



Keizer Fire District

Protecting Lives, Property and the Environment

2015 Annual Report



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Keizer
Firefighters saw a
9.2 %
increase in calls
during 2015.

From the Fire Chief

On behalf of your Fire District, I would like to thank the citizens of Keizer for voting to approve our Fire District Bond in November of 2015 to buy emergency equipment such as Fire Trucks and Ambulances.

The Keizer Fire District issued its first series of general obligation bonds on April 5th, 2016. The District's bonds are tax-free and rated A1 by Moody's Investor Service. Working with a financing team of Piper Jaffray, the bond underwriter, Special District Association of Oregon Advisory Services, the District's municipal advisor and Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP (bond counsel) the bonds were well received in the capital markets.

The District entered the bond market with its \$4 million bond issue and the demand for the bonds was in excess of \$9.8 million. With such strong demand for the District's bonds, the District was able to obtain an all-in interest cost 2.70% for 20-years vs. what was originally estimated at 3.90%. Additionally, with such market demand investors were paying a premium to purchase the bonds resulting in the District reducing the size of the bond offering to \$3,770,000 and still obtaining nearly \$4 million in proceeds preserving the District's bond authorization approved by the voters.

Our timing in the market, the management of our offering by our financial representatives, and the attractiveness of tax free municipal bonds, strong credit rating, all contributed to this very successful sale. The proceeds from the sale of bonds will fund emergency equipment for Keizer fire such as ambulances and fire trucks. This chain of events all saved money for our tax payers. Thank you for your support to keep us equipped and operational. We work hard with you in mind.

Sincerely Yours,

Jeff Cowan

Keizer Fire District

In the Community

- Blood Pressure Checks
- Breakfast with Santa
- Candy Cane Day
- Car Seat Clinics/Checks
- Carbon Monoxide Alarm Installations
- Career Days at Local Schools
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
- Fire Prevention Open House
- Fire Safety Education
- Fire Station Tours
- Firework Permits
- Iris Festival
- McNary Blue Day
- Mother's Day Breakfast
- National Night Out
- New Construction Plan Review
- Parades
- RIVER fair
- Smoke Alarm Installations
- Striking Out Substance Abuse



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 Keizer Police Department Honor Guard post the colors, while Salem Professional Firefighters Pipes and Drums and McNary students Emma Blanco, Madi Zuro and Ashton Thomas provided music. Oregon State Fire Marshal Jim Walker and Keizer Fire Chief Jeff Cowan gave remarks and the memorial wreath was placed at the Keizer Fire memorial.



The Big Toy

The second week of June was a busy time for the citizens of Keizer. The residents and business members of Keizer teamed up to build a beautiful playground for our children.

Keizer Firefighter's assisted with various tasks including helping to build the playground, organizing food for the workers and serving food .

The project was scheduled to be built in a five-day period, from June 10 to 14 and turned out beautifully. The Keizer Professional Firefighters Association IAFF Local 3881, Keizer Volunteer Firefighters Association and Marion County Professional Firefighters Association IAFF Local 2557 teamed up to co-sponsor the fire truck portion of the playground.



Outstanding Efforts



Jared Caruth received the **Firefighter of the Year** award for his dedication to the fire district and the fire service. Jared started out as a Explorer with Keizer Fire District and has worked his way through the ranks to Volunteer Lieutenant.



Kelby Frazier was awarded **Employee of the Year** for his longtime service to the District. Kelby joined as a volunteer in 1996 and was hired as a Firefighter/EMT in 1998. He serves as a firefighter/EMT for the district as well as maintaining facilities and ensuring apparatus are maintained.

