

SEASIDE FIRE & RESCUE



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Seaside Fire and Rescue

2021

Chief's Message

Seaside Fire & Rescue had a record setting number of calls in 2021 at 1,773 which is up over 200 calls from 2020. We also responded to 5 wildland conflagration requests in the State of Oregon over the summer.

2021 was also another challenging year with the Covid-19 virus. Covid fatigue and the station being closed makes the task of recruitment and retention a lot harder than it already is. Staff spent many hours on the beach last summer to help offset the shortage of lifeguards. However, all members of Seaside Fire & Rescue continue to respond to cover the citizens and tourists 24 hours-a-day, 7 days a week.

Seaside Fire & Rescue held its annual banquet in March of 2022 and limited the banquet to only fire department personnel and their significant others due to continued Covid-19 policies that had not yet been lifted. The following years of service pins were handed out, Firefighter Noble Hutchinson and Lieutenant Mathew Keefer (10 years of service), and Firefighter Mike Smith with (30 years of service). The Firefighter of The Year Award went to Katie Bulletset, "No Doze Award went to Firefighter Jason Schermerhorn, and the Fire Officer of The Year Award went to Lieutenants Gauge Piguet and Mathew Keefer. A special award that the Oregon State Fire Marshal along with the Oregon Fire Chiefs created called the 2020 Oregon Fire Storm Award was handed out to firefighters that responded during the September 2020 firestorm in Oregon. The following members from Seaside Fire & Rescue were given this award: Division Chief David Rankin, Lieutenants Mathew Keefer and Adam Pozsgai, Firefighters Katie Bulletset, Cesar Alcala, Angels Vargas, Max Savage, Tyler Johnson, and River Perea.

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Seaside Fire & Rescue also had a few changes with the retirement of Division Chief Fire Marshal Chris Dugan, and the promotion of Lieutenant Genesee Dennis moving up to the Division Chief Fire Marshal Position. And thanks to the generous support of our City Council, we were able to add two firefighter positions that were desperately needed to maintain adequate coverage. This meant that we were able to hire 3 positions with the promotion of Genesee moving up to Fire Marshal. These positions were filled after a rigorous testing process by the hiring of Mathew Keefer, Rick Plummer, and Adam Pozsgai.

As many volunteer and combination departments like ours struggle to keep up with the increase in calls and training requirements, I am always very humble as the fire chief to see our volunteer and career staff continue to meet the challenges of today. This is just another example of the extremely dedicated and professional firefighters Seaside Fire & Rescue is fortunate to have!

On behalf of Seaside Fire & Rescue, I would like to thank the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Staff, and the citizens for your continued support, and for allowing us to present this report to you.

Joey Daniels
Fire Chief

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Fire Chief

Daniels - 3101

Division

Chief/Operations

Rankin - 3102

Division

Chief/Prevention

Dennis - 3103

Deputy Chief / Vol

Coordinator

Houston, G - 3104

Captain

Dugan - 3105

Captain

Houston, J - 3106

Lieutenant

Keefe - 3107

Lieutenant

Plummer - 3108

Piguet - 3110

Lieutenant

Pozsgai - 3109

Firefighters

Alcala
Anderson
Bulletset
Dague
Hutchinson
Kero

Mathews
Mullery
Parker
Segui
Schermerhorn
Schermerhorn Jr.
Smith

Stanley
Vargas
Weiler
White, S
White, T
Yelfimov

Resident Volunteers

Kilian

Rhinevault

Zuber

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CAREER STAFF



Chief Joey Daniels
jdaniels@cityofseaside.us
Since 2009 - IEMT



Div. Chief David Rankin
Training/ Operations
drankin@cityofseaside.us
Since 2012 - IEMT



Div. Chief Genesee Dennis
Prevention/ Fire Marshal
gdennis@cityofseaside.us
Since 2010 - IEMT



