

Hello from the Corvallis Volunteer Fire Department,

We have had a lot of things happen in the last year so I will touch on a few in an effort to keep you apprised of our progress in serving you.

The Roaring Lion Fire was a tragic event. Although not in our district, we offer our services to our neighbors in these situations, as they do the same for us. On the night that fire impacted houses, we had 7 engines, 3 command vehicles and 22 firefighters fighting the blaze with support staff at our stations ready for in district calls.



We are very proud of our new ISO 3 rating, a 2 point improvement from our previous 5 rating. This is a result of years of hard work and good leadership managing our organization in a professional manner always looking at the needs for the future.

We are on pace to answer over 500 calls for 2016. Roughly 70% of those calls are medical. Our medical program is growing extremely fast to keep up with the needs of the public. Any medical emergency in our district is answered utilizing our staff

of EMT's. We have one Medic at this time with another in Medic School. In most cases our responders show up to your medical emergency before an ambulance to provide a rapid response for initial patient care.

The national trend for acquiring and retaining personnel is in a downward spiral. We have been very fortunate to have committed volunteers and an organization that attracts members. At this time the national trend is not effecting us. We recently took on our largest recruit class ever with 12 new members bringing our total to 55.

The Corvallis Volunteer Firefighters Association is a separate entity from the District. Your tax dollars fund the operational and capital improvements for the District however, the funding for the Association is largely by donation. We utilize these donations for support of the volunteers and majority vote spending on special projects, community donations, and additional training. We appreciate any donation you can make and will put it to good use.

Thank you for your support!

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CORVALLIS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT 2016 NEWSLETTER

BREAKING NEWS!!!!!! CORVALLIS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT (CRFD) OBTAINS IMPROVED INSURANCE RATING, GOING FROM ISO CLASS 5 TO ISO CLASS 3. HOME OWNERS AND COMMERCIAL INSURANCE POLICY HOLDERS SHOULD SEE REDUCED INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

WHO RATES FIRE DEPARTMENTS?

ISO (Insurance Service Office) rates all fire departments in the United States. The scale goes from 1 to 10 with a 1 being the best and a 10 being the worst. We have held a class 5 ISO rating for many years which put us in the top 31% of Fire Departments in Montana. We are proud to announce that our ISO rating is now a class 3 which puts the Corvallis Rural Fire District in the top 2% of Fire Service providers in Montana. This ISO rating was achieved by years of hard work that has been done by a very dedicated team of volunteers.

KEYS TO ACHIEVING OUR CLASS 3 ISO RATING

ISO has built a system that evaluates Fire Departments in their ability to provide the personnel, training, apparatus, water, and communications necessary to fight structure fires. The following are just a few of the items that helped to improve our insurance rating.

Our Personnel- We currently have 55 volunteers that have a wide variety of capabilities in emergency services. The dedication of the volunteer men and women in our district is our most important resource and a huge part of our obtaining an improved ISO rating.

Training- The completion of our training center in 2013 has greatly improved our ability to provide valuable training to volunteers. Corvallis volunteers log well over 15,000 hours of service and training annually.

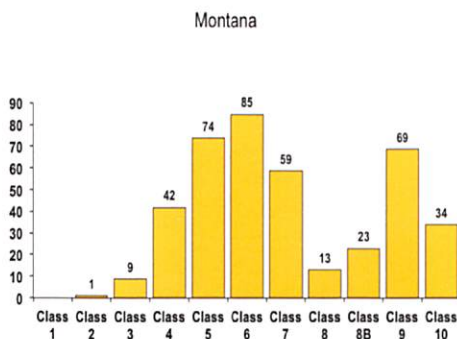
Water- the CRFD has always made a priority of water supply for structure fires. We have built a hydrant system in town to protect our schools, added Water tenders to the fleet, and put fill sites in strategic locations.

Automatic Aid Agreements- the CRFD has worked with all neighboring Fire Departments to have automatic aid to all structure fires. This gives us increased personnel and equipment to attack structure fires. We have three agreements completed now. There are no structures in the CRFD that don't receive the benefits of Automatic Aid.

INSURANCE RATE SAVINGS PROCESS

First you need to confirm that you are in the Corvallis Rural Fire District. Please go to our website, corvallisfire.com to confirm who your Fire District is. You can also find this information on your property tax statement. The CRFD is the provider for all Corvallis addresses, many Hamilton addresses, and some Victor addresses.

Once you have confirmed that you are in the CRFD you should get the reduced premium when your policy renews. Due to the ISO process, the class 3 rating may not show up in the system until February 1st. It is a good idea to contact your insurance agent and start the discussion. The savings may vary from one insurance company to another so renewal time may be a good time to shop around.



of Departments per ISO Class

Chief James Knapp
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