

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

2018 Fire District Annual Report



Headquarter Station 91

600 NE 267th Avenue

Camas, WA 98607

Our Values

Provide a safe and positive environment for Fire District personnel and the community we protect and serve.

Strive for excellence and deliver professional performance to both internal and external users of our service.

Respect the diversity of our community and the members of our own Fire Service family while working together to achieve Agency goals and objectives.

Be open, honest and ethical in all our actions, activities and communication.

Promote the health and wellness of our organization and our members.

Maintain a long-term planning horizon and employ practices that improve safety, service, efficiency and effectiveness.

Be fiscally responsible with the resources provided.

STATEMENT FROM THE CHIEF

Board of Commissioners and Citizens of East County Fire and Rescue –

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of East County Fire and Rescue (ECFR), it is my pleasure to present the department's 2018 Annual Report.

One of the real challenges that all organizations face is managing change. ECFR was created in 2006 by combining Fire Districts #9 and #1. The Fire district has seen a lot of change in the past 12 years. Our call volumes have increased significantly over those 12 years and we continue to strive for excellence in the services we provide. The Fire District recently completed its State financial and accountability audits for 2015, 2016 and 2017 with no findings.

We consistently look for ways to provide the level of service that everyone expects, staying within a tight budget. The majority of the department's only revenue comes from property taxes. The district holds regular scheduled strategic planning meetings to guide us in making good financial decisions where all members have input.

This next year will come with some new challenges with the need to make changes in how we operate. With the failure of our Fire Levy "Lid Lift" in 2018, we will need to "Brown-Out" Station 91 in the Fern Prairie area and Station 94 in the Mt. Norway area on occasion. "Brown-Out" means that the stations will be temporarily unstaffed. This is necessary to minimize overtime costs and stay within the budget. On these "Brown-Out" days, Station 93 in the Sunnyside area which is centrally located in the ECFR response area (NE 312 Ave.) will be the only station staffed with firefighter/EMT's.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our members and staff for their hard work, leadership and accomplishments in 2018. If you have any questions or comments about our operations, you can contact me at mcarnes@ecfr.us.

Sincerely,

Michael Carnes
Fire Chief
East County Fire and Rescue



ECFR Commissioners

Board Of Commissioners:

**Per State Law, Fire Commissioners are elected to set Agency policy,
adopt an annual budget and oversee the Fire Chief.**

A five-member Board of Commissioners administers East County Fire & Rescue. The board meets twice each month, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 PM—usually at Station 91 (next door to Grove Field). Commissioner Meetings are open to the public. The Board suffered a loss with the passing of Commissioner Tom Gianatasio in 2018. Tom brought years of Fire Service experience to the board. Tom worked hard on projects that saved the Fire District money.

Mr. Joshua Seeds was appointed by the board to fill Tom's position. Joshua brings a rich background in science and ecology as well as cartography. Josh is very interested in all of our members safety and well being. He will be a great addition to the board and our ECFR team.



Michael Taggart



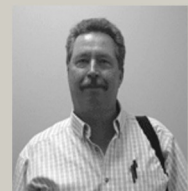
Sherry Petty



Martha Martin



Joshua Seeds



Mike Berg

2018 Open House



The 2018 ECFR Open House was again a wonderful successful day. It was held in conjunction with the Port of Camas/Washougal Open House, which brought many people to the area for both events. ECFR hosted informational displays by the Red Cross, the Ares/Races Radio Club, Camas/Washougal ambulance, Clark County Sheriff Office, Clark County Fire Marshal's Office and a CRESA (911) booth. We provided blood pressure checks, station tours and apparatus tours. And of course the kids were not forgotten as they enjoyed the bouncy house, safety coloring books, plastic fire helmets and badges. Folks were treated to a free make-your-own Sundae Bar, with ice cream and toppings provided by the ECFR Career staff. A nice treat to compliment the free popcorn. Finally, the Fire Marshal's office provided an excellent demonstration of how fire sprinklers can stop a fire in a residential structure. Folks were amazed at all the displays and were impressed with the friendliness of all of our ECFR members. It was a great summer day and a great event!

Photos Courtesy of Commissioner Martha Martin



2018 Administration and Operations

- ♦ ECFR has several Commissioner Committees that meet throughout the year to plan and oversee some of the top administrative functions of the Fire District. The following are the 2018 committee groups and participants: East County Ambulance Advisory Board (ECAAB): Commissioners, Mike Berg and Martha Martin . Shared Services: Commissioners Mike Taggart, Sherry Petty and Martha Martin. Liability Risk Group (District Insurance): Commissioner Mike Berg. Safety Committee: Commissioners Mike Berg and Sherry Petty. Revenue Committee: Commissioners Mike Taggart and Sherry Petty. Administrative staff also worked closely with these committees throughout the year. The District is very appreciative for the time these folks spent on these valuable programs.
- ♦ ECFR took delivery of a new Type 1 (Structural) fire engine this past summer. The engine's model is a Commander and is made by Rosenbauer, it was manufactured in Lyons South Dakota. The new engine was christened and put into service in July of 2018. Its new home will be Station 91. A special thank-you to Assistant Chief Robert Jacobs for all his hard work preparing the specifications for this new engine.