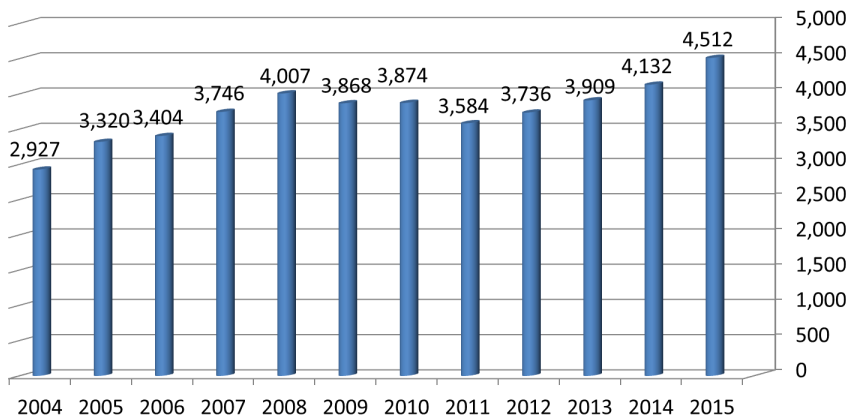


Danny South was awarded **Emergency Medical Technician of the Year** for his hard work in EMS. Danny joined the district as a volunteer in 2012, completed his Paramedic training in 2015 and then was hired by the district as a Firefighter/Paramedic.

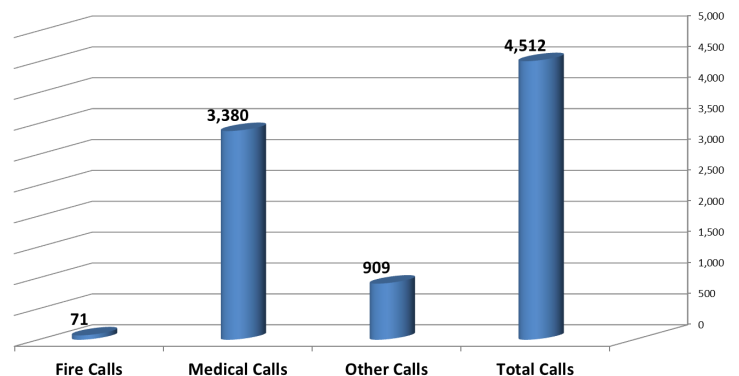


Victor Hess received the **Recruit of the Year** award for his dedication to training and self improvement as a new firefighter. Victor is a prime example of what a recruit should be, hardworking, thoughtful, smart, willing and compassionate.

