

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

2017 Fire District Annual Report



Headquarter Station 91

600 NE 267th Avenue

Camas, WA 98607

Our Mission

We provide quality and timely EMS and Fire Response. We serve our community by reducing risk, mitigating hazards, and effectively responding to requests for assistance. We are public servants protecting the quality of life for all in the district through professional fire and emergency response, prevention, and education. We serve with integrity and trustworthy behavior, being mindful of efficiency and cost, both now and in the future.



STATEMENT FROM THE CHIEF

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

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2017 East County Fire and Rescue Annual Report. Since the 2006 merger between Clark County Fire Districts 1 and 9, ECFR has continued to provide unparalleled fire and emergency medical services to the citizens living in the unincorporated areas of Camas and Washougal. 2017 was a very busy year for your ECFR staff members, and this report will highlight the various ways our staff not only provide the best service possible for our residents, but also in efficiently utilizing the financial support provided to the district through your property taxes.

One of the ways that ECFR continues to find ways to make the most of our public funding is through continued partnership with our surrounding agencies. Mergers and consolidations have become very popular in our industry as fire departments discover they can be an excellent efficiency tool and can help avoid duplication of effort. Since 2016, ECFR and the neighboring Camas-Washougal Fire Department have partnered to share the same fire chief and have continued to discuss further merger potential between the agencies. In late 2017, both agencies agreed to extend the administrative sharing arrangement for another 3 years. At the same time, officials approved forming a working group to explore other methods of bringing the two agencies fully together through a full functional consolidation. This group will continue to meet regularly throughout 2018.

I wish to express my appreciation to the dedicated staff of ECFR, who helped our agency excel in our mission of protecting our citizens in 2017. We look forward to serving and protecting you in 2018 and beyond. If you have any questions or comments about our operations, please do not hesitate to contact me at nswinhart@cityofcamas.us.

Sincerely,

Nick Swinhart, EFO, CFO, MIFireE
Fire Chief
East County Fire and Rescue
Camas-Washougal Fire Department



ECFR Commissioners

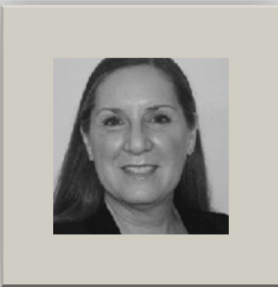
Board Of Commissioners:

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

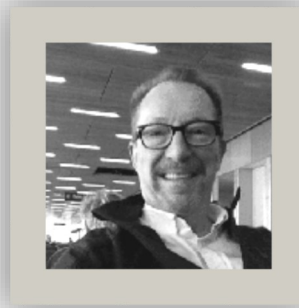
A five-member Board of Commissioners administers East County Fire & Rescue. The board meets twice each month, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 PM—usually at Station 91 (next door to Grove Field). Commissioner Meetings are open to the public. The Board of Commissioners allows public comment on matters before them. All public comment should be made in accordance with the published policy.

The Commissioners and ECFR Staff have been diligently working on updating the ECFR Policies . They meet monthly to review, update and or establish new and needed policies. This task will continue until all policies are in accordance and up to date.

In addition they are holding quarterly Strategic Planning meetings to discuss the future of ECFR.



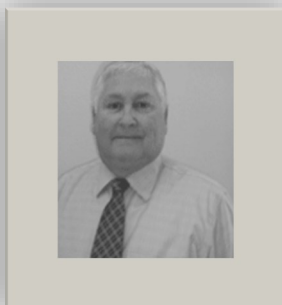
Martha Martin



**Mike Taggart
Board Chair**



Sherry Petty



Tom Gianatasio



Mike Berg

2017 Open House



The 2017 ECFR Open House was a smashing success! It was held in conjunction with the Grove Airfield Fly-in, which brought many people to the area for both events. ECFR hosted informational displays by the Red Cross, the Ares/Races Radio Club, the CERT organization, Camas ambulance, Clark County Sheriff Crime Scene truck and a CRESA booth. We provided blood pressure checks, station tours and apparatus tours. And of course the kids were not forgotten as they enjoyed the Dalmatian bouncy house, safety coloring books, plastic fire helmets and badges. New this year for the kids, was the ride-in fire engine built by two ECFR Volunteers, which was a big hit! Also new was 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, Hal Pashon who lives in the Fire District, brought over his 1939 Antique Fire Engine which drew a lot of interest, really cool! All in all a great event!



