



Keizer Fire District

Protecting Lives, Property and the Environment

2017 Annual Report



Keizer
firefighters saw a
16%
increase in calls
during 2017.

From the Fire Chief

Hello Keizer Fire District,

We have been busy this last year in historic and record breaking ways. In 2017, we went on statewide mobilizations four times for conflagration fires. Two of these were in Oregon (Eagle Creek and Chetco fires) and two were in California (Thomas Fire in Ventura and the Napa Valley conflagration). We trained hard and prepared for fires of this type. We also broke response records here at home in January 2017 and then again in December 2017 for the busiest months ever for the fire district.

We finished 2017 with a new record number of emergency responses of 5,419. This is an increase of 15.7%. Of these emergencies, the need for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel is over 80% of what we do, besides respond to fires, rescues, and calls for assistance and it cannot be unsaid how much we train, plan, and prepare for responses. Vehicles and facilities need maintenance etc.

We are going to need your help this year. We need your approval to keep our ambulances on the road. Our ambulances and EMS program are funded through our local option levy which voters approved in 2008, and in 2013. Our operating levy must be renewed by our voters every five years. Our levy is up for renewal again, this November, 2018. Please continue to give us your voter approval to renew our local option levy to maintain our ambulance services.

We are doing well here with your support. It is our commitment to you to provide the best emergency services and public safety programs that Keizer deserves and all enthusiastically done in McNary Blue.

2017 was my 10th year serving as your fire chief. It is a privilege which I hold dear and I am sincerely grateful to the professional men and women of Keizer Fire District. They are the best. We serve in the best community there is... because everyone in Keizer works hard to make it so. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

Jeff Cowan

Keizer Fire District

In the Community

- Blood Pressure Checks
- Breakfast with Santa
- Candy Cane Day
- Car Seat Clinics/Checks
- Career Days at Local Schools
- Fire Prevention Open House
- Fire Safety Education
- Fire Station Tours
- Firework Permits
- Iris Festival
- KFD BLAST Camp
- Mother's Day Breakfast
- National Night Out
- New Construction Plan Review
- Oktoberfest Corn Booth
- Parades
- Read Across America
- Santa Breakfast
- Smoke Alarm Installations

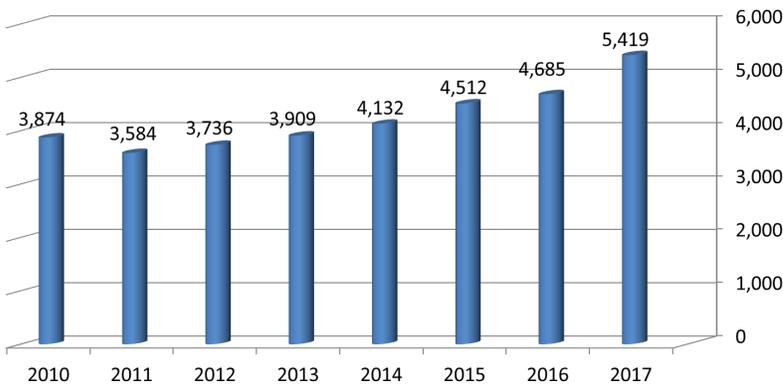


9/11 Remembrance

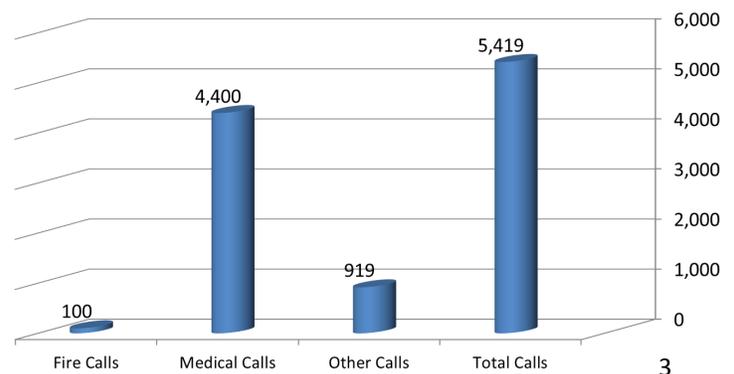
The Keizer Fire District holds a ceremony each September 11th to remember the tragic events and those who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001. We were honored to have McNary High School Jr. ROTC Honor Guard post the colors, while Salem Professional Firefighters Pipes and Drums played. Keizer Fire Chief Jeff Cowan gave remarks and the memorial wreath was placed at the Keizer Fire memorial.



Call Volume History



Calls for Service



Outstanding Efforts



John Fowler
Firefighter of the Year



Sean Cummings
Employee of the Year



Jacob Brinlee
EMT of the Year



Matt Miller
Rookie of the Year



Noah Murayma
Top Responder



Wildfire Season 2017

The 2017 wildfire season kept firefighters across the nation busy including our own Keizer Firefighters. From August to December we deployed a crew as part of the Marion County Task Force on four different occasions.

In 2017 our crews deployed to

- Chetco Bar Fire, Brookings, Oregon – 6.5 days
- Eagle Creek Fire, Cascade Locks, Oregon – 14 days
- Tubbs Fire, Napa Valley, California – 8 days
- Thomas Fire, Ventura, California – 14 days

We are proud to have been able to assist our own state and our neighbors to the South. Firefighters are already beginning preparations for the 2018 wildfire season in case they are called upon again.



Upcoming Events for 2018

- February 17th—Car Seat Clinic
- March 11th—Seattle Firefighter Stair Climb
- May 13th—Mother’s Day Breakfast
- May 19th—Iris Festival Parade
- July —KPD BLAST Camp
- August 7th—National Night Out
- September 11th—9/11 Remembrance
- September 13th –16th—Oktoberfest
- September 23th—Portland Firefighter Stair Climb
- October 7th—13th—Fire Prevention Week
- October 8th—Fire Prevention Open House
- November 17th—Car Seat Clinic @KFD
- December 4th —Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 9th— Santa Breakfast
- December 15th—Candy Cane Day



Your Fire District



In 2017, Keizer Firefighters responded to 5,419 calls for service, only 100 were for fires. In the 69 years that Keizer Firefighters have been serving the citizens of Keizer there has been a slow, but constant shift in the type of calls that firefighters respond to.

The District responded to 4,400 medical emergency requests. This category of call covers people who are injured in accidents or suffering from medical conditions such as heart attacks. The remaining 919 calls were for motor vehicle crashes, lift assists, odor investigations and other types of calls for service.



Equipment Bond Purchases



In 2015, voters approved a \$6 million equipment bond allowing the Fire District to replace aged apparatus and better outfit the Fire District for its changing emergency response. It was a long process to design and have the apparatus built, but over the course of 2016 and 2017 the new apparatus were delivered and put in service. In 2017, two Pierce fire engines, a refurbished ladder truck, a heavy brush truck and a UTV that would allow firefighter to access difficult terrain or patients in remote areas of Keizer Rapids Park were delivered.

About your Fire District

Fire Service Area

10.5 Square miles

Property Value Protected

\$2,293,947,500

Population of Fire District

38,980 residents

Number of Personnel

Paid—35.5

Volunteer—20

Explorers—12

2017-2018 Budget

\$9,293,830



Ten Busiest Days in 2017

November 22—32 calls	January 12th -25 calls
January 7th—30 calls	January 9th—24 calls
May 19th—29 calls	June 30th—23 calls
April 7th—26 calls	July 4th—23 calls
December 22nd—26 calls	July 30th—22 calls