

# Clackamas Fire District #1



May 7, 2020

Dear Community Members,

As we are now entering our third month planning for and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to take a moment to thank our community for the ongoing support of your first responders and provide some additional updates from Clackamas Fire. First and foremost, thank you! In early March, as information related to COVID-19 became increasingly available, first responders from across the world were faced with the possibility of a shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) and Clackamas Fire was no exception. We went to the community to ask for donated PPE items to keep our first responders protected and you graciously delivered hundreds of masks, gowns, gloves and other needed items. Due to the outpouring of support, we are better prepared today to meet the needs of this unprecedented event.

As we begin to establish a new normal for our day-to-day lives, we continue to evaluate the most appropriate and safest means to reopen our offices, community fire stations, meeting rooms and participate in community events. At this time, in an effort to keep our workforce and community safe, we will continue to restrict access and limit non-emergent community interaction until June 30, 2020. For now, Clackamas Fire remains focused on meeting the needs of the community and providing exceptional emergency services. While the "Stay Home Save Lives" order is still in place, here are some additional Clackamas Fire updates:

- We urge you to use extreme caution as we see warmer temperatures in the coming months. From recreating in local waterways, enjoying outdoor fires, to celebrating the 4th of July, be safe and be careful.
- This summer, the Fire District will begin sharing information regarding a proposed legal integration with Estacada Rural Fire District #69 (Estacada Fire). The Fire District has been providing services to Estacada Fire under a contract for service since January 2020 and is focused on service and creating safer communities.
- The proposed annual budget for both Clackamas Fire and Estacada Fire for fiscal year 2020/2021 are being presented to the respective budget committees during the month of May.

Lastly, please continue to take care of your family and loved ones during this time. For the most recent COVID-19 related information, visit the Oregon Health Authority at: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Public Information Officer, Brandon Paxton at: 503.742.2693.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Charlton". The signature is stylized and written over a circular scribble.

Fred Charlton, Fire Chief  
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