



October 2017

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors...*

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### Next Meeting Dates:

**General Meeting:**  
October 11 - Jackson County  
Fire District 5 - Open House

**Leadership Meeting:**  
October 25 - Topic: Basic  
Training After Action Review



## Initial Fire Attack Resources

Summer lightning strikes sparked many fires across the region. Firefighters continue to battle several wildland fires across the state though weather has helped tame most. Hand crews and air resources primarily make up the firefighting capabilities. Without ground and air resources containment might not be achieved.

There are several types of wildland fire crews including engine crews, fuels crews, hand crews, helitack crews, hotshot crews, smokejumpers and more. Hand crews generally consist of consist of 18-20 crewmembers. Hand Crews can be used for a variety of operations on a wildland fires. Hand Crews are assigned duties on wildland and prescribed fire primarily that consist of constructing fire lines with hand tools and chainsaws, burning out areas using drip torches and other firing devices, and mop-up and rehabilitation of burned areas.

Helitack crews are wildland fires suppression crews specializing in helicopter operations. Helitack firefighters are delivered to fires via helicopter and suppress wildfires with hand tools and chainsaws. Helicopters can be equipped with a bucket or fixed tank to drop water or retardant during firefighting operations. They deliver helitack crews for initial attack, and transport personnel and cargo in support of fires.



Some helitack firefighters are trained to rappel from the helicopter to reach fires in remote locations. A helitack crew provides land management agencies with a safe, highly skilled and a productive aerial firefighting resource. The crew can range in size, but are typically between seven to ten crew members. Helitack crews may also be used to support prescribed fire operations or special projects requiring

helicopters.



Helicopters are vital to suppressing and containing wildland fires.

There are several types of helicopters used in fire suppression including Type 1, 2, and 3. Type 1 helicopters have 15 or more passenger seats and carry up to 700 gallons of water with a maximum weight for taking off or

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landing of 12,501lbs. Type 2 helicopters have 9-14 passenger seats and carry up to 300 gallons of water with a maximum weight for taking off or landing of 6,000-12,500 lbs. Type 3 helicopters have 4-8 passenger seats and carry up to 100 gallons of water with a maximum weight for taking off or landing up to 6,000 lbs.

Helicopter use allows for timely delivery of resources. Logistically helicopters are most often used to support wildland fires by delivering supplies, equipment, water, and food to personnel on the fireline, but fixed-wing aircraft are used to transport fire personnel over longer distances. Smoke can cause visibility issues for pilots oftentimes grounding them to potential dangers.

As crews suppress fires in the coming weeks with the help of cooler temperatures, added humidity and moisture, and decreased heat be sure to thank them for all that they have accomplished this fire season. Many crew members have been on response for more than one month. They have been breathing continuous smoke in the air and worked strenuously in some very rough terrain of Oregon and several other western states. Definitely pay respect to those risking and sacrificing to help us to breathe easier.



## Member graduation celebrations this month

Alan Adleman – 1991

Elizabeth Austin - 2013

Sophia Bogle – 2006

Nancy Buono - 2015

Paul Collins – 2006

Joe Curl - 2015

Karen Delsman - 2004

Helen DeMartinez - 2004

Ellen Downes – 1999

Mia Driscoll - 2007

Pat Fretton – 2004

Alan Goffe - 2006

Ed Goldman – 2001

Ute Hallstein - 2015

Kittie Harrison - 2015

Greg Hartley – 1999

Leslie Lanes – 2001

Alex Louke - 2011

Mike Morris – 2006

Shea Pinson - 2015

Gary Powell – 2001

Fran Ryan – 2007

Matt Sheehan - 2015

Earl Sloan – 2006

Sherry Smilo – 2006

B. Jane Stromberg – 2007

Daniel Tharp – 2011

Marla Weston - 2015

Karen Wennlund –  
2006

Ellen Wilfong-Grush –  
2015

Victoria Williams -  
2015

David Wolske – 2001

Donna Wright - 2006



## Happy Birthday - Member Birthdays in October

Shirley Boyce  
 Kevin Calkins  
 Joe Carroll  
 Kendal Casteel  
 BJ Cooper  
 Mark Decker  
 Eric Dinger  
 Rob Downing  
 Jim Phillips-Edwards  
 Patricia Fretton  
 Joe Graf  
 Jeff Haug  
 Aaron Hettman  
 Paul Huard  
 Phil Hutchings  
 Ingrid Laursen

David Myers  
 Rob Parks  
 James Phillips  
 Lynn Robak  
 Chalres Roome  
 Neil Stewart  
 B. Jane Stromberg



## American Heart Association First Aid CPR AED certification course

HeartSaver First Aid, CPR, AED, is a classroom, video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage a first aid, choking or sudden cardiac arrest emergency in the first few minutes until emergency medical services (EMS) arrives. Students learn skills such as how to treat bleeding, sprains, broken bones, shock and other first aid emergencies. This course also teaches adult CPR and AED use.

