



# MARION COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER

## Chief's Corner

By Kyle McMann

I wanted to take time to report back on our call volumes last year. What we're seeing is an average increase of 5.2 percent per year. Back-to-back emergencies account for 55 percent of all calls.

These "overlapping" emergencies mean we're dispatched to a call when another comes in, and then another. Often, we have to rely on mutual aid from neighboring agencies, which takes longer to reach you in an emergency.

We have shared with you that we're struggling to respond, but we are working on a solution. Short-term, we plan to hire two firefighter/paramedics to help with increasing call volumes. This will guarantee a third engine for emergencies, and help us reach you faster.

More calls mean added wear and tear on fire engines and rescue equipment, as well. Our plan also calls for replacing some of these capital items. Our goal is to pay cash instead of financing these purchases, which

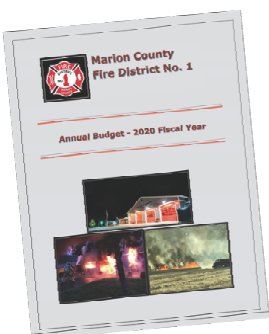
costs more due to interest payments. Less debt also makes our fire district more secure financially.

Paying for these needed improvements will require an increase in our operating levy. Our Board of Directors passed a resolution asking voters to increase the operating levy from 71 to 99 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value during the May 19 Primary Election. This 28-cent increase would cost \$4.67 per month (or \$56 per year) for the owner of a \$200,000 home.

Long-term, we will need additional emergency personnel. However, we are trying to reduce impacts to taxpayers by asking for funding just as it is needed. More information can be found on our web site at [www.mcfd1.com](http://www.mcfd1.com), or contact me with questions anytime at (503) 588-6535 or [kylem@mcfd1.com](mailto:kylem@mcfd1.com). Thank you in advance for considering our request.



## MCFD#1 Receives Budget Award



Marion County Fire District #1 received an award for its current budget from the Government Finance Officers' Association for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is presented to agencies

with strict standards of transparency and accountability in their budget process. Award

recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an example for other governments across North America.


Marion County Fire District #1 is a separate taxing authority and independent of the county. It operates under a balanced budget, and has a long history of passing its independent financial audits. The Fire District finds ways to share resources with neighboring agencies and actively applies for grants to help stretch local tax dollars further.



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## Help Us Save Lives with PulsePoint

This unique “app” is saving lives everywhere – and we want you to take part. PulsePoint enables community members who are trained in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or the use of an AED device to register their skills and work in partnership with local fire agencies to save lives. Studies have proven that a faster response results in a significant likelihood of surviving a heart attack. Download the app at [www.pulsepoint.org](http://www.pulsepoint.org) and help us save lives.

Want to learn CPR or how to operate an AED machine? Here are some resources:

- Silverton CPR: [www.silvertoncpr.com](http://www.silvertoncpr.com)
- American Red Cross: [www.redcross.org/local/oregon/take-a-class](http://www.redcross.org/local/oregon/take-a-class)
- CPR Certification Headquarters: [www.cprcertificationonlinehq.com/providers/oregon-cpr-services-llc](http://www.cprcertificationonlinehq.com/providers/oregon-cpr-services-llc)
- CPR and First Aid: [www.cprandfirstaid.net](http://www.cprandfirstaid.net)
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