



## **Board Meeting Agenda**

February 23, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Station 1  
1400 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, Oregon

**1) Call Meeting to Order**

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

**4) Agenda Changes**

**5) Minutes**

- a) Review of Minutes – Monday, January 26, Board Meeting

**6) Public Comment**

- a) During this portion of the meeting, a citizen may speak on any subject upon being recognized by the Board President. The citizens must state their name, address, and their discussion topic for the minutes. Five minutes per person will be allowed. If a response by the District is requested, the speaker will be referred to the Fire Chief for further action. At the discretion of the Board President, the issue may appear on a future meeting agenda for Fire District consideration.

- b) The public may observe and/or listen to the meeting virtually by using the link:

[Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Board Meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

### **Microsoft Teams meeting**

**Join:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/23450312195492?p=ET3M7vAuoBnJ331W7f>

Meeting ID: 234 503 121 954 92

Passcode: xe9ui9AV

**7) Financial Reports**

- a) Balance Sheets/Combined Cash Accounts  
b) Ambulance Service Financial Report

**8) Committee Reports**

- a) Urban Renewal Report – (Walt Denstedt, Board Director)

**9) Fire Chief's Report- (David Jensen, Fire Chief)**

**10) Correspondence**

- a) Thank you, Letter, - Vesta Smith

**11) Old Business**

**12) New Business**

- a) Discussion- Electronic Payment Process (President Bailey)

**13) Good of The Order**

**14) Adjournment**

***OUR MISSION:***

*"We are committed to providing professional emergency and non-emergency services to minimize suffering, protect life, environment and property."*

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## MINUTES

Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue  
Board of Directors Meeting  
In Person / Virtually Held  
1400 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, OR 97058  
January 26, 2026

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Bailey called the Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Diana Bailey, Chris Schanno, Walt Denstedt, Corey Case. Dick Schaffeld arrived at 5:53p.m.

Staff Present: Fire Chief David Jensen, Division Chief Josh Beckner, Division Chief Chris Grant, Division Chief Adam Cole, Business Services Manager Joe Talamantez, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler.

Others Present: Legal Counsel Andrew Myers and one person online, Charlie Kelley.

### 4. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

### 5. MINUTES

- a. Minutes from December 15, 2025, Board meeting stand approved as written.
- b. Minutes from December 22, 2025, Special Board meeting stand approved as written.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Bailey read through the public comment rules, then asked Charlie Kelley if she wished to speak about anything. She did not want to speak, only listen. There was no one else online or in the audience.

### 7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Balance Sheets/Combined Cash Accounts – Chief Jensen advised the board that our Business Services Manager created a snapshot overview report to summarize monthly changes and will evolve if there are any changes from the board. Chief Jensen also stated that most of our tax revenue has landed in our accounts, and the District will not see much more tax revenue for the rest of the year but will meet our budgeted target. GEMT revenue should start showing up in May or June. Chief Jensen stated that we have \$73,000 in the revenue line right now that came in from the previous year but didn't get distributed to the District until after last fiscal year. CCO money should also start coming in but timing is currently unknown. Director Case asked if we were getting better at recognizing CCO money coming in. Chief



Jensen stated not with CCO money. He stated there is no easy way to see what each payment is for at the time of deposit.

2. Ambulance Service Financial Report - Chief Jensen stated there was a dip in revenue in April and May. In June the District saw the ambulance revenue become steady again. He stated he reached out to our ambulance biller to see how we can improve documentation, which will increase our collection rates. Chief Jensen stated that the uncollectible or disallowed is based on a Medicare or Medicaid patient and CMS will only pay a set amount. The biller did an audit during last fiscal year and stated they found that we are doing a pretty good job with documentation. The biller has offered to provide training to the crews to ensure we have good documentation.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Renewal Report – Director Denstedt stated he did not attend the meeting so had no report to give.

## **9. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT**

- a. Chief Jensen’s Report – Report provided. Chief Jensen provided an update on the items he included in his report. Chief Jensen stated there are no new meetings scheduled yet on the Ambulance Service Area. He states he has put in a request for a meeting but has not heard anything back yet. He also stated that he had heard there is one being planned, but there are no times set yet or an agenda. President Bailey asked if it would be a public meeting or a meeting with just the ASA committee members. Chief Jensen advised that he doesn’t know yet what is being planned. He stated he will let everyone know once he knows. Chief Jensen also spoke about being asked by both the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association and Special Districts Association of Oregon to be a representative for the fire service on the Rules Advisory Committee regarding the development of ASAs, which he has agreed to be.

Chief Jensen also spoke about the CAD process, stating that it is on track to go live in June. Director Schanno asked if there would be any glitches, Chief Jensen stated that the information will be going to a training platform first with live data going to it, so by the time it goes live most of the glitches would be addressed. He went on to give more details on the rest of his report.

- b. Chief Beckner’s Report – Report provided. Chief Jensen hit on some of the highlights on Chief Beckner’s report, stating that the first ambulance is being outfitted right now and should be ready very soon. Chief Jensen also stated that ESO went to a different platform so some of the graphs and data are not accurate right now but it is being worked on.
- c. Chief Grant’s Report - Report provided.



- d. Chief Cole's Report – Report provided. Chief Jensen advised that one of the first paramedic students is now a licensed paramedic. He stated that it wasn't in Chief Cole's report because it just took place. Firefight Jaxson Daskalos is now on shift as a Firefighter/Paramedic. He stated this is fantastic to see and we have more coming up behind him.

Director Denstedt had questions regarding the graph from page 24 on the nighttime transfers. He was curious about the transfers that happen after 2000 hours. Stating that he thought that Life Flight was handling more nighttime transfers than MCFR. Chief Jensen explained we are double-checking all transfers and finding that most of them are valid transfers. He also stated that most of our transfers have stayed pretty level. We did 184 transfers last year and we are down from previous years. He also stated that MCFR has been meeting with the hospital monthly. Director Denstedt stated that an ambulance company coming from Portland to handle transfers is a positive sign. President Bailey appreciates all the work that has been done on the transfers.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 2026-01 "A Resolution Adding and Removing Authorized Check Signers for Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue. This resolution removes Mike Erland and adds Corey Case as a check signer. Director Schanno made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01, Establishing Authorized Check Signers for Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue. Director Denstedt seconded. All in favor 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.  
**Schanno – Yes**  
**Denstedt – Yes**  
**Case – Yes**  
**Schaffeld – Yes**  
**Bailey – Yes**
- b. Information Sheet – Appointment of Budget Officer. Director Case made a motion to appoint Fire Chief David Jensen as the Budget Officer for FY 2026-27. Director Schaffeld seconded. All in favor; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.  
**Schanno – Yes**  
**Denstedt – Yes**  
**Case – Yes**  
**Schaffeld – Yes**  
**Bailey – Yes**
- c. Information Sheet – Approval of Budget Calendar. Chief Jensen stated that there is no movement with the Budget Committee that everyone is within their term. He



stated that they double check the budget calendar and are confident that it is correct. Director Schanno made a motion to adopt the budget calendar for FY 2026-27 as proposed. Director Denstedt seconded. All in favor; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Schanno – Yes**

**Denstedt – Yes**

**Case – Yes**

**Schaffeld – Yes**

**Bailey – Yes**

- d. Information Sheet – Surplus Property Exhibit “A” Director Schaffeld made a motion to declare items noted on Exhibit “A” as surplus. Director Schanno seconded. All in favor; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Schanno – Yes**

**Denstedt – Yes**

**Case – Yes**

**Schaffeld – Yes**

**Bailey – Yes**

## **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192\_660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee, or staff member who does not request an open hearing. Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:01p.m.

President Bailey called the meeting back to order, she asked if there were any other comments from the other directors. President Bailey had one comment to make stating that the executive session has a set salary schedule as already approved and that the cost of living increase is standard and set in the already approved handbook. She thanked Chief Jensen for his service.

## **13. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

President Bailey asked if there was any Good of the Order. Director Schanno advised that he would not be at the meeting in February. President Bailey also brought up the conference, stating she would not be able to attend. Director Case and Director Schaffeld will be going.

Chief Jensen advised that at next board meeting Jeff the CEO from SDAO, will be coming to give a presentation that will take about 45 minutes. He explained that it will help with getting our points and our credit for insurance. Satisfying credits helps us achieve a reduction on our insurance. Chief Jensen stated that there was an option, if the board would rather not have it during a board meeting there would be a special session or do it during March board meeting. There was some discussion on the importance of having a meeting where all board directors are present. President Bailey and Chief Jensen will meet and decide when.