The cost for this course is \$55, which includes a student study book and card\*. The class takes approximately 8 hours to complete. All fees must be prepaid prior to the class date to confirm reservation. Please register early to reserve your space.

\*Upon successful completion, students will receive an American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid, CPR, AED Course Completion Card that is valid for two years.

**When:** Saturday, October, 7

**Where:** Ashland Fire Station 2

**Time:** 9am-5pm

**Cost:** \$55

**Registration is first-come, first-served according to when class fees are paid.** Classes are typically limited to 8 people. Participants may register by mailing a check or by paying in person 8 AM - 4 PM Monday - Friday at Station 1, 455 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, OR 97520. Make checks payable to City of Ashland.

**For information or to register contact the Ashland CERT Program Coordinator  
 541-552-2226 | [cpr@ashland.or.us](mailto:cpr@ashland.or.us)**



The American Heart Association strongly promotes knowledge and proficiency in BLS, ACLS, and PALS and has developed instructional materials for this purpose. Use of these materials in an educational course does not represent course sponsorship by the American Heart Association. Any fees charged for such a course, except for a portion of fees needed for AHA course materials, do not represent income to the Association.

# CERT 2017 Calendar of Events

January 2017	February 2017	March 2017
General Meeting - January 11 <i>(211 Info)</i> Leadership Meeting - January 25 <i>(Leadership Retreat Planning)</i>	General Meeting - February 8 <i>(Movie Night)</i> <b>Advanced Medical Refresher - Feb 25</b> Leadership Meeting - February 22 <i>(Leadership Retreat Planning)</i>	General Meeting - March 8 <i>(Surrounding Awareness)</i> NO Leadership Meeting <b>Vulnerable Populations Psychology - 3/18</b> <b>CPR Night - March 27 (6pm)</b>
April 2017	May 2017	June 2017
General Meeting - April 12 <i>(Building Assessment &amp; Triage)</i> <b>Advanced Leadership Retreat - April 21-23</b> Leadership Meeting - April 27 <i>(Planning for Basic Training)</i>	General Meeting - May 10 <b>Basic Training</b> <b>May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20</b> Leadership Meeting - May 24 (Basic AAR)	<b>Base Bike Ride - June 4 @ 10am</b> General Meeting June 14 <b>Certified Driver (EVO) &amp;</b> <b>Firefighter Rehab - June 11</b> Leadership Meeting June 28 - Parade Plan
July 2017	August 2017	September 2017
<b>Parade Support - July 4</b> General Meeting - July 12 <i>(Skills Training)</i> <b>SAR Navigation Skills - July 22</b> Leadership Meeting - July 26 <i>(4th of July AAR)</i>	<b>CPR Night - August 7</b> General Meeting - August 9 Leadership Meeting - August 23 <b>Wilderness First Aid (\$) - August 26-27</b>	<b>Spontaneous Volunteer Management - TBA</b> General Meeting - September 13 <b>Family &amp; Friends CPR - September 23</b> Leadership Meeting - September 27
October 2017	November 2017	December 2017
<b>Basic Training</b> <b>October 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21</b> General Meeting - <b>October 11 - Jackson County Fire District 5 Open House (5-7pm)</b> Leadership Meeting (Basic AAR) - October 25	<b>Base Bike Ride - November 5</b> General Meeting - Graduation - November 8 Leadership Meeting - November 15 <b>SoOregon CERT Meet &amp; Greet - Nov. 18</b>	<b>CERT Year in Review</b> <b>December 13 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM</b> NO MEETINGS <b>Holiday Season ~ Training Stand Down</b>

**Note:** General meetings are open to the public. Doors open at 6pm. Meetings are from 6:30pm-8pm at Fire Station 1.

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