

 **EAST UMATILLA FIRE & RESCUE**
**422 West Mill Street Weston, OR 97886**

**Staff Report for September, 2024**

**Calls for Service in September 2024 = 34**

**EMS = 22 Fire = 5 MVA = 2 False A. = 2 Mutual Aid = 2 Good Intent - 1**

**The Chief’s Report will reflect all the Calls for Service Responded to**

**by East Umatilla Fire and Rescue**.

**1) The new station is built.** We are completing details of the building (ie door mechanisms, signage, window screens...). In the past few days, we have painted lines on the apparatus bay floor, and we are assisting McCormack workers to install the flag pole.

**2) The Ribbon Cutting** for the New Station is just around the corner: October 8 at 11:00 AM. We are planning for a small ceremony, followed by opening up the station for self-guided tours. We will serve a BBQ lunch with burgers and hot dogs, salad and chips. We will make media notifications as well as the mayors in the towns our district serves. This will be a day of EUFR celebration and accomplishment. We hope to share it with you. Please come.

**3) Thanks to A/C John Reitz, keypad locks are now on the “man-doors” to the apparatus bay. Please use your DPSST number for access. This be temporary. A/C Reitz (or Jeremy) will be assigning random, ‘safer” numbers to each us soon.** There is a lockbox containing a key mounted on the door. Use this in case of battery failure, but **please remember to replace the key once you have unlocked the door.**

**4) We thank A/C Jeremy Lasater for completing the Firefighter 1 academy and certifying FOUR entry firefighters** over the weekend. Adding those successful students (we have two more waiting for the next academy) to our current 11 FF1s gives us **15** entry qualified, firefighters. At least three will be assigned to shift work, on duty 24/7/365. In 2025, our goal is to add one more to each shift, with two of the four being ALS medic/FFs.

**5)** **The Fuels Reduction and Structure Assessment program will re-start soon**. It was suspended for summer fire operations. For questions please see program coordinator Max Magee.

**6) T-63 (“the 6 by”) is out of service for major repairs.** The motor needs a specific part that is no longer manufactured. We have received another military all wheel drive 2.5 ton truck (at no cost) and plan on swapping over the tank, pump and bumper spray bars as a winter project. Bill Boyd and Lieutenant Jason Hall will be the “Leads” on this project.