**14. ADJOURNMENT**

President Bailey adjourned the meeting at 16:37p.m.

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Board President

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Secretary/Treasurer

MID-COLUMBIA FIRE & RESCUE  
 COMBINED CASH INVESTMENT  
 JANUARY 31, 2026

GENERAL FUND

COMBINED CASH ACCOUNTS

|              |                              |                            |
|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 01-0-1009-00 | LGIP                         | 8,712,213.89               |
| 01-0-1020-00 | PAYPAL BURN PERMIT ACCOUNT   | (40.00)                    |
| 01-0-1025-00 | COLUMBIA BANK PAYPAL ACCOUNT | .00                        |
| 01-0-1030-00 | CHECKING ACCOUNT             | .00                        |
| 01-0-1031-00 | CHECKING ACCOUNT             | (406,048.26)               |
| 01-0-1040-00 | PETTY CASH                   | 125.00                     |
| 01-0-1075-00 | AR CASH CLEARING             | .00                        |
|              | TOTAL COMBINED CASH          | <u>8,306,250.63</u>        |
|              | TOTAL UNALLOCATED CASH       | <u><u>8,306,250.63</u></u> |

CASH ALLOCATION RECONCILIATION

|    |                                  |                       |
|----|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 10 | ALLOCATION TO GENERAL FUND       | 6,000,339.72          |
| 20 | ALLOCATION TO FF EQUIPMENT & SU  | 273,682.45            |
| 25 | ALLOCATION TO FIREMED            | 119,545.72            |
| 30 | ALLOCATION TO STACKER BUTTE      | 49,844.09             |
| 35 | ALLOCATION TO DEBT SERVICE       | 423,692.41            |
| 40 | ALLOCATION TO TECHNICAL RESCUE   | 52,880.92             |
| 45 | ALLOCATION TO CAPITAL PROJECT    | .00                   |
| 50 | ALLOCATION TO EQUIPMENT RESER    | 805,932.60            |
| 51 | ALLOCATION TO BUILDING RESERVE   | 302,872.73            |
| 52 | ALLOCATION TO TRAINING RESERVE   | 209,040.87            |
| 53 | ALLOCATION TO RETIREMENT LIABILI | 68,419.12             |
| 55 | ALLOCATION TO BOND PRINCIPAL RE  | .00                   |
|    | TOTAL ALLOCATIONS TO OTHER FUN   | <u>8,306,250.63</u>   |
|    | ALLOCATION FROM COMBINED CASH    | <u>(8,306,250.63)</u> |
|    | ZERO PROOF IF ALLOCATIONS BALA   | <u><u>.00</u></u>     |

MID-COLUMBIA FIRE & RESCUE

BALANCE SHEET  
 JANUARY 31, 2026

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

|              |                           |              |                      |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 10-0-1000-00 | CASH ALLOCATION           | 6,000,339.72 |                      |
| 10-0-1015-00 | PETTY CASH                | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1049-00 | AMBULANCE                 | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1050-00 | AMBULANCE A/R             | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1055-00 | AMB BILLING SERVICE A/R   | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1065-00 | A/R AMBULANCE HOLDING     | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1069-00 | BAD DEBT ALLOWANCE        | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1080-00 | A/R TAXES - GENERAL FUND  | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1085-00 | OTHER RECEIVABLES - GF    | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1090-00 | GRANT RECEIVABLE          | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1200-00 | MISCELLANEOUS A/R         | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1250-00 | AR BILLINGS               | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1499-00 | UNDEPOSITED FUNDS         | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1510-00 | MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT   | 4,163,122.84 |                      |
| 10-0-1520-00 | BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES  | 3,514,225.18 |                      |
| 10-0-1530-00 | LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS     | 71,508.00    |                      |
| 10-0-1600-00 | AMOUNT PROV - LTD AERIAL  | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1601-00 | AMOUNT PROV - LTD BONDS   | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1602-00 | AMOUNT PROV LTD - COPIER  | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1603-00 | AMOUNT PROV - LTD LAPTOPS | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1605-00 | AMOUNT PROV - 2005 BONDS  | .00          |                      |
| 10-0-1700-00 | PREPAID EXPENSES          | .00          |                      |
|              |                           |              |                      |
|              | TOTAL ASSETS              |              | <u>13,749,195.74</u> |

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

MID-COLUMBIA FIRE & RESCUE  
BALANCE SHEET  
JANUARY 31, 2026

GENERAL FUND

LIABILITIES

|              |                              |   |                |
|--------------|------------------------------|---|----------------|
| 10-0-2010-00 | GENERAL FUND A/P             | ( | 41,499.46)     |
| 10-0-2010-02 | AMBULANCE BILLING PAYABLE    |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2011-00 | LIFE FLIGHT A/P              |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2012-00 | RETAINAGE PAYABLE            |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2015-00 | ACCRUED COMP ABSENCE         |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2015-01 | ACCRUED WAGES                |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2023-00 | SHORT TERM HOLDING ACCOUNT   |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2060-00 | DEF REVENUE                  |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2065-00 | OFFSET BEGINNING BALANCE     | ( | 15,608,287.91) |
| 10-0-2100-00 | BONDS PAYABLE LT             |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2105-00 | PAYROLL LIABILITIES          |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2106-00 | CHILD SUPPORT PAYABLE        |   | 763.40         |
| 10-0-2107-00 | GARNISHMENTS PAYABLE         |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2110-00 | UNION HOUSE FUND             |   | 465.00         |
| 10-0-2111-00 | ADMINISTRATION HOUSE FUND    |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2115-00 | HOLIDAY BANK                 |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2120-00 | SHORT TERM DISABILITY        |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2121-00 | CANCER FUND                  |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2121-01 | AFLAC ACCIDENT INSURANCE     |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2121-02 | AFLAC SHORT TERM DISABILITY  |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2122-00 | ADULT/FAMILY SERVICES        |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2123-00 | CELL PHONE                   |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2124-00 | MEDICAL INSURANCE            |   | 55,203.40      |
| 10-0-2124-01 | DEPENDENT CARE               |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2124-02 | UNREIMBURSED MED EXPENSES    |   | 3,877.66       |
| 10-0-2124-03 | PEHP PAYABLE                 |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2125-00 | PAYROLL ASSET                |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2125-01 | THE DALLES COUNTRY CLUB      |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2126-00 | OTFCU                        |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2126-01 | CRBC                         |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2127-00 | STANDARD RETIREMENT          |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2127-01 | TRANSAMERICA                 |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2127-02 | EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT          |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2127-03 | NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT        |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2127-04 | UNITED MISSOURI BANK         |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2127-05 | FIDELITY                     |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2128-00 | AMERICAN FUNDS               |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2128-01 | SAFECO/SYMETRA               |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2128-04 | NW MUTUAL DEFERRED COMP      |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2128-05 | OLIVER CAPITAL DEFERRED COMP |   | 7,712.88       |
| 10-0-2129-00 | LIFE INSURANCE               |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2130-00 | UNION DUES                   |   | 1,025.00       |
| 10-0-2130-01 | ADDITIONAL UNION DUES        |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2131-00 | FLEX-TRAN LOAN               |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2140-00 | PERS POLICE/FIRE UNITS       |   | 92,063.80      |
| 10-0-2160-00 | WORKERS' COMP                |   | 1,279.75       |
| 10-0-2200-00 | FEDERAL W/H TAXES PAYABLE    |   | 99,172.00      |
| 10-0-2210-00 | MEDICARE TAXES PAYABLE       |   | 38,867.54      |
| 10-0-2220-00 | STATE W/H TAXES PAYABLE      |   | 13,016.35      |
| 10-0-2221-00 | HOLIDAY ACCRUALS             |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2222-00 | EMPLOYEE DRAWS               |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2223-00 | STATE OTT TAXES PAYABLE      |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2224-00 | OREGON PAID LEAVE PAYABLE    |   | 1,000.00       |
| 10-0-2249-00 | CAPITAL LEASES A/P           |   | .00            |
| 10-0-2250-00 | CAPITAL LEASES PAYABLE LT    |   | .00            |

