



## Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District

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Hello all,

I'm writing to let you know that I will be retiring at the end of June. My successor has already been selected and the announcement will be made as soon as the background check is complete. Thank you to those who helped with the selection process. With your input, I'm confident that the fire district will experience a smooth transition.

Fire District news, we had a busy 2023, on top of a total of 274 calls for service. This is compared to 244 in 2022, 326 in 2021, 323 in 2020, and 260 in 2019. We maintained an average response time of 7 minutes from page out to on-scene district-wide.

Over the last summer, the fire district underwent our in-district Insurance Offices Services (ISO) review. This is a review that takes place in the district every ten years with every five-year consultation evaluation by phone and email, it is a systematic analysis that measures a fire department's fire suppression abilities. It uses emergency communications (911) 10%, water system storage and delivery 40%, and fire district's fire suppression capabilities 50%. When I became Chief in 1998 both the Netarts Fire District and the Oceanside Fire District were rated a six (6), after upgrading equipment, improving response times, and improvements in the water storage and delivery system, we dropped to a five (5). After this last review with improvements to the water system, district equipment, auto-aid agreements with neighboring fire Districts, and staffing both volunteer and career (response times) we have been able to drop our rating to a four (4). This might reduce your fire insurance depending on how your company does their rating. What it means for us, is we are moving in the right direction and hope to continue to improve our service delivery.

I would also like to remind everyone about our resident Intern Firefighter program. We have provided housing, a small monthly stipend, and a scholarship payment for attending Tillamook Bay Community College or online classes for about 10 years. 15 people have taken advantage of the program, some of whom have gone on to full-time careers in emergency services. Our residents are housed in living quarters located across the street from the Netarts station. The Oceanside station has living quarters for one person, who is at the level of a senior resident, someone who has been with the district long enough to be trained to a level of EMT and Firefighter 1, and who we feel comfortable working with little supervision and make responsible decisions.

Some of you in Oceanside may have become familiar with our last resident, Greg Wilkerson. Greg spent 4 years in our resident program and has now moved on to become a full-time career firefighter/EMT for Nestucca Fire District. As soon as we complete some general maintenance, our next resident, Paige Stahle, will be moving in. Paige started with the district in 2019 while still in high school as a cadet firefighter. She attended TBCC and is now studying to become an Occupational Therapist. Paige has been an EMT-B and a Firefighter 1 for two years and is one of our most active responders.

Currently, Paige is our only resident, but we have room for two more. If anyone is interested or you know someone who might be interested, please send them to talk to us. We also have a cadet program that is open to anyone aged 16 to 18 who is interested in emergency services, either medical or fire. We would be interested in talking to you.

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The district currently has a career staff of 4, 1 resident, and 13 volunteers. If you're interested or know someone who might be interested in being part of our organization in any manner, please contact us or stop by and talk to us. If you're unsure what volunteering involves, come by on a Wednesday night drill and see what we do.

Thank you for the years of support, and we hope to see you all at the Firefighters Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 13, 2024

Best regards,  
Chief Carpenter

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