

Clackamas Fire District #1



June 30, 2020

Dear Community Members,

As COVID-19 continues to impact our community, I wanted to take a moment and provide an update on behalf of Clackamas Fire. Our focus remains on preparing for and responding to emergency calls for assistance within our community and ensuring our workforce remains healthy.

- We continue to order and acquire Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our staff and first responders. While some products are experiencing significant back orders, we have taken steps to increase our stock of critical PPE to be prepared for the duration of this pandemic.
- In an effort to reduce community exposure, the use of community meeting rooms will remain suspended until September 30, 2020. At that point, we will evaluate the current situation and make an informed decision to ensure the public and our first responders stay healthy.
- Our participation in community events will be suspended until September 30, 2020. In support of physical distancing, we will continue to deliver online content to include tours and demonstrations through our social media platforms. You can join us by following Clackamas Fire on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

As we move through summer and all that the nice weather brings, here are some additional Fire District updates:

- While the weather is warm, our area waterways still remain cold and dangerous. Sadly, one person has already drowned on the Clackamas River. We strongly urge you to wear a properly fitted life jacket when recreating in or around local waterways.
- Both the Clackamas Fire and Estacada Fire Board of Directors have passed resolutions, asking voters to consider a proposed merger between the two agencies. The measure will be on the November 2020 ballot and opportunities to learn more about a proposed merger and ask questions is being scheduled in the coming months.
- Due to COVID-19, this year's Oregon City Hilltop Health and Safety Fair has been canceled. This is a long-standing community event that Clackamas Fire is proud to put on every year. While it is has been canceled this year, we look forward to hosting this event next year.

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', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Fred Charlton, Fire Chief
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