MID-COLUMBIA FIRE & RESCUE  
 BALANCE SHEET  
 JANUARY 31, 2026

GENERAL FUND

|              |                                 |              |               |                  |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| 10-0-2251-00 | AERIAL LEASE LT DEBT            |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-2252-00 | AERIAL LEASE LT                 |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-2253-00 | COPIER LEASE LT                 |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-2254-00 | LAPTOP LEASE LT                 |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-2255-00 | LOAN REPAYMENT                  |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-2256-00 | 2005 BONDS PAYABLE LT           |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-2300-00 | 457 CLEARING                    |              | .00           |                  |
|              |                                 |              |               | <hr/>            |
|              | TOTAL LIABILITIES               |              |               | ( 15,335,340.59) |
|              | <u>FUND EQUITY</u>              |              |               |                  |
| 10-0-3300-00 | FIXED ASSETS                    |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-3381-00 | INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS      |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-3500-00 | FUND BALANCES                   |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-3551-00 | PPA                             |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-3552-00 | GENERAL FUND                    |              | 16,117,434.75 |                  |
| 10-0-3570-00 | CAPITAL ASSETS                  |              | 7,748,856.02  |                  |
| 10-0-3570-01 | RESTATE MODIFIED CASH           |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-3900-00 | RETAINED EARNINGS               |              | .00           |                  |
| 10-0-3999-99 | UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE     |              | .00           |                  |
|              | REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES - YTD | 5,218,245.56 |               |                  |
|              |                                 |              |               | <hr/>            |
|              | BALANCE - CURRENT DATE          |              | 29,084,536.33 |                  |
|              |                                 |              |               | <hr/>            |
|              | TOTAL FUND EQUITY               |              |               | 29,084,536.33    |
|              |                                 |              |               | <hr/>            |
|              | TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY    |              |               | 13,749,195.74    |
|              |                                 |              |               | <hr/> <hr/>      |

MID-COLUMBIA FIRE & RESCUE  
 REVENUES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET  
 FOR THE 7 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026

GENERAL FUND

|   | PERIOD ACTUAL | YTD ACTUAL   | BUDGET        | UNEARNED      | PCNT  |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| 10-0-4300-00 BEGINNING FUND BALANCE     | .00           | 3,977,478.17 | 3,632,525.00  | ( 344,953.17) | 109.5 |
| 10-0-4990-00 TAXES - PRIOR YEAR         | 11,331.49     | 78,972.68    | 130,000.00    | 51,027.32     | 60.8  |
| 10-0-4991-00 GF-INTEREST EARNED         | 19,927.22     | 96,832.63    | 120,000.00    | 23,167.37     | 80.7  |
| 10-0-4997-00 TAXES - CURRENT YEAR       | 83,882.71     | 4,330,042.02 | 4,360,000.00  | 29,957.98     | 99.3  |
| 10-0-4998-00 AMBULANCE REVENUE          | 127,872.81    | 869,860.21   | 1,700,000.00  | 830,139.79    | 51.2  |
| 10-0-4998-01 FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENTS | .00           | .00          | 10,000.00     | 10,000.00     | .0    |
| 10-0-4998-04 GEMT AMBULANCE REVENUE     | .00           | 72,537.25    | 500,200.00    | 427,662.75    | 14.5  |
| 10-0-4998-07 TRANSFER FROM FIREMED      | .00           | .00          | 5,000.00      | 5,000.00      | .0    |
| 10-0-4999-00 GF-MISC REVENUE            | 302,427.52    | 344,184.96   | 139,000.00    | ( 205,184.96) | 247.6 |
| <br>                                    |               |              |               |               |       |
| TOTAL REVENUE                           | 545,441.75    | 9,769,907.92 | 10,596,725.00 | 826,817.08    | 92.2  |

MID-COLUMBIA FIRE & RESCUE  
EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET  
FOR THE 7 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026

GENERAL FUND

|                                  | PERIOD ACTU                   | YTD ACTUAL | BUDGET     | UNEXPENDE    | PCNT            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <u>ADMIN - PERSONAL SERVICES</u> |                               |            |            |              |                 |
| 10-1-6401-00                     | FIRE CHIEF                    | 14,647.97  | 102,535.79 | 175,776.00   | 73,240.21 58.3  |
| 10-1-6402-03                     | DIVISION CHIEF - OPERATIONS   | 37,990.53  | 265,933.73 | 461,165.00   | 195,231.27 57.7 |
| 10-1-6403-07                     | OFFICE MANAGER / ADMIN. CLERK | 6,427.91   | 44,383.19  | 72,882.00    | 28,498.81 60.9  |
| 10-1-6403-09                     | FINANCE/BUSINESS MANAGER      | 9,732.29   | 64,317.70  | 123,344.00   | 59,026.30 52.1  |
| 10-1-6407-01                     | UNIFORMS - ADMINISTRATION     | 99.97      | 1,795.82   | 7,402.00     | 5,606.18 24.3   |
| 10-1-6421-02                     | RETIREMENT - ADMINISTRATION   | 14,262.95  | 109,069.62 | 181,502.00   | 72,432.38 60.1  |
| 10-1-6421-03                     | PEHP - ADMINISTRATION         | .00        | 7,700.45   | 16,664.00    | 8,963.55 46.2   |
| 10-1-6422-01                     | WORKERS COMP - ADMINISTRATION | 45.10      | 1,234.50   | 5,000.00     | 3,765.50 24.7   |
| 10-1-6423-01                     | LIFE INSURANCE - ADMIN        | .00        | 803.67     | 3,300.00     | 2,496.33 24.4   |
| 10-1-6424-01                     | HEALTH INS - ADMINISTRATION   | 13,344.35  | 73,703.68  | 160,084.00   | 86,380.32 46.0  |
| 10-1-6424-04                     | OCC. HEALTH - ADMINISTRATION  | .00        | 910.00     | 4,500.00     | 3,590.00 20.2   |
| 10-1-6426-01                     | LONG TERM DISABILITY - ADMIN  | 352.14     | 1,684.66   | 7,000.00     | 5,315.34 24.1   |
| 10-1-6430-01                     | OREGON PAID LEAVE ADMIN       | 268.33     | 1,609.28   | 3,333.00     | 1,723.72 48.3   |
| 10-1-6430-02                     | MEDICARE - ADMINISTRATION     | 973.82     | 5,349.98   | 12,498.00    | 7,148.02 42.8   |
| 10-1-6430-03                     | DEFINED CONT. - ADMIN         | .00        | 19,623.93  | 41,659.00    | 22,035.07 47.1  |
| TOTAL ADMIN - PERSONAL SERVICES  |                               | 98,145.36  | 700,656.00 | 1,276,109.00 | 575,453.00 54.9 |

PUBLIC SAFETY - PERSONAL SRVCS

|                                      |                            |            |              |              |                   |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 10-2-6403-02                         | CAPTAIN                    | 31,868.64  | 204,439.58   | 374,000.00   | 169,560.42 54.7   |
| 10-2-6404-00                         | LIEUTENANT                 | 55,098.81  | 388,336.16   | 670,000.00   | 281,663.84 58.0   |
| 10-2-6405-01                         | FIREFIGHTER                | 133,445.96 | 1,043,155.91 | 1,932,500.00 | 889,344.09 54.0   |
| 10-2-6405-02                         | SINGLE ROLE - EMS          | 4,746.92   | 36,011.27    | 139,500.00   | 103,488.73 25.8   |
| 10-2-6406-00                         | EMPLOYEE EVENTS            | 95.00      | 8,157.28     | 20,750.00    | 12,592.72 39.3    |
| 10-2-6407-00                         | UNIFORMS - PUBLIC SAFETY   | 605.20     | 13,562.99    | 33,558.00    | 19,995.01 40.4    |
| 10-2-6414-00                         | HOLIDAY                    | 2,894.92   | 25,571.04    | 74,068.00    | 48,496.96 34.5    |
| 10-2-6415-00                         | SICK OT                    | .00        | 17,412.95    | 96,075.00    | 78,662.05 18.1    |
| 10-2-6416-01                         | FIRE                       | 2,521.79   | 77,652.31    | 57,676.00    | 19,976.31- 134.6  |
| 10-2-6416-02                         | AMBULANCE                  | 7,501.69   | 55,610.32    | 70,000.00    | 14,389.68 79.4    |
| 10-2-6416-04                         | TECH RESCUE                | .00        | 18,705.11    | 33,640.00    | 14,934.89 55.6    |
| 10-2-6416-05                         | TRAINING                   | 190.83     | 18,108.50    | 74,191.00    | 56,082.50 24.4    |
| 10-2-6416-06                         | OTHER                      | 627.19     | 13,435.99    | 50,000.00    | 36,564.01 26.9    |
| 10-2-6416-07                         | AMBULANCE STAND-BY         | .00        | 5,820.50     | 14,000.00    | 8,179.50 41.6     |
| 10-2-6417-00                         | FLSA                       | 6,994.47   | 54,380.24    | 80,450.00    | 26,069.76 67.6    |
| 10-2-6421-00                         | RETIREMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY | 60,735.59  | 394,330.75   | 561,580.00   | 167,249.25 70.2   |
| 10-2-6421-01                         | PEHP PLAN - PUBLIC SAFETY  | .00        | 45,356.74    | 119,500.00   | 74,143.26 38.0    |
| 10-2-6422-00                         | WORKERS' COMPENSATION      | 35.99      | 128,303.19   | 117,000.00   | 11,303.19- 109.7  |
| 10-2-6423-00                         | LIFE INSURANCE             | .00        | 14,733.93    | 17,788.00    | 3,054.07 82.8     |
| 10-2-6424-00                         | HEALTH INSURANCE           | 55,964.11  | 372,323.50   | 698,367.00   | 326,043.50 53.3   |
| 10-2-6424-03                         | OCCUPATIONAL HEALTHCARE    | .00        | 14,412.00    | 43,980.00    | 29,568.00 32.8    |
| 10-2-6426-00                         | LONG TERM DISABILITY       | 1,700.74   | 8,384.69     | 26,200.00    | 17,815.31 32.0    |
| 10-2-6430-00                         | MEDICARE                   | 3,476.54   | 29,134.84    | 54,025.00    | 24,890.16 53.9    |
| 10-2-6430-01                         | DEFINED CONTRIBUTION       | 3,527.66   | 49,575.63    | 77,000.00    | 27,424.37 64.4    |
| 10-2-6430-02                         | OREGON PAID LEAVE          | 871.57     | 7,273.47     | 14,665.00    | 7,391.53 49.6     |
| 10-2-6531-00                         | PAYROLL EXPENSES / SS      | .00        | 7,009.51     | 10,000.00    | 2,990.49 70.1     |
| TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY - PERSONAL SRVCS |                            | 372,903.62 | 3,051,198.40 | 5,460,513.00 | 2,409,314.60 55.9 |