2017 Administration and Operations

- ♦ The Administrative staff was very busy in 2017 implementing a new software program called “BIAS”. It’s a new accounting program that will allow ECFR management support staff to pay our bills in-house instead of using the county’s system. Administrative staff attended classes and training up in Spokane WA. and the fire district is very pleased with the new less expensive and more efficient program.
- ♦ This year the fire district proposed and the Board approved a new tuition reimbursement program to provide an incentive in the recruitment of college interns as volunteer firefighters. The volunteer interns need to be enrolled in classes that pertain to emergency services to qualify. ECFR maintained 3 interns throughout 2017 which equates to one intern per shift. Interns work 24 hour shifts and shadow a career firefighter for at least one year of service. Interns gain a tremendous amount of experience in that year that helps them achieve their goals and helps them qualify for future employment as a firefighter. In return, the fire district receives supplemental staffing at the engine company level and at a lower cost to the district.



- ♦ ECFR’s Board of Fire Commissioners gave approval for staff to spec out a new fire engine for our fleet that will replace an engine that is 25 years old. Assistant Chief Robert Jacobs and staff prepared the specification book for final production and it was sent to General Fire (the company who builds the fire engine). The plans call for delivery of the new engine in early 2018.

2017 Administration and Operations (cont.)

- ◆ ECFR's Board and staff have been working with the Washougal School district this past year on a proposal to lease Station 95, which is currently unstaffed, to the Pathways program. The program provides continuing education for high school students with developmental disabilities, and Station 95 would provide a variety of facilities that would enable the administration of the school's curriculum.
- ◆ The fire district partnered with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) this summer by sharing a truck bay at Station 93 so they could stage/park a wildland fire engine during peak fire season. Station 93 is centrally located in the ECFR response area and this allowed DNR to respond into our rural urban interface areas much quicker. DNR's engine was staffed with 3 DNR wildland firefighters most of the summer months.
- ◆ In 2017, ECFR firefighters continued to train with our neighbors to the south (CWFD) in Multiple Company Operation drills (MCO's) involved live fire training, structure fire scenarios, vehicle extrication and stabilization and life safety rope rescues (see page 8 for more information on training).
- ◆ Communication upgrades to our radio system were completed by CRESA this last year which changes our radios from analog to digital. This County wide upgrade gives us more channels, enhanced data and moves us from a 6-site simulcast system to an 8-site simulcast system.
- ◆ The fire district participated in several community events this past year including a Red Cross blood drive at Station 91, managed a cooling station at Station 95 during the heat wave, and participated in life safety classes for Boy and Girl Scouts functions at Camp Currie.

Submitted by Deputy Chief Michael Carnes



Safety Report

ECFR 2017 safety committee consisted of Assistant Chief Bob Jacobs, Tad Crum, and Tyler Redmond, Firefighter/EMT Danny Burch, Commissioner Mike Berg with an alternate position filled by Paula Knapp.

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.

Results of the meeting are sent to Chief Carnes for follow up.

The Emergency Support Team (EST) group trains once per month on Rehab and scene support. In 2017 we outfitted a surplus ambulance purchased from Camas Washougal Fire to improve our ability to provide shelter and support at emergency scenes. The EST group consist of Rick Knapp, Paula Knapp, Linn Jacobs, Pam Maxey and 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 2017, ECFR logged a total of 1,861.3 hours of training.

-367 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.