- ♦ ECFR held a joint Volunteer Firefighter Academy with Camas/Washougal Fire Department this past year. The academy is a 12 week long program that consists of classroom sessions and hands-on practical skills. Students have to pass a background check along with a physical agility and written test prior to starting the academy. ECFR graduated Four new volunteer firefighters in 2018.

2018 Administration and Operations (cont.)

- ◆ In 2018 the Fire District addressed a couple of large maintenance issues that had been deferred with some of our stations. Repairs were done to the roof of Station 92 in the Livingston Mountain area located on NE 292nd Avenue. We moved forward with some needed repairs to Station 95 on 39th Street which consisted of some outside trim board replacement and re-caulking the windows and siding. We completed some minor repairs to the roof of Station 94 up on Mount Norway.
- ◆ We moved forward with some Incident commander training for our captains. All fire agencies in Clark County are putting their officers through “Blue Card” certification. Our captains have successfully completed the on-line portion of this certification and in early 2019 will complete the hands-on portion of this modern up-to-date training.
- ◆ In 2018, ECFR firefighters continued to train with our neighbors to the south (CWFD) in Multiple Company Operation drills (MCO’s) involving structure fire scenarios, vehicle extrication and stabilization and life safety rope rescues (see page 8 for more information on training).
- ◆ Improvements were made to our Mobile Dispatch Computers (MDC’s) located on our first out engines at Stations 91 and 94. These computers display the type of call that comes into the station for 911 dispatches in the fire district. These MDC’s show the important details of the call and any important updates to an ever changing incident while the engine is enroute, this valuable information leads to the safety and well being of our firefighters. It also provides the responding engine officer access to mapping directions to the incident.
- ◆ Commissioners continue to work on reviewing and updating our agencies policies. This has been an ongoing project over the past couple years and all members of our agency have been invited to participate in the reviews. This project is scheduled to be completed in 2019.
- ◆ Operations is planning to start the review process on our Standard Operating Procedures (SOP’s) this next year.



Safety Report

ECFR 2018 safety committee consisted of Assistant Chief Bob Jacobs, Volunteer Firefighter Tad Crum, Captain Danny Burch and Commissioner Mike Berg. The committee is very diligent about meeting every other month to review accident and incident reports, near miss reports, station inspections, and shift safety meeting minutes. An on shift firefighter is also invited to attend each meeting.

Results of the safety meeting are sent to Chief Carnes for follow up. ECFR had no “lost Time” accidents in 2018. There was one recordable accident resulting in a minor injury. ECFR members strive to put safety of the public and its members in the forefront of every day.

The Emergency Support Team (EST) group trains once per month on Rehab and scene support. In 2018 The EST group consisted of Rick Knapp, Paula Knapp, Linn Jacobs, Pam Maxey and Assistant Chief Bob Jacobs.

Submitted by Assistant Chief Robert Jacobs



Continued Education and Training

With Target Solutions (a web based FF and EMT training software), we had the ability to log all types of training completed by anyone at ECFR, ranging from our full time paid staff, to on-call volunteers and EST staff.

In 2018, ECFR logged a total of 1,852.5 hours of training.

-224 of those hours were completed at outside agencies and consisted of things like Auto Extrication, IV Technician, Live-Fire, Incident Safety Officer, and Hazardous Materials.