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GENERAL FUND

|                                  | PERIOD ACTU                    | YTD ACTUAL | BUDGET     | UNEXPENDE  | PCNT             |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| <u>PUBLIC SAFETY - MATERIALS</u> |                                |            |            |            |                  |
| 10-3-6434-00                     | GENERAL INSURANCE              | 107,416.00 | 107,416.00 | 115,000.00 | 7,584.00 93.4    |
| 10-3-6435-00                     | ADVERTISING, PUBLICATIONS      | .00        | .00        | 6,500.00   | 6,500.00 .0      |
| 10-3-6436-00                     | DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS            | 3,747.12   | 46,449.35  | 55,925.00  | 9,475.65 83.1    |
| 10-3-6441-00                     | OFFICE EXPENSE                 | 2,182.93   | 26,646.15  | 55,640.00  | 28,993.85 47.9   |
| 10-3-6441-01                     | OFFICE EQUIP MAINTENANCE       | .00        | 539.36     | 2,608.00   | 2,068.64 20.7    |
| 10-3-6441-02                     | OFFICE EQUIPMENT LEASE         | .00        | 134.25     | 810.00     | 675.75 16.6      |
| 10-3-6442-00                     | BANK CHARGES                   | 171.93     | 626.16     | 2,500.00   | 1,873.84 25.1    |
| 10-3-6443-00                     | JANITORIAL SUPPLIES            | 455.86     | 3,471.20   | 4,000.00   | 528.80 86.8      |
| 10-3-6445-01                     | RESIDENCE SUPPLIES             | 153.65     | 704.79     | 2,600.00   | 1,895.21 27.1    |
| 10-3-6446-00                     | GAS AND DIESEL                 | 3,237.14   | 42,497.83  | 65,000.00  | 22,502.17 65.4   |
| 10-3-6451-00                     | TIRE, BATTERIES                | 4,276.96   | 11,919.55  | 15,700.00  | 3,780.45 75.9    |
| 10-3-6453-00                     | EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE          | 3,314.78   | 58,383.17  | 45,000.00  | 13,383.17- 129.7 |
| 10-3-6453-01                     | TRAINING PROP MTCE & OPERATION | .00        | 1,072.94   | 3,000.00   | 1,927.06 35.8    |
| 10-3-6454-00                     | COMMUNICATION REPAIR           | 670.25     | 1,861.65   | 9,915.00   | 8,053.35 18.8    |
| 10-3-6457-02                     | SM EQ MAINT, SHOP SUPPLIES     | 387.40     | 1,705.08   | 3,450.00   | 1,744.92 49.4    |
| 10-3-6457-03                     | FIRE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE     | 670.00     | 1,997.41   | 10,980.00  | 8,982.59 18.2    |
| 10-3-6457-04                     | EMS EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE      | 2,040.00   | 2,040.00   | 11,272.00  | 9,232.00 18.1    |
| 10-3-6457-05                     | EQUIPMENT TESTING              | .00        | 3,400.44   | 11,375.00  | 7,974.56 29.9    |
| 10-3-6459-00                     | AMBULANCE BILLING EXPENSE      | 5,008.44   | 95,114.59  | 193,500.00 | 98,385.41 49.2   |
| 10-3-6461-00                     | AUDIT, BUDGET                  | .00        | 29,755.00  | 29,740.00  | 15.00- 100.1     |
| 10-3-6462-00                     | LEGAL SERVICES                 | 1,513.00   | 6,267.50   | 56,500.00  | 50,232.50 11.1   |
| 10-3-6462-01                     | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES          | 8,591.58   | 89,618.34  | 181,051.00 | 91,432.66 49.5   |
| 10-3-6464-00                     | WATER                          | 179.41     | 1,381.21   | 4,000.00   | 2,618.79 34.5    |
| 10-3-6465-00                     | NATURAL GAS                    | 2,197.12   | 5,914.08   | 16,000.00  | 10,085.92 37.0   |
| 10-3-6466-00                     | ELECTRICITY                    | 329.70     | 9,473.50   | 16,100.00  | 6,626.50 58.8    |
| 10-3-6467-00                     | TELEPHONE                      | 1,292.65   | 12,943.93  | 22,512.00  | 9,568.07 57.5    |
| 10-3-6468-00                     | SEWER                          | 239.13     | 1,965.65   | 3,700.00   | 1,734.35 53.1    |
| 10-3-6469-00                     | GARBAGE                        | 703.42     | 4,268.35   | 6,780.00   | 2,511.65 63.0    |
| 10-3-6477-00                     | EMS TRAINING SUPPLIES          | .00        | .00        | 880.00     | 880.00 .0        |
| 10-3-6479-00                     | EMS DUES                       | 297.00     | 976.00     | 1,775.00   | 799.00 55.0      |
| 10-3-6480-00                     | PHYSICIAN ADVISOR              | 9,500.00   | 19,500.00  | 24,500.00  | 5,000.00 79.6    |
| 10-3-6481-00                     | AMBULANCE TRANSPORT EXP        | 882.00     | 5,019.00   | 7,000.00   | 1,981.00 71.7    |
| 10-3-6482-00                     | AMBULANCE EXPENDABLES          | 8,200.97   | 57,277.69  | 73,000.00  | 15,722.31 78.5   |
| 10-3-6482-01                     | AMBULANCE NON EXPENDABLE       | .00        | 299.00     | 2,525.00   | 2,226.00 11.8    |
| 10-3-6483-00                     | HAZARDOUS MATERIALS            | .00        | 1,125.55   | 1,500.00   | 374.45 75.0      |
| 10-3-6485-00                     | FF SUPPLIES-TOOLS/EQU          | 582.21     | 1,906.50   | 14,200.00  | 12,293.50 13.4   |
| 10-3-6485-01                     | FIREFIGHTING SUPPLIES - PPE    | 703.27     | 10,998.54  | 26,614.00  | 15,615.46 41.3   |
| 10-3-6486-00                     | FIRE PREVENTION SUPPLIES       | 233.50     | 511.47     | 14,940.00  | 14,428.53 3.4    |
| 10-3-6486-01                     | PUBLIC EDUCATION               | 729.33     | 4,765.97   | 27,150.00  | 22,384.03 17.6   |
| 10-3-6487-00                     | FIRE TRAINING SUPPLIES         | 279.98     | 2,792.43   | 12,275.00  | 9,482.57 22.8    |
| 10-3-6491-00                     | FIRE SUPPRESSION EXPENSE       | 4,196.69   | 30,994.07  | 239,000.00 | 208,005.93 13.0  |
| 10-3-6495-00                     | FIRE BOARD MEALS, LODGING      | .00        | 3,768.59   | 6,900.00   | 3,131.41 54.6    |
| 10-3-6497-00                     | FIRE BOARD CONFERENCE          | .00        | 2,103.20   | 2,800.00   | 696.80 75.1      |
| 10-3-6502-00                     | EMS SCHOLARSHIP                | 6,047.26   | 10,309.19  | 34,000.00  | 23,690.81 30.3   |
| 10-3-6503-00                     | BARGAINING UNIT - VOLUNTARY    | .00        | 741.90     | 9,000.00   | 8,258.10 8.2     |
| 10-3-6507-00                     | GENERAL TRAINING - ALL         | 3,489.68   | 15,771.54  | 42,780.00  | 27,008.46 36.9   |
| 10-3-6508-00                     | ADMINISTRATION - VOLUNTARY     | .00        | 375.00     | 8,800.00   | 8,425.00 4.3     |
| 10-3-6510-00                     | BUILDING MAINTENANCE           | 3,124.44   | 6,722.98   | 30,401.00  | 23,678.02 22.1   |
| 10-3-6510-01                     | BLDG MAINT. AGREEMENT'S        | 1,600.07   | 5,593.21   | 7,175.00   | 1,581.79 78.0    |
| 10-3-6511-00                     | GROUND'S MAINTENANCE           | .00        | 2,151.98   | 3,800.00   | 1,648.02 56.6    |
| 10-3-6512-00                     | POSTAGE, SHIPPING              | .00        | 704.00     | 2,008.00   | 1,304.00 35.1    |
| 10-3-6513-00                     | MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE          | 333.53     | 1,439.03   | 6,300.00   | 4,860.97 22.8    |