Lieutenant Rick Plummer
Since 2015 - PARAMEDIC



Lieutenant Mathew Keefer
Since 2011 - EMT



Lieutenant Adam Pozsgai
Since 2018 - EMT

OFFICERS



Dep. Chief Gordon Houston
ghouston@cityofseaside.us
Since 1998 - IEMT



Captain Chris Dugan
Since 1989 - IEMT



Captain Jeremy Houston
Since 2000 - PARAMEDIC



Lieutenant Gage Piguet
Since 2018- IEMT

VOLUNTEERS



Cesar Acala
Since 2014 - EMR



Cole Anderson
Since 2022- EMT



Katie Bulletset
Since 2013 - EMR



Roy Dague
Since 1972 - EMT



Noble Hutchinson
Since 2013 - EMR

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VOLUNTEERS



Mackenzie Kero
Since 2021 - EMT



Nolan Mathews
Since 2021 - EMT



Dan Mullery
Since 2008 - PARAMEDIC



Justin Parker
Since 2002 - EMT



Jenson Segui
Since 2017 EMT



Jason Schemerhorn
Since 2005 - EMR



Jackson Schemerhorn
Since 2021



Mike Smith
Since 1991 - EMR



Jeremiah Stanley
Since 2022



Angels Vargas
Since 2021 - EMR



Nathan Weiler
Since 2015 - RN



Shaunna White
Since 2021 - EMT



TJ White
Since 2021 - AEMT



Artem Yelfimov
Since 2020

RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS



Britton Kilian
Since 2020



Dillon Rhinevault
Since 2020



Artem Yelfimov
Since 2020

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APPARATUS



Engine 1

1935 MACK Engine purchased new and driven cross country from New York in December. Used as a parade vehicle for special events.



3148

2018 Rosenbauer 100 ft Tiller Quint carries 300 gallons of water. First out on structure fires within the city and holds tech rescue equipment including Trench Rescue.



3123

2015 Spartan Type 1 Engine carries 1500 gallons of water. First out on medical calls and motor vehicle accidents.



3121

2022 Rosenbauer Type 1/3 Engine carries 750 gallons of water. First out on wildland interface fires and rural district response. Arrival summer 2022.



3122

2004 E One Type 1 Pumper/Tender carries 2500 gallons of water. First out on structure fires in the rural district.



3179

2011 Ford F-450 Type 6 Engine carries 400 gallons of water. First out for grass fires on the beach and wildland fires.

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3156

2019 Dodge Ram 1500 Tech Rescue. First out for water or rope rescue.



3185

2016 Polaris 6x6 Side-by-side. First out on any beach related calls, medical, missing persons, or backup lifeguard vehicle.



3188

2017 Polaris 4x4 Side-by-side. First out on any beach related calls, medical, missing persons, or backup lifeguard vehicle.



3182-3183-3184

2017 Kawasaki, 2017 Kawasaki, 2021 Kawasaki. First response to water rescues in the ocean environment.



3197-3198

2002 Ford F-150, 2001 Dodge Durango. Lifeguard vehicles used for patrolling the beach and water rescue.



3166-3161-3164-3163-3162

2016 Chevy Tahoe, 2014 Chevy Tahoe, 2009 Chevy Tahoe, 2022 Dodge Ram 1500, 2012 Ford F-150. Duty Officer vehicles used for command response to structure fires, alarm calls and MVAs. Also used for training and classes.

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Maintenance

Much like we require businesses to service and maintain their fire & life safety equipment, the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), Oregon Fire Code and Department of Transportation requires that we regularly service our equipment as well. Our garage doors are serviced annually to ensure they are in good working order so we can get out the door quickly. The sprinkler system and fire extinguishers are tested annually. The reason the sprinkler



system was originally installed is because the fire station has sleeping rooms upstairs that currently house our 4 resident volunteers. Every year 3148, 3121, 3122, and 3123 has their pumps tested, followed by changing of all fluids, and a DOT inspection. The DOT inspection covers the brake system, steering, fuel system, lighting, exhaust, suspension, frame, tires, windshield and wipers. A company comes each year and tests all the ladders on the apparatus, including the tiller. They are stretched out horizontally and then put under a load that equals a rescuer and victim. SCBAs, tanks, compressor and all hoses are also tested annually. We take any opportunity to be good stewards of public dollars by doing any maintenance ourselves. Currently we have a team member who has a background in auto electrical systems. They are installing



all the lighting on our new command rig 3163 which saves the city thousands of dollars. Other projects we have done in house include siding and bui the new EOC, building new stairs for station 31, new paint and siding for the smoke house at the drill grounds. In total we spend close to \$50,000 annually on required maintenance.

