



The Charged Line

News From Glide Fire



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Overview

The Glide Fire Department was founded in 1973, with strong community support and a vision that we carry forward today. In keeping with that original commitment, our department responds to every emergency call with passion, professionalism, efficiency, dependability, and high-quality performance. As we approach what could be a record-breaking year of more than 700 calls, we would like to express thanks for the courage and dedication of our volunteers and the sacrifices they make to protect people and property in our community. This appreciation extends to the whole Glide Rural Fire Protection District family, consisting of fire department volunteers and administration, District Board members, the Association Board and members, and active community members who have assisted in times of need with their generosity and expertise. Many thanks to you all as we strive to continue the good work this year and look forward to a bright future.

New Volunteers

Glide Fire welcomes 5 new volunteers. These people have finished their orientation this year:

Carl Crome: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Support Person

Brock Cunningham: Volunteer

Chad Frazier: NFPA Firefighter II; Paramedic

Ezra Navarre: NFPA Firefighter I

Valerie Vititow: Volunteer, Search and Rescue

Volunteer Highlight

Ezra Navarre has been a life-long resident of Glide. After graduating from Glide High School in 2020, he attended Umpqua Community College Fire Science courses and is



working toward becoming an EMT/Firefighter. His long-term goal is to join a larger fire department as a full-time paid firefighter. Outside of the fire service, Ezra enjoys fishing and hunting. During his 18 months as a volunteer at our station, he has shown tremendous growth, consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic, a commitment to self-improvement, and a positive attitude that makes him an inspiration to everyone around him. We are proud to have him as part of our team.

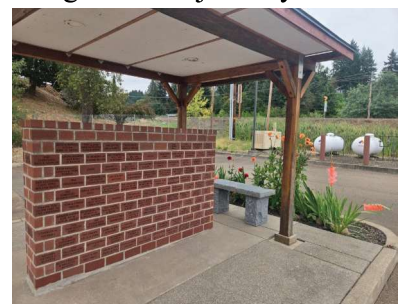
New Department of Public Safety and Standards Training (DPSST)/NFPA Support Personnel Certification

Glide Fire was asked to be the first participant in the NFPA 1010 Support Person Academy in 2026, allowing a handful of volunteers to test the new program. We successfully graduated three students from Glide. This program allows certified graduates to carry personal protective equipment outside fire zones and support firefighters through rehabilitation and retrieving vital equipment during active fires.

Memorial Bench/Brick Wall

Our long-awaited Brick Wall project, which began in 2014, has finally been completed and is now available for viewing at the Glide Fire Station in our parking lot. We invite you to stop by and find your brick. These bricks represent cherished memories, loved ones, and meaningful connections for many members of our community. Thank you for your patience and support throughout this journey—we're pleased to see this special project come to completion.

Brick Wall



Community Outreach

Here's a list of the many events that our department has hosted or participated in throughout the year.

November 2025: Glide High School Football Home Games (Emergency Medical Services (EMS) coverage), North Umpqua Holiday Food and Gift Program (NUHFGP) meeting space, Joyful Pipsqueaks Stop, Drop and Roll

December 2025: Glide Christmas Light Parade, NUHFGP gift giveaway

January 2026: Neighbors in Need meeting, Glide Revitalization Property Fire Mitigation meeting, NFPA Firefighter Support Person Certification Class

February 2026: Final checkoff for Firefighter Support Certification, Aviva Health Town Hall Meeting, Sportsman's Show, Douglas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Committee, Roseburg Head Start Stop, Drop and Roll, Ham Radio Class General License, Aviva Health Autism Awareness Training

March 2026: Families Engaging and Training Together: Knife Safety Training

April 2026: Douglas County Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation, Commissioners' Proclamation: Firefighters Appreciation & Fallen Firefighter Memorial Week, Heart Saver Class with US Forest Service, Rope Rescue Training at Whistler's Bend with Glide High School, Glide Roadside Cleanup, Burn Trailer at Lookingglass, Pinning Ceremony, CPR Class at North Umpqua Bible Fellowship, Pack Test for US Forest Service (EMS Standby), Oregon State Fire Marshall Fire Investigation Training, PacifiCorp North Umpqua Hydropower Project

May 2026: Apparatus Operator Certification Checkoff, Communities Organized Against Disasters Meeting, Bloomapalooza, Heron's Flight

June 2026: Oregon State Fire Marshal Structural Prep Training (multi-district), Sasquatch Festival

July 2026: Rat Rod, Graffiti Mustang Poker Run

September 2026: Challenge of the Heroes

October 2026: Glide Fire Association Arts and Craft Fair, Firefighters' BBQ

Volunteers By the Numbers

Glide Fire currently has the following types of highly trained volunteers: 2 Paramedics, 12 EMTs, and 11 EMRs, several of which are also firefighters, including 18 Firefighter Is, 5 Firefighter IIs, 14

Wildland Firefighter IIs, and 5 Wildland Firefighter Is. Our total roster is 37 volunteers and employees, the latter of which includes a Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief/Recruitment Officer, Office Manager, Training Officer, Custodian, and Bookkeeper.

Opportunities to Serve in Your Community

Structure Fire and Wildfire Response

Emergency Medical Services

Recruitment

Fire Prevention and Education

Medical Inventory Management

Vehicle, Equipment, and Property Maintenance

Traffic Control

On-scene Firefighter Support (food and drink)

Social Media

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Who We Are

The Glide Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1973 to provide fire and medical response to the Glide community. In 1980 the Glide Rural Fire Protection District (GRFPD) was approved and currently serves about 4,500 residents in 27 square miles containing over 100 miles of roads. The general GRFPD boundaries are from milepost 8 on Hwy 138 East to Rock Creek Rd, and from a portion of North Bank Rd to the 10-mile marker up Little River Rd.



Commissioners' Proclamation: Firefighters Appreciation & Fallen Firefighter Memorial Week (Left to right: Chip Clough, Tim Freeman, Ted Damewood)

Thank you to our Veterans,



for all you do...