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GENERAL FUND

|   | PERIOD ACTU   | YTD ACTUAL   | BUDGET        | UNEXPENDE     | PCNT  |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| 10-3-6520-00 911 SERVICES                   | 5,234.58      | 26,172.90    | 98,500.00     | 70,327.10     | 27.1  |
| TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY - MATERIALS             | 194,212.98    | 779,587.22   | 1,646,981.00  | 867,393.78    | 47.3  |
| <u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>                       |               |              |               |               |       |
| 10-4-6533-00 FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT         | 1,159.99      | 1,159.99     | 7,990.00      | 6,830.01      | 14.5  |
| 10-4-6533-01 OFFICE EQUIPMENT               | 1,468.32      | 14,848.37    | 7,025.00      | 7,823.37-     | 211.4 |
| 10-4-6533-05 RADIO EQUIPMENT                | .00           | 4,212.38     | 5,400.00      | 1,187.62      | 78.0  |
| 10-4-6533-07 PREVENTION                     | .00           | .00          | 4,800.00      | 4,600.00      | .0    |
| TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY                        | 2,628.31      | 20,220.74    | 25,015.00     | 4,794.26      | 80.8  |
| <u>OTHER &amp; TRANSFERS</u>                |               |              |               |               |       |
| 10-6-7002-00 DUE TO FF EQUIP & SUPP         | .00           | .00          | 61,000.00     | 61,000.00     | .0    |
| 10-6-7003-00 DUE TO BLDG RESERVE FUND       | .00           | .00          | 40,000.00     | 40,000.00     | .0    |
| 10-6-7004-00 DUE TO EQUIPMENT RESERVE       | .00           | .00          | 446,000.00    | 446,000.00    | .0    |
| 10-6-7007-00 DUE TO STACKER BUTTE           | .00           | .00          | 2,800.00      | 2,800.00      | .0    |
| 10-6-7008-00 DUE TO TECHNICAL RESCUE        | .00           | .00          | 4,000.00      | 4,000.00      | .0    |
| TOTAL OTHER & TRANSFERS                     | .00           | .00          | 553,800.00    | 553,800.00    | .0    |
| <u>CONTINGENCY</u>                          |               |              |               |               |       |
| 10-7-8000-00 CONTINGENCY                    | .00           | .00          | 100,000.00    | 100,000.00    | .0    |
| TOTAL CONTINGENCY                           | .00           | .00          | 100,000.00    | 100,000.00    | .0    |
| <u>UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</u>          |               |              |               |               |       |
| 10-8-8600-00 UNAPPROPRIATED ENDING FUND BAL | .00           | .00          | 1,534,307.00  | 1,534,307.00  | .0    |
| TOTAL UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE           | .00           | .00          | 1,534,307.00  | 1,534,307.00  | .0    |
| TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES                     | 667,890.27    | 4,551,662.36 | 10,596,725.00 | 6,045,062.84  | 43.0  |
| NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES               | ( 122,448.52) | 5,218,245.56 | .00           | 5,218,245.56- | .0    |

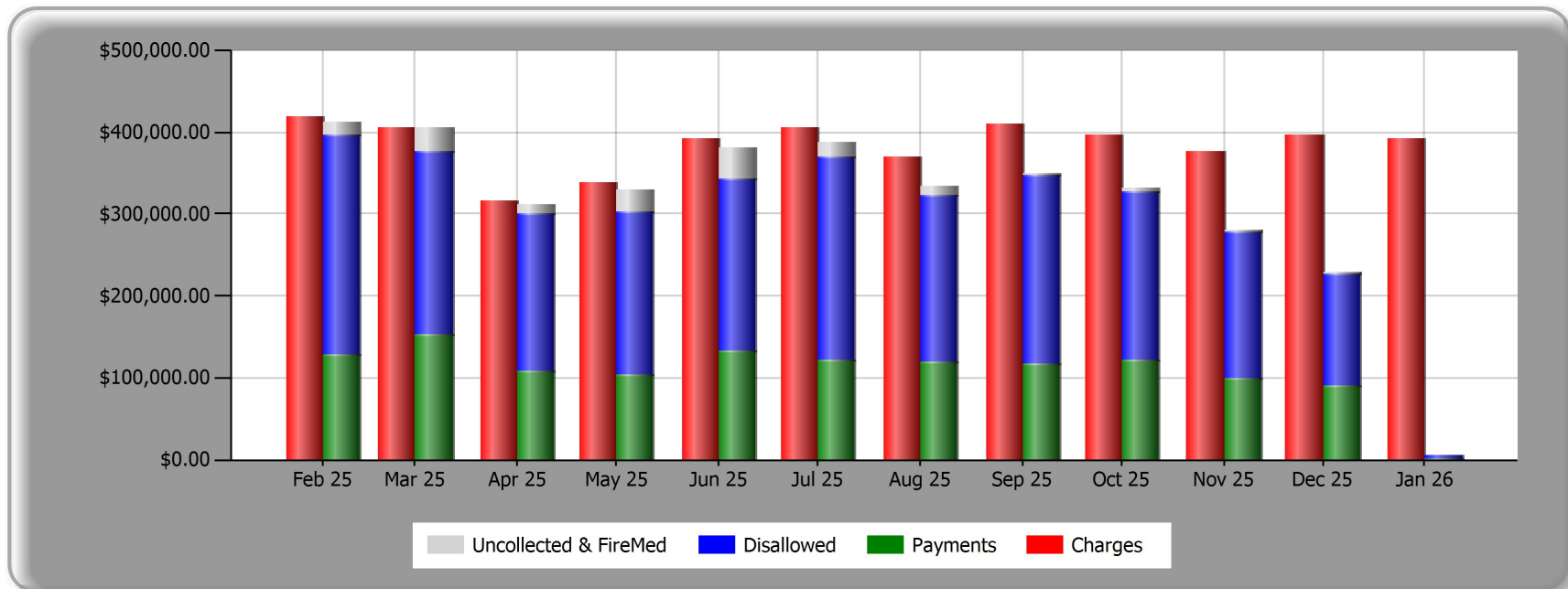
**Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue  
ANNUAL COLLECTION STATISTICS**

|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Company         | Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue |
| Date Of Service | 2/1/2025                   |
| Date Of Service | 1/31/2026                  |
| Invoices        | 0                          |