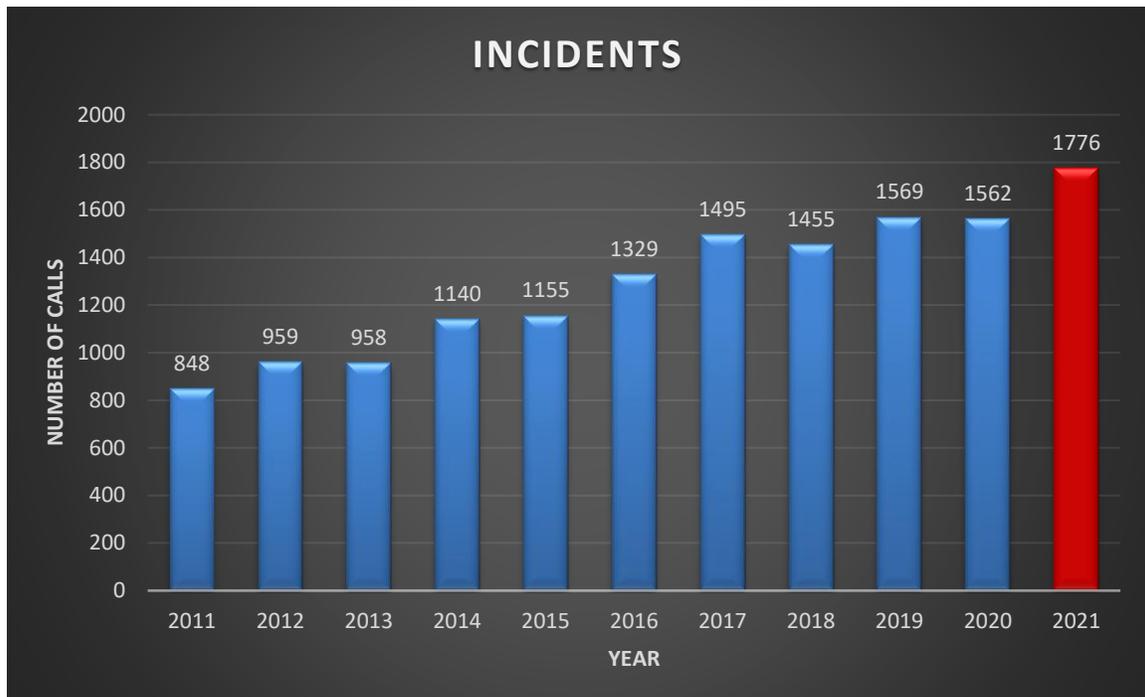
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RESPONSE STATISTICS

INCIDENT COUNT		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	
EMS	1272	
FIRE	501	
TOTAL	1773	
PRE-INCIDENT VALUE	LOSSES	
\$4,012,000.00	\$1,538,220.00	
CO CHECKS		
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	5	
TOTAL	5	
MUTUAL AID		
Aid Type	Total	
Aid Given	65	
Aid Received	32	
OVERLAPPING CALLS		
# OVERLAPPING	% OVERLAPPING	
599	33.78	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatch to Arrival)		
Station	EMS	FIRE
Seaside Fire & Rescue	0:06:07	0:07:45
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:06:40
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME (Dispatch to Enroute)		
Station	EMS	FIRE
Seaside Fire & Rescue	0:02:48	0:03:02
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:02:59
AGENCY	AVERAGE TIME ON SCENE (MM:SS)	
Seaside Fire & Rescue	51:19	

MEETINGS	# OF MEETINGS
Safety Meeting	10
Officers Meeting	10
Training Meeting	10
Regular Drill	51
TOTAL	81

