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HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT #74

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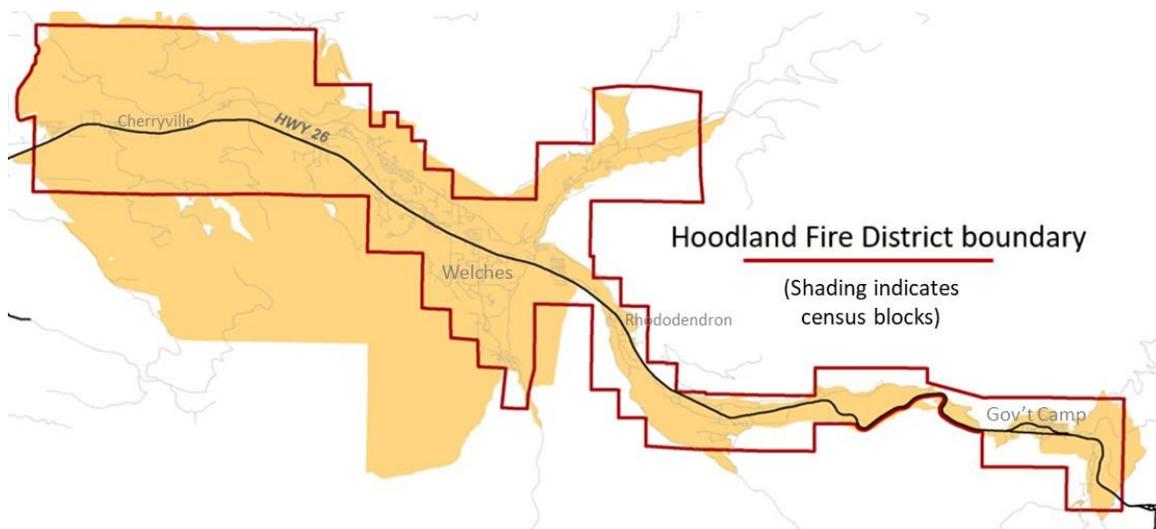
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HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT FACT SHEET

- ▶ **Formation.** Hoodland Fire District #74 was established on September 19, 1966. It has been providing fire and EMS services for over 50 years.
- ▶ **Residents served.** HFD is the first responder for medical emergencies and fires in its service area. As of the 2010 U.S. Census, there were approximately 6,000 full-time residents in the area served by the Hoodland Fire District.
- ▶ **Response area.** HFD's approximately 45-square-mile response area covers communities along Highway 26 from near mile post 32, east of Baty Road, to near Mile Post 57, east of Snow Bunny. This includes the communities of Marmot, Cherryville, Brightwood, Wemme, Welches, Zig Zag, Rhododendron, and Government Camp as well as surround areas. (Note that Timberline Lodge and Wapinitia Flats are *not* covered by HFD.)

The District is surrounded by public lands, including Mt. Hood National Forest, Federal Wilderness areas, Bureau of Land Management lands, Oregon Department of Forestry lands, and the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit (primary drinking water source to the metro area). The District's only neighboring fire district is Sandy Fire District #72, on HFD's western border.

Hoodland Fire District Response Area



- ▶ **Fire station locations.** HFD has three station — the main station in Welches and two sub stations, one in Brightwood and one at Government Camp.
- ▶ **Services provided.** HFD provides the community with the following services:
 - ✓ **Emergency medical response.**
 - ✓ **Fire response** (structure and wildland).

- ✓ **Vehicle accident response.**
 - ✓ **Community risk reduction programs** (see listing under *Key recent accomplishments* and *Community outreach programs*).
 - ✓ **Emergency preparedness, including a community risk management assessment.**
 - ✓ **Initial response to hazardous materials incidents.**
- ▶ **Board of Directors.** HFD is governed by a five-member Board of Directors. Current Board members include Patrick Buckley, chairperson, Darcy Lais, vice- chairperson, John Pruden, secretary/treasurer, and board member Cliff Fortune and pro tem board member Mary Ellen Fitzgerald.
 - ▶ **Staffing.** HFD is staffed by both full-time paid staff and volunteers.
 - ✓ Currently there are 10 full-time career firefighters, nine of whom are firefighter/paramedics with advanced life support skills and one who is a firefighter/EMT-intermediate.
 - ✓ At least two career firefighter/paramedics staff the main station in Welches 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - ✓ HFD has 30 volunteers who have all been trained in basic firefighting and medical skills. Twenty of these volunteers have taken the additional step of becoming certified as an Oregon EMT-Basic or higher.
 - ▶ **Emergency calls responded to.** In 2018, HFD responded to 1,075 calls for service. This is a 49% increase in calls since 2009. Of 2018 calls:
 - ✓ 59% involved medical emergencies. Of those, two-thirds required paramedic-level Advanced Life Support skills.
 - ✓ 41% were non-medical calls covering a range of fire and hazardous material related issues, including active fires, hazardous materials or conditions (e.g., hazardous materials spills, gas leaks, or explosions), unauthorized burning or similar reports, assistance to county sheriff or other government agency, and false alarms.

In 2018 HFD firefighters also assisted at five major fires in Oregon and California. In addition, HFD assisted the U.S. Forest Service on three fires in the Mount Hood National Forest.

- ▶ **Hoodland Fire District Tax rate.** HFD's total tax rate is \$2.64 per \$1,000 of assessed value (not market value). If the 5-year local option levy request of 25¢ is approved, the tax rate would be \$2.89.
- ▶ **Key recent accomplishments:**
 - ✓ In 2017, HFD increased coverage by career firefighter/paramedics from 12 to 24 hours a day.
 - ✓ In 2017 a Federal SAFER grant was awarded to the District. This allowed the District to hire two additional firefighter/paramedics which helped to ensure a minimum of two firefighter/paramedics are on duty 24/7.

- ✓ Three communities in the District have received Firewise certification: Timberline Rim, Zig Zag Village, and Government Camp. The Firewise program is a national program designed to encourage homeowners to reduce their wildfire risk using education and fuel reduction strategies.

▶ **Community outreach programs:**

- ✓ **Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for low-income residents.** In the past five years, close to 200 smoke alarms have been provided free of charge. HFD also began offering carbon monoxide alarms in 2018.
- ✓ **Chimney brush loaner program.** HFD loans chimney brushes free of charge to the community to help prevent chimney fires.
- ✓ **Address marker program.** Easy-to-read address markers can make a critical difference in how quickly firefighter/paramedics can respond to an emergency. For \$25 HFD provides address markers to residents.
- ✓ **C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team).** This is a F.E.M.A. program that trains community members to assist other emergency-service providers by providing training in first aid, evacuations, traffic control, and search and rescue operations during large-scale events such as floods, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and wildfires.
- ✓ **Fire station tours.** Free tours of the main station in Welches are provided to school children and community groups. In 2018 over 40 tours were provided to preschoolers, their parents and siblings.
- ✓ **Fire and life-safety education for school children.** Working with teachers at the Welches Grade School, HFD firefighter/paramedics have reached over 130 students in kindergarten through third grade with information about fire and life safety.
- ✓ **Bike helmet program.** Bike helmets were given to 47 students on the last day of school in 2018. The helmets were paid for by the Hoodland Fire Support Group, which holds a garage sale fundraiser every year to fund the program.
- ✓ **Youth Explorer Program through Boy Scouts of America.** The Explorer Program is designed to introduce youth ages 12 to 21 to fire and emergency services. The participants are exposed to career experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. This program is free-of-charge to the youth who participate.

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