| Month  | Tickets | Charges    | Payments    | %    | FireMed   | %   | Disallowed  | %    | Uncollected | %   | Pending    | %    |
|--------|---------|------------|-------------|------|-----------|-----|-------------|------|-------------|-----|------------|------|
| Feb 25 | 220     | 419,397.83 | -129,210.46 | 31 % | -2,960.07 | 1 % | -268,309.67 | 64 % | -13,268.36  | 3 % | 5,649.27   | 1 %  |
| Mar 25 | 210     | 406,692.34 | -154,055.96 | 38 % | -1,491.19 | 0 % | -222,778.72 | 55 % | -27,264.76  | 7 % | 1,101.71   | 0 %  |
| Apr 25 | 169     | 315,573.31 | -107,505.61 | 34 % | -556.51   | 0 % | -194,218.86 | 62 % | -9,139.34   | 3 % | 4,152.99   | 1 %  |
| May 25 | 187     | 339,175.14 | -103,624.24 | 31 % | -682.01   | 0 % | -200,510.65 | 59 % | -24,997.08  | 7 % | 9,361.16   | 3 %  |
| Jun 25 | 205     | 393,683.53 | -134,034.21 | 34 % | -2,267.35 | 1 % | -209,416.85 | 53 % | -36,591.87  | 9 % | 11,373.25  | 3 %  |
| Jul 25 | 214     | 405,717.16 | -121,380.57 | 30 % | -5,454.96 | 1 % | -248,401.58 | 61 % | -13,536.73  | 3 % | 16,943.32  | 4 %  |
| Aug 25 | 187     | 369,977.82 | -119,277.46 | 32 % | -2,497.47 | 1 % | -203,598.02 | 55 % | -9,539.75   | 3 % | 35,065.12  | 9 %  |
| Sep 25 | 204     | 409,585.99 | -118,605.10 | 29 % | -2,134.50 | 1 % | -230,383.46 | 56 % | 0.00        | 0 % | 58,462.93  | 14 % |
| Oct 25 | 191     | 397,154.02 | -121,031.62 | 30 % | -4,421.23 | 1 % | -205,886.06 | 52 % | 0.00        | 0 % | 65,815.11  | 17 % |
| Nov 25 | 184     | 376,239.44 | -100,361.31 | 27 % | -350.00   | 0 % | -179,496.26 | 48 % | 0.00        | 0 % | 96,031.87  | 26 % |
| Dec 25 | 196     | 397,676.10 | -90,001.58  | 23 % | -1,306.09 | 0 % | -138,838.52 | 35 % | 0.00        | 0 % | 167,529.91 | 42 % |
| Jan 26 | 196     | 391,958.46 | -1,836.32   | 0 %  | 0.00      | 0 % | -3,811.35   | 1 %  | 0.00        | 0 % | 386,310.79 | 99 % |

**2,363      4,622,831.14      -1,300,924.44      -24,121.38      -2,305,650.00      -134,337.89      857,797.43**

**All amounts shown relate directly to each month's charges. They will not reconcile to monthly deposit reports**



# Fire Chief- Board Report

David Jensen, Fire Chief

January 2026

## **Ambulance Service Plan (Status Quo)**

There has not been any update in the Ambulance Service Area Plan to date. Our request for a meeting stands but has yet to be addressed by the County Ambulance Service Area Coordinator.

## **Dispatch CAD (Progressing)**

The “Computer Aided Dispatching” project remains on schedule, with MCFR continuing to collaborate with Wasco County 911 countywide to modernize Fire and EMS dispatching. Our project team has maintained regular weekly meetings to track progress, resolve issues, and ensure all program integrations are coordinated. In addition to ongoing sessions with our five supporting vendors, we have completed a series of meetings with Pro Qa regarding Medical Dispatching Protocols. These meetings have resulted in full sign-off by our Supervising Physician, confirming that the protocols are approved and ready for implementation. We remain on track for the projected “Go-Live” date of June 23rd, 2026.

## **Budget Preparation Update (Status Quo)**

The budget preparation process for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is underway. Budget sheets have been distributed to all department members who are responsible for specific budget lines, and requests are now beginning to be submitted. We are actively collaborating with the county assessor’s office to evaluate and understand potential impacts from tax changes in the upcoming fiscal year. Additionally, I will be working closely with our Business Services Manager to facilitate communication and ensure effective management throughout the budget preparation process. Updates will be provided regularly as we continue gathering requests and analyzing financial projections.

## **Fire Defense Board Chief Training and Readiness Committee Participation**

Throughout February, I participated in the Fire Defense Board Chief Committee convened by the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM). According to the emails and invitations received, the committee’s primary purpose is to coordinate regional fire defense efforts, develop mutual aid strategies, and enhance interagency communication for emergency response across districts. My involvement included attending virtual and in-person meetings, providing district updates, and contributing to discussions on resource allocation and operational improvements. By engaging with OSFM and other committee members, I aim to ensure our district’s needs are represented and to support collaborative planning for fire defense statewide.

## **Legislative Support**

### **Mosier Community Building and Fire Station**

The City of Mosier requested our support in seeking funding from the State legislature for the construction of a new Community Building and Fire Station. The proposed Mosier Community Building and Fire Station aims to deliver several key benefits. First, it seeks to strengthen local

emergency services by providing a modern facility for fire protection and response, to offer a dedicated space for community events and gatherings, serving as a central hub for residents, and in supporting overall preparedness by improving infrastructure and resilience in the face of emergencies.

In response to Mosier's request, I submitted a letter to underscore the importance of moving forward with this project. The letter speaks to the critical need for improved emergency response infrastructure in Mosier. It highlights how the building and fire station will enhance fire protection, foster community engagement, and bolster preparedness. By expressing endorsement, the letter I aimed to show our commitment to regional collaboration and underscore the value of projects that benefit public safety and community cohesion.

### **Ground Emergency Medical Transport Protection**

The Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) and Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) have requested support for testimony regarding the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) bill. The proposed change seeks to broaden the statutory language, allowing the State greater flexibility in how it may facilitate federal funding for GEMT programs. While this adjustment is not expected to result in additional funding immediately, it serves as a procedural safeguard—ensuring the State can adapt if federal agencies alter their payment methods in the future. Essentially, this is a proactive step to protect ongoing funding streams and maintain program stability.

### **Hood River Fire Chief**

Following the official retirement of Fire Chief Leonard Damian, I played an active role in the hiring process for the new Hood River Fire Chief at the request of City Manager Abigail Elder. The process was thorough and resulted in the appointment of Fire Chief Josh Rogers. After his first official day on the job, I had the opportunity to meet with Chief Rogers, and I am enthusiastic about the prospects of strengthening collaboration between our organizations. MCFR and Hood River are the only two career fire departments in the gorge and serve the region's two most populated cities. These shared characteristics create clear opportunities for partnership to benefit our respective organizations and the broader community throughout the gorge.

# Board Report - Operations

Josh Beckner, Division Chief

January 2026

## Staffing

**Dual Role** – 26 of 26 Positions currently filled.

**Single Role EMS** – 1 of 2 positions currently filled.

**Single Role Wildland** – Seasonal positions will open by March.

**Apprentices** – 5/5 Currently Filled.

**Administration** – 6/6 Positions filled. 4 Chiefs and 1 Office Manager and 1 Business Services Manager.

## Facility Maintenance

- Working on some electrical upgrades and repairs around the various buildings.
- Generator Maintenance Station 1 and 2 Scheduled with Peterson CAT.
- Vehicle Exhaust Capture System Repairs
- Light repair and upgrade on Training Tower
- Station 1 Meeting room and Watch Office project still ongoing

## Dispatch CAD Project

- Ongoing, project completion timeline is June 2026.
  - Training for the Response Software will be in the Spring.
  - CAD Admin Training in March

## Operational Projects

- Working with T-Mobile on Cellular Gateway to boost radio communications.
- Working with Day Wireless on Stacker Butte Repeater Monitoring and potential system updates, this will likely push into 2026/2027 and or 2027/2028 fiscal year.
- Continuing review of operational deployment plans at the 6-9-12 month intervals to ensure alignment with the adopted Standards of Cover.
  - This review also entails comparisons with agencies providing similar services and ensuring we don't under or over commit resources routinely.
- Ambulance 1 of 2 has arrived. Final equipment mounting is in process, then they will stock it with supplies. OHA application was approved and the unit is in service!
- Revised quotes are being prepared for Capital Outlay projects, then we will evaluate where we are and determine what projects to accomplish now and then in the spring.
- Working through an audit of Apparatus equipment and operational efficiencies across the fleet.