Call Volume History

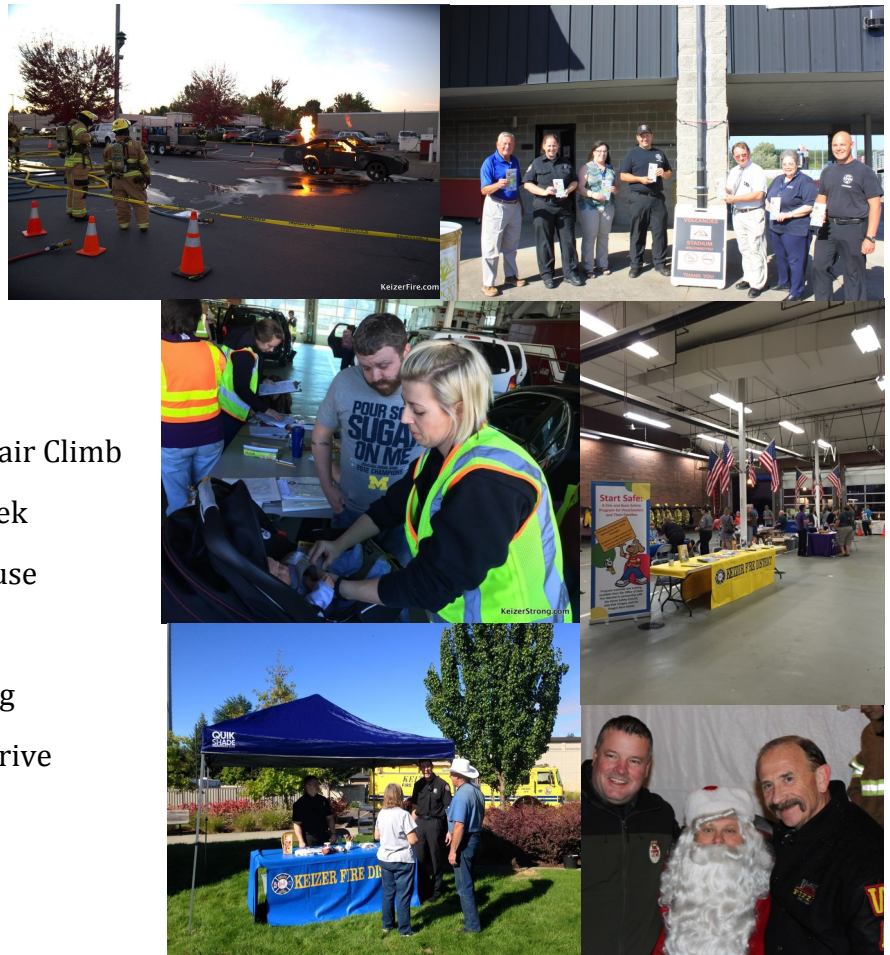


Calls for Service



Upcoming Events for 2016

- May 8th—Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 21st—Iris Festival Parade
- May 22nd- Bark for Life
- August 2th—National Night Out
- September 11th—9/11 Remembrance
- September 15th-18th—Oktoberfest
- September 20th—Serve Fest
- September 27th—Portland Firefighter Stair Climb
- October 9th—15th—Fire Prevention Week
- October 10th—Fire Prevention Open House
- November 7th—Car Seat Clinic @KFD
- November 29th—Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 1st-18th—Community Food Drive
- December 11th- Santa Breakfast
- December 17th—Candy Cane Day

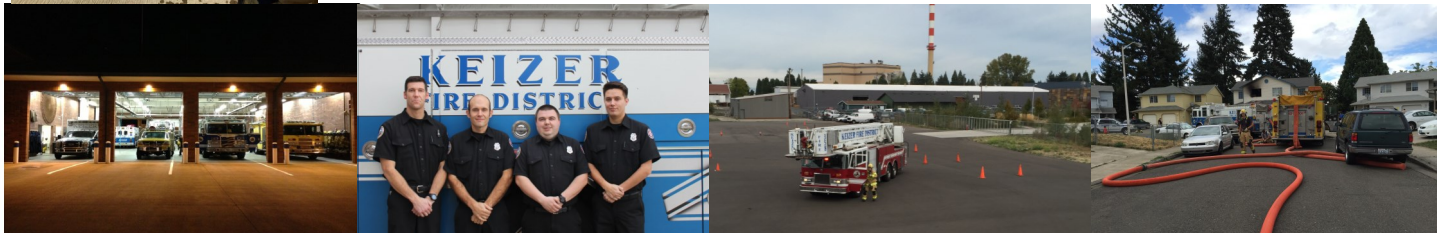


Your Fire District



In 2015, Keizer Firefighters responded to 4,512 calls for service, only 71 were for fires. In the 67 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 3,731 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 558 calls were for motor vehicle crashes, lift assists, odor investigations and other types of calls for service.



Your Firefighters in the Community



Firefighters are known for their big hearts and their desire to help others. Never has a truer statement been made about the firefighters in Keizer. Throughout the year they are raising money for breast cancer through the sale of Pink tee-shirts, climbing stairs in full gear to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Societies and in December they have a food drive for the Marion-Polk Food Share. Your firefighters are always looking for new ways to help the members of their community.

About your Fire District

Fire Service Area

10.5 Square miles

Property Value Protected

\$1,959,950,325

Population of Fire District

37,064 residents

Number of Personnel

Paid—31

Volunteer—20

Explorers—7

2014-2015 Budget

\$5,535,247



Ten Busiest Days in 2015

March 3rd—28 calls

July 2nd—22 calls

June 26th—21 calls

April 20th—21 calls

March 20th—20 calls

May 12th 20 calls

January 6th—20 calls

January 16th—20 calls

June 7th—20 calls

June 9th—20 calls