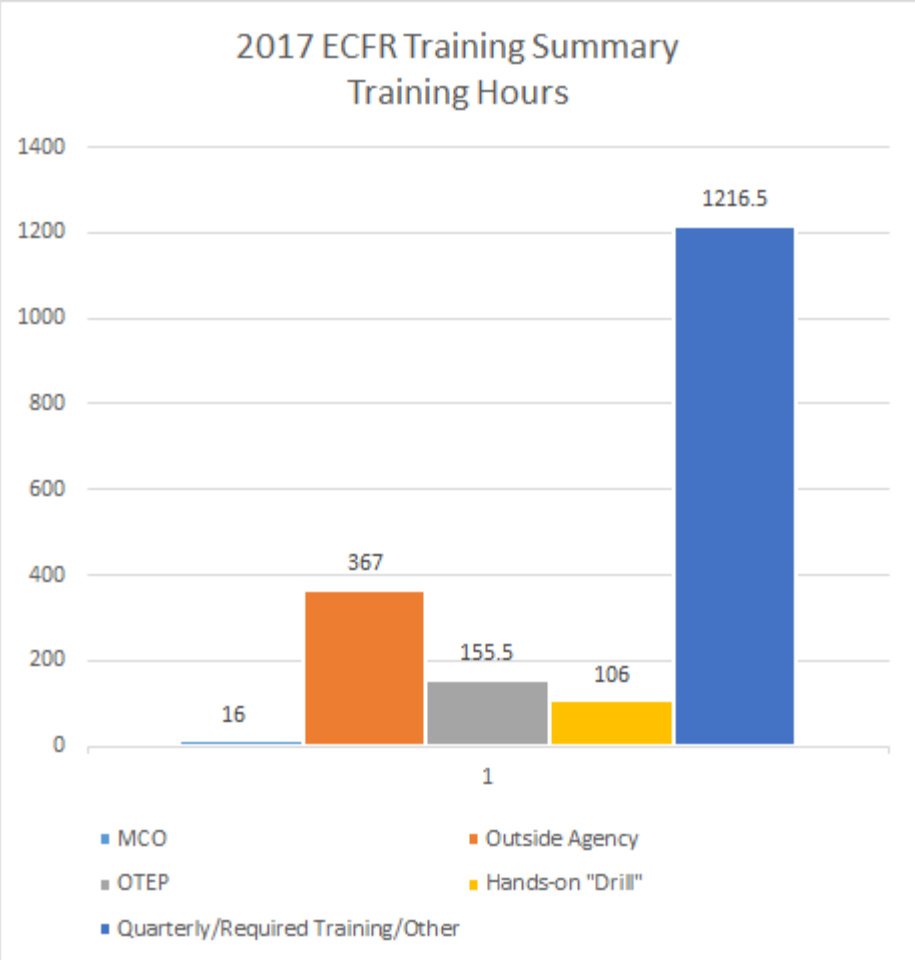
-106 hours were hands-on training evolutions performed at ECFR such as ladders, fire attack, vehicle extrication, ropes/ tools hoisting etc.

-155.5 hours were from OTEP.

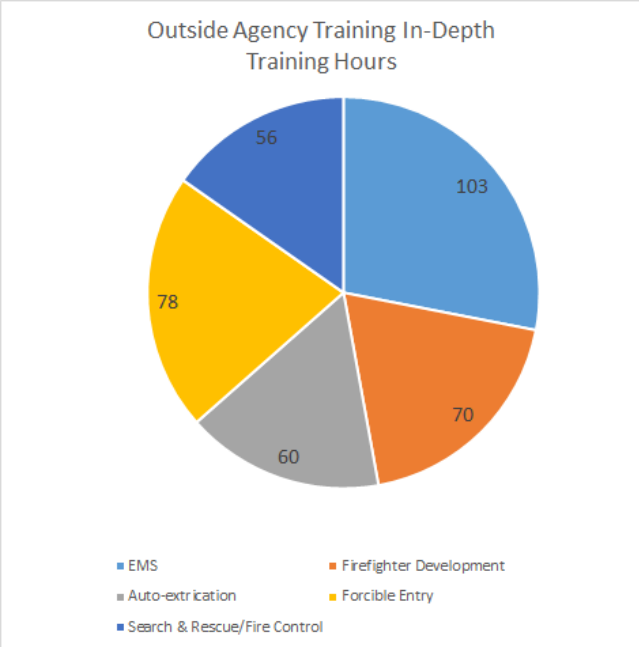
-16 hours were from MCO evolutions with CWFD.

-The remaining 1200+ 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.

Submitted by Adam Webster



Training Summary		
1,861.3 Total Hours of Training in 2017		
• MCO	~	16 Hrs.
• Outside Agency	~	367 Hrs.
• OTEP	~	156 Hrs.
• Hands-on "Drill"	~	106 Hrs.
• Quarterly/Required Training	~	1217 Hrs.



2017 Staff Milestones

Linda Durrett Administrative Specialist 30 years of service

Mike Carnes Deputy Chief 20 years of service

Robert Jacobs Assistant Chief 25 years of service

Dan Burch Captain Firefighter 10 years of service



New Members to Join the ECFR team in 2017

Charles Nollan

William Drlik

Joel Van Ness

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
- Surplus
- Squad 96

4909 NE 292nd Ave.
Camas

Station 93



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

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

2017 Department Organization