## EMS Program

- Working with AHCG on Inter-Facility Transfers.
  - The revised plan was implemented October 27<sup>th</sup> and is being monitored for a 3-month trial period. There have been a few updates based on feedback from crews, AHCG and LifeFlight.
    - Emergency Transfers (Priority 1 & 2) are done in conjunction with Life Flight and MCFR 24/7/365
    - Non-Emergency Transfers (Priority 3 & 4) are scheduled and done between 0800-2000. If MCFR is unavailable, AHCG will utilize alternative providers.
    - All charts and transfer requests are being reviewed during this trial to ensure a successful outcome for MCFR & AHCG.
    - Review of the plan and next steps are in process.
- ASA Plan work sessions with Chief Jensen and monitoring the progression of the new proposed ASA plan as well as the amended original plan supported and approved by the ASA committee.
- Working with OHA on various projects for reporting and data transfer.
- Working with the ATAB and MCI workgroup committee on revisions to the ATAB 6 plans.

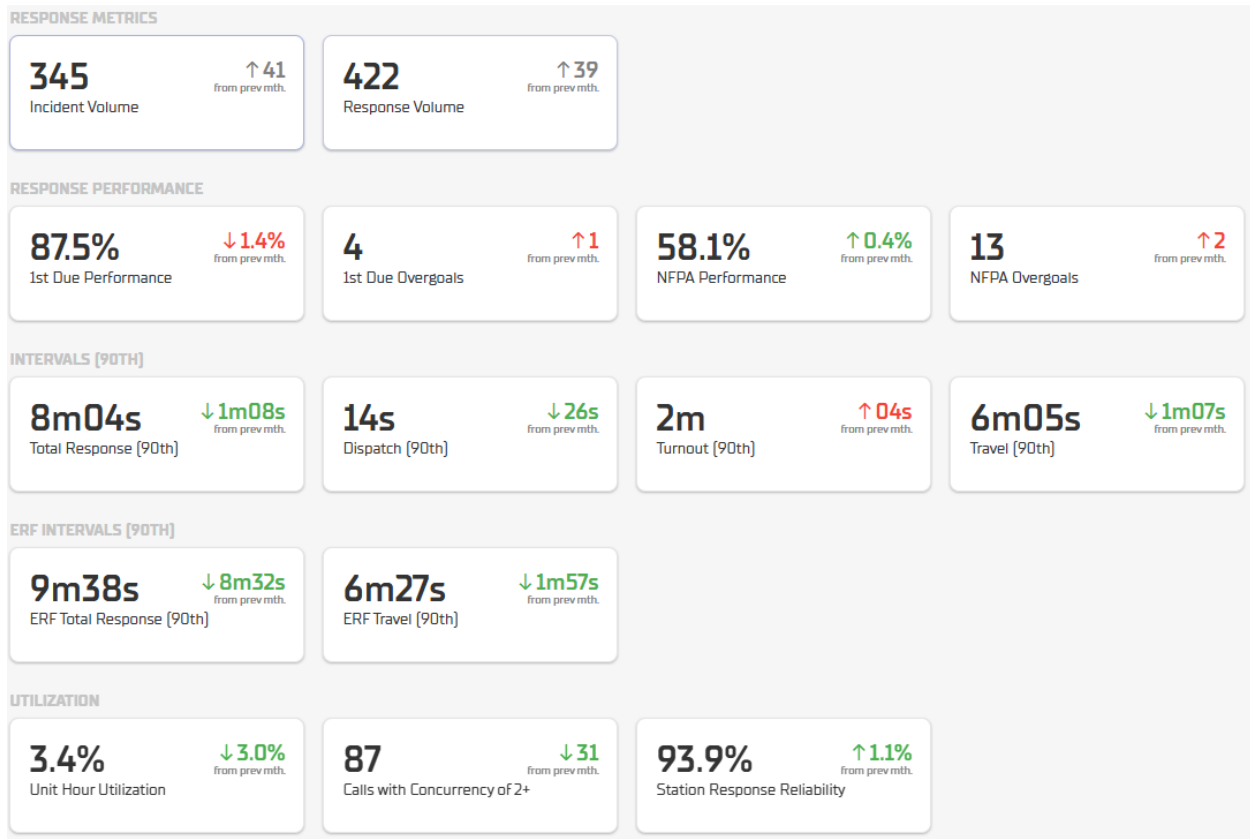
## Ongoing Meetings

- Meeting with OSFM
- Meeting with County
- ODF & USFS Meetings
- Assist DC Cole with training and testing
- NWCSO Drills & Meetings
- Board of Directors Meeting
- CAD Meeting
- ATAB 6 Meeting
- Radio System Meetings and Work Sessions
- Crisis Response Meeting
- AHCG Meetings
- ProQA Meetings
- OFCA Meetings
- Darkhorse Analytics Meetings
- QA EMS Meeting
- Assisted Care Facility – Meetings/Work sessions

## Emergency Response /Staffing/ Fire Investigations

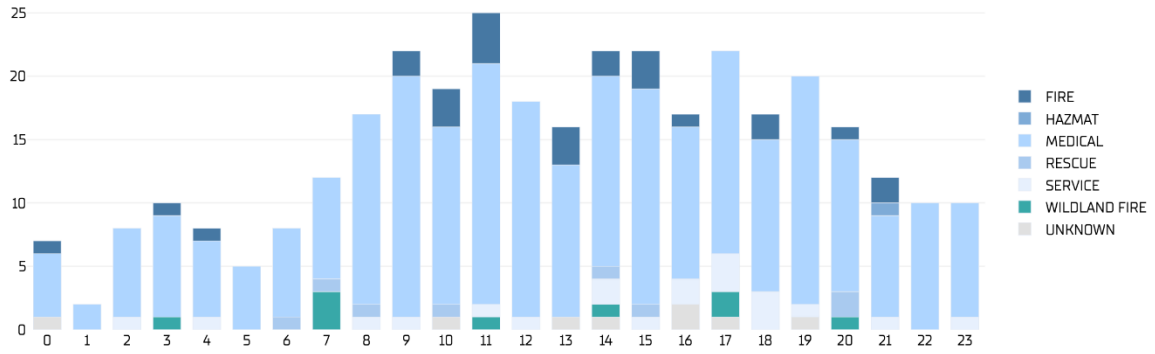
- All Calls – 1
- Motor Vehicle Accidents – 1
- Fire Response – 1
- Fire Investigation – 0
- Duty Officer – 8 days in January

### January 2026 Statistics & Information



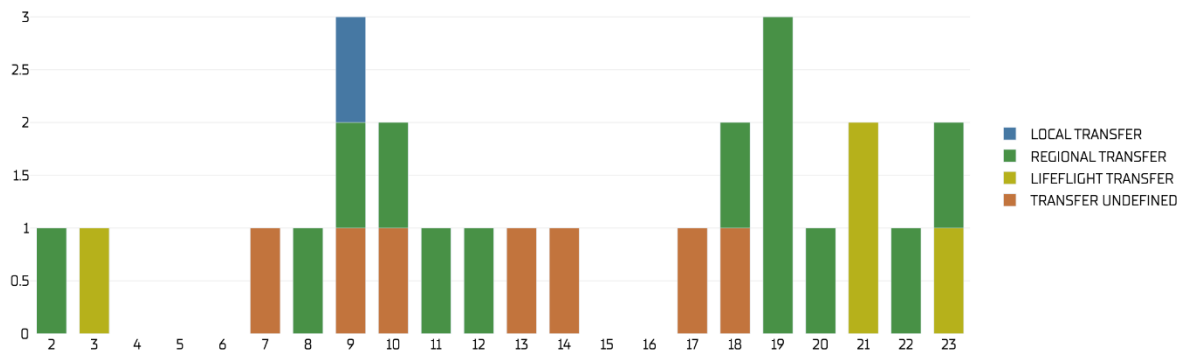
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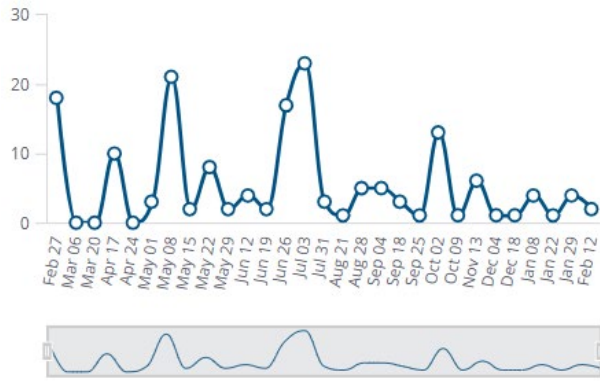


