Our program is currently in coordination with Blue Mountain Community College, with campuses located both in Pendleton and Hermiston. This program works closely with the college as well as our neighboring agency in Hermiston, Or (Umatilla County Fire District #1). Our program allows for the resident interns to obtain a minimum of; NFPA Firefighter 1, NFPA Driver Operator, EMT-Basic License, and an Associates Degree in Fire Science. This all accomplished and accommodated while being assigned to a regular shift and working on the 48/96 schedule. Our goal with this program is to grow the resident interns into certified and qualified individuals with a high degree of professionalism. The ultimate result is the ability to become a career firefighter/EMT backed by 2 years of education and on the job training. We are proud to be able to say that we have successfully helped many young men and women make their way into the career of Fire and EMS, some of which with our own agency.



New Hires

Avery Deutz-

Avery started with Pendleton Fire and Ambulance in December of 2022 as a Firefighter/Paramedic. Avery is a native to the region and moved back from Central Oregon to work for the City of Pendleton. Avery finished his paramedic training in Texas at Texas A&M- TEEX.



Joshua Hoeft-

Josh started with Pendleton Fire and Ambulance in December of 2022 as a Firefighter/Paramedic after working for a neighboring department (Umatilla Tribal Fire Dept.). Josh has also worked part time Pilot Rock Fire Dept. and Umatilla County Fire District #1 prior to being hired on full time with Pendleton Fire and Ambulance.

Jim Bolton-

Jim Bolton was hired with Pendleton Fire and Ambulance as the Deputy Chief of Recruitment and Retention in November of 2022. Jim has an extensive background in the fire service including work with Bend Fire and Rescue, Portland Fire, Reno Fire Department, U.S. Virgin Islands, and CMC Rescue.



Promotions

Jared Uselman

Captain/Paramedic (December 1st, 2022)



Mark Easley

Lieutenant/Paramedic (December 1st, 2022)



Retirements

Captain Dan Hergert (1992-2022)

Dan Hergert began his career with Pendleton Fire and Ambulance in the summer of 1992. Dan worked just over 30 years as a career member for the department. His career included the positions of Firefighter/Paramedic (2 years), Lieutenant/Paramedic (23 years), and Captain/Paramedic (5

years). Dan was a dedicated member of the department and was extremely passionate about the fire service and the trade of firefighting. We wish Dan a long and enjoyable retirement. Thank you for your service Dan!



Calls for Service

Pendleton Fire and Ambulance 2022-

Total Incidents

3942

- EMS Incidents
 - 3164
- Structure Fires
 - 39
- Outside Fires
 - 53
- Vehicle Fires
 - 24
- HAZMAT Calls
 - 52
- Other Calls for service
 - 619



Total Incidents by Month:

January-	357
February-	308
March-	279
April-	286
May-	286
June-	312
July-	374
August-	356
September-	373
October-	296
November-	332
December-	385



Community Outreach

Pendleton Fire and Ambulance as well as Pendleton Professional Firefighters Association take an active role in working with and for the community. Working with the community often goes beyond the calls for service. In 2022 Pendleton Fire and Ambulance and its members contributed time, effort, manpower, and donations to many entities and charities including but not limited to:

- Pendleton Buck Boosters
- Pendleton FFA
- Turkey Trot and Made to Thrive
- Pendleton PAWS (Animal Shelter)
- Pendleton Library
- St. Anthony's Festival of Trees
- Pendleton Young Life
- Hamley's Giving Tree



Fire Stations and Apparatus

Fire Station #1

1455 SE Court Ave

- Medic 1- 2017 Ford F-450 Braun Ambulance
- Medic 3- 2015 Ford F-450 Braun Ambulance
- Medic 5- 2018 Mercedes Sprinter Ambulance
- Engine 1- 2017 Pierce Impel Type 1 Engine
- Tower 1- 2005 Spartan Rosenbauer 104' Tower Ladder
- Water Tender 1- 2002 International 3000 gallons
- Rescue 1- 2021 F-550 Crew cab Rescue
- Brush 1- 2021 F-550 Type 6 Wildland Engine
- Polaris UTV



Fire Station #2

1200 Southgate/HWY 395

- Engine 2- 2008 Spartan Rosenbauer Type 1 Engine
- Brush 2- 2002 International Type 3 Wildland Engine
- Medic 2- 2021 Ford F-450 Braun Ambulance
- Medic 4- 2016 Dodge 4500 Braun Ambulance



Fire Station #3

4698 NW A Ave.

Eastern Oregon Regional Airport

- ARFF 1- 2012 Oshkosh Striker 1500 crash truck
- ARFF 2- 1997 Oshkosh T1500 crash truck
- Engine 3- 1998 HME Type 1 Engine
- Brush 3- 2003 Ford F-550 Type 6 Wildland Engine