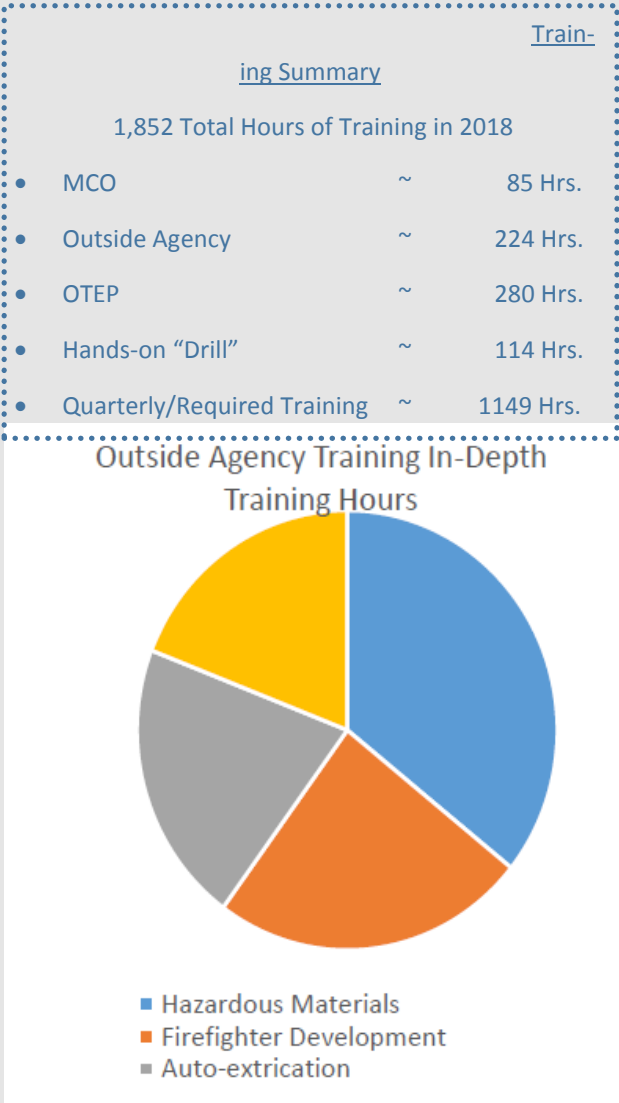
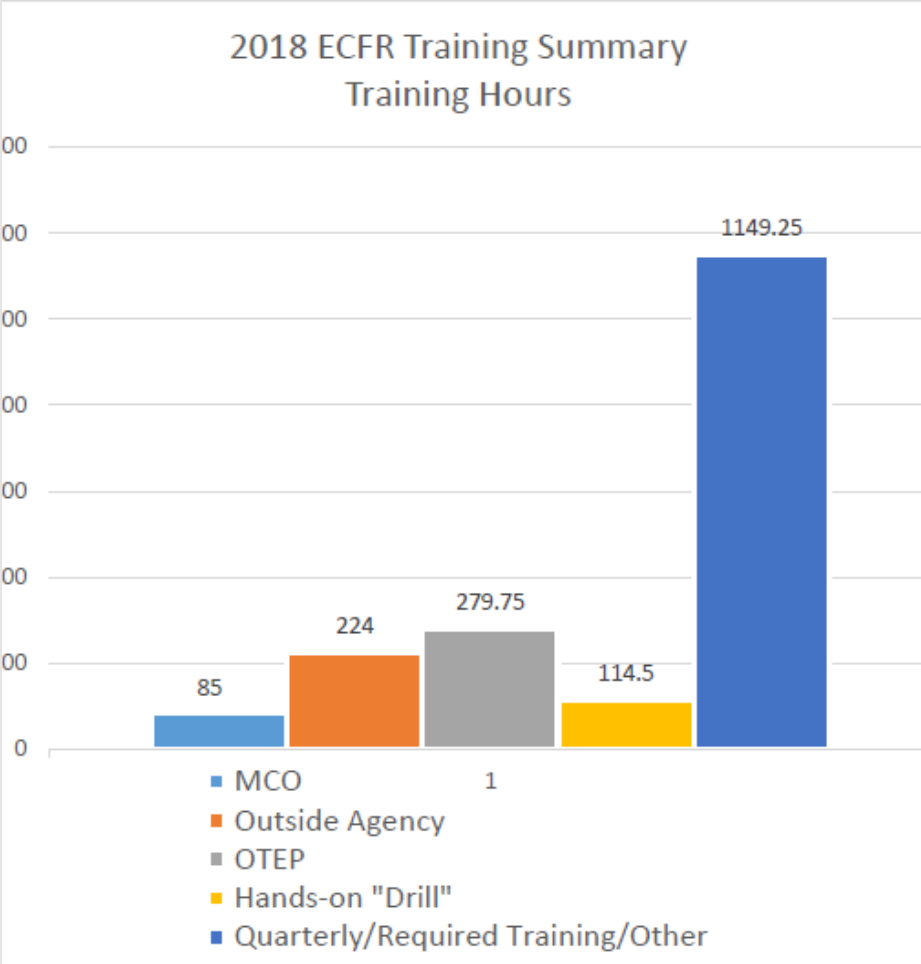
-114 hours were hands-on training evolutions performed at ECFR such as ladders, fire attack, vehicle extrication, ropes/tools hoisting etc.

-280 hours were from EMS Ongoing Training and Evaluation Training (OTEP).

-85 hours were from Multi-Company Operation evolutions (MCO) with Camas/Washougal Fire Dept.

-The remaining 1149 hours are split up among various training components from ECFR’s quarterly and annual required training. These are all assigned to members on a quarterly basis, and are designed to meet the annual requirements for our training policy.

Report by Firefighter/EMT Adam Webster



2018 Staff Milestones

Tad Crum	Volunteer Firefighter	20 years of service
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Matthew Hazlett	Captain Firefighter/EMT	10 years of service
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John Prasch	Firefighter/EMT	10 years of service
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New Members to Join the ECFR team in 2018

Darien Aasen

Dalton Spangler

Jake Cahill

Brooke Trammell

Jacob Schaff

Joshua Seeds

Cody Sorensen

ECFR Stations

Station 91



- Engine 91
- Tender 91
- Squad 91
- Unit 91
- Unit 92
- Unit 93

600 NE 267th Ave
Camas

Station 92



- Engine 92
- Squad 96

4909 NE 292nd Ave.
Camas

Station 93



- Engine 93
- Tender 93
- Squad 93
- Air 93

121 NE 312th Ave.
Washougal

Station 94



- Engine 94
- Tender 94
- Squad 94
- Unit 94

1808 SE 352nd Ave.
Washougal

Station 95



- Engine 95 (Surplus)
- Tender 95

211 39th Street
Washougal

2018 Department Organization