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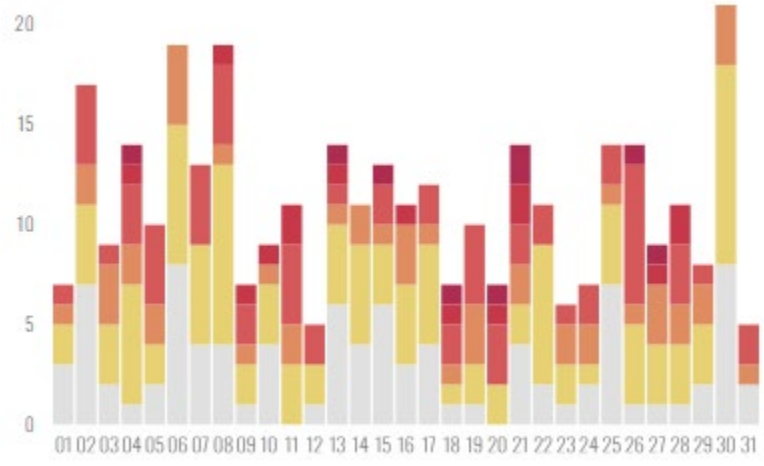
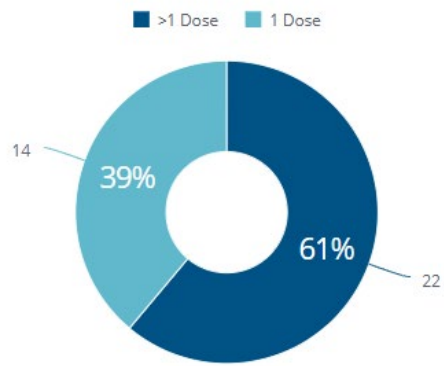
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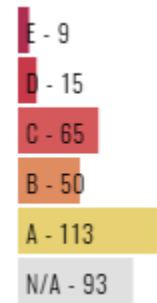
Opioid-related Encounters Over Time



Naloxone Doses per Patient



Acuity of Calls (Priority Level)



## Board Report - Prevention

Chris Grant, Division Chief

January 2026

January prevention activities included preparing year end reports, starting budget preparations, OSFM Grant planning for this closeout year, and preparing for our community schools Team Teaching program in coordination with ODF, US Forest Service, and local fire districts presenting fire safety tips to all first and second graders in the region.

### **Community Risk Reduction [Prevention, Public Education, Code Enforcement]**

- Site Team meetings for multiple projects in the City and County.
- Planning for 2026 Wildfire Safety Summit focused on Home Hardening and creating effective Defensible Space.
- Planning for Cherry Festival safety inspections
- Kindness 911 recognition for Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue as Crew of the Year
- Kindness 911 citation issued to Cherry Heights Living Staff for their positive influence and contributions to fire safety in their facility.

### **Meetings/Training/Safety/Other:**

- Staff Meetings, monthly District safety meeting.
- Oregon State Fire Marshal Defensible Space Code meeting.
- Meeting with City and County Code Enforcement Officers.
- Community Wildfire Defense Grant meeting.
- Video conference with 7 Mile/Dundas Way/ State Road homeowners to discuss cleanup and mitigation plans for Spring 2026.
- Planning meeting and recap of 2025 Get Ready Event
- Wasco County Planning meeting regarding Chapter 10 Fire Safety Standards

### **Emergency Response/Staffing/Fire Investigations**

**Duty Officer:** 7 days. No incident responses.

**Wildfire Assessments Conducted:** 0

**Occupancy Inspections:** 8 (Hotels, Google, multi-suite offices)

**Fire Investigations:** 0

**Incidents to Note:** None

**January Fire Loss Report (estimations) \$107,913**



## Kindness 911's post



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### KINDNESS COPS & CREW OF THE YEAR CLASS OF 2025

Each year Kindness 911 is honored to celebrate our Kindness Cops & Crew of the Year for their incredible commitment to their community and the energy they bring to the Kindness 911 Family.

It is truly my honor to introduce you to this years five incredible recipients. Congratulations to the 2025 Kindness Cops & Crew of the Year:

- Division Chief Chris Grant, Mid Columbia Fire
- Officer Ed Richardson, Spokane PD
- Chief Gwen Johns, Stayton PD
- Chief Nick Troxel, Tillamook PD
- Officer Holly Musser, Vancouver PD

Thank you all for setting the bar so high, for being such a positive member of your agency and for being awesome Kindness Cops and Crew members. Keep impacting your community one kind act at a time!

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## **Board Report - Training**

Adam Cole, Division Chief

January 2026

### **Training**

During January, fire training focused on maintaining core firefighting skills and operational readiness. Training included hands-on drills emphasizing engine company operations, hose deployment, and fireground communication, with continued emphasis on safety, efficiency, and adherence to standard operating guidelines. These efforts support consistent operational performance and preparedness across all shifts.

### **Paramedic Students**

EMS education continued to be a major focus in January, with ongoing preparation and support for members completing advanced certification requirements. Two members successfully received their Oregon Paramedic certification this month, marking a significant milestone for both the individuals and the organization. An additional two members are currently in the final phase of their paramedic process and are scheduled to complete their final testing at the end of the month. These advancements strengthen our overall ALS capabilities and support long-term staffing and service delivery goals.

### **Other Programs & Projects**

At the beginning of March, the department will be hosting multiple advanced EMS certification courses, including ACLS, PALS, BLS, and PHTLS. Hosting these courses locally will improve access for our personnel, reduce travel costs, and support ongoing recertification and skill maintenance requirements. These offerings will help ensure our EMS providers remain current, prepared, and capable of delivering high-quality patient care across all response types.

### **Meetings / Training / Safety / Other**

- Attended recurring Training Division / Chief weekly meetings to coordinate training priorities and planning.
- Participated in Command Staff meetings to support leadership communication and operational alignment.
- Completed and supported career and monthly training programs aligned with NFPA fire and EMS standards.
- Developed and reviewed training documentation and refresher materials, including safety and driver operations topics.

February 9, 2026

Dear Fire Chief Adam Cole,

On January 8, 2026, our garage caught fire. Luckily our little dog did a lot of barking, and I finally decided to see what his problem was...the fire! The entire garage door was up in flames and who knows how long it would have gone if I had not listened to Joey the dog.

I called 911 and one of the fantastic operators was so great staying on the phone with me and keeping me calm until all the police and firefighters arrived. I didn't ask her name, but it may have been Shelby or Amy. My husband was out of town that evening, so I really appreciated their assistance.

The police officers quickly got me and my dogs out of the house to safety while your team started attacking the horrible fire. What a great crew! I was amazed at how quickly the fire was out and I was back in our home.

As it turned out we were so lucky that the fire only touched the house. It all could have been so much worse! You probably already know, but I want to say what a great group of firefighters we have in The Dalles. I cannot say enough good things!

Thank you for the leadership you must provide to have such a great team.

Sincerely,



Vesta Smith

1834 E. 16th St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97050

## MCFR INFORMATION SHEET

**DATE:** February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**TO:** Fire District Board of Directors

**FROM:** Joe Talamantez, Business Services Manager

**ISSUE:** Electronic Payment Process

**SYNOPSIS:** The Fire District maintains financial processes which account for board members see physical or electronic checks, but do not include Automatic Clearing House (ACH) or other Electronic Payments. To account for electronic payments, President Bailey has asked for an agenda item be added for board discussion on process and potential solutions.

**BACKGROUND:** The Fire District has a Internal Financial Control Policy and describes the procedures for dual custody checks and backup documentation for each payment made. However, some payments are made by electronic transfer or ACH which do not require a signature. The current procedure states:

- A. Expenditure Cycle – Non-Payroll Process
  - 1. A/P Process / Procedure:
    - a. Items necessary to pay a bill:
      - 1) Purchase Order, or Check Request
      - 2) Receiver / Packing Slip
      - 3) Original detailed invoice
    - b. Purchase Orders are to be done in advance of a service. See Fire District Procurement Policy 201.01.
    - c. After all steps have been satisfied, the Office Manager codes all invoices, and forwards them to Fire Chief for approval.
    - d. Once invoices are approved, the Officer Manager forwards them to the Finance Director for payment.
    - e. The Finance Director issues checks twice a month for accounts payable excluding payroll. Once checks are issued, two signatures are required on each check. Copies of invoices, purchase orders and receipts are attached to each check before they are signed. The eligible signers are the Fire Chief and all five Board Members. Once signed, the checks are returned to the Office Manager for final processing and distribution.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION:** There is no budget implication associated with a change in policy for the District.

**RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:**

As an option:

Direct the Fire Chief to update the procedure to ensure the board Director signing the checks, views and acknowledges the electronic payments made in the prior period with the same documentation list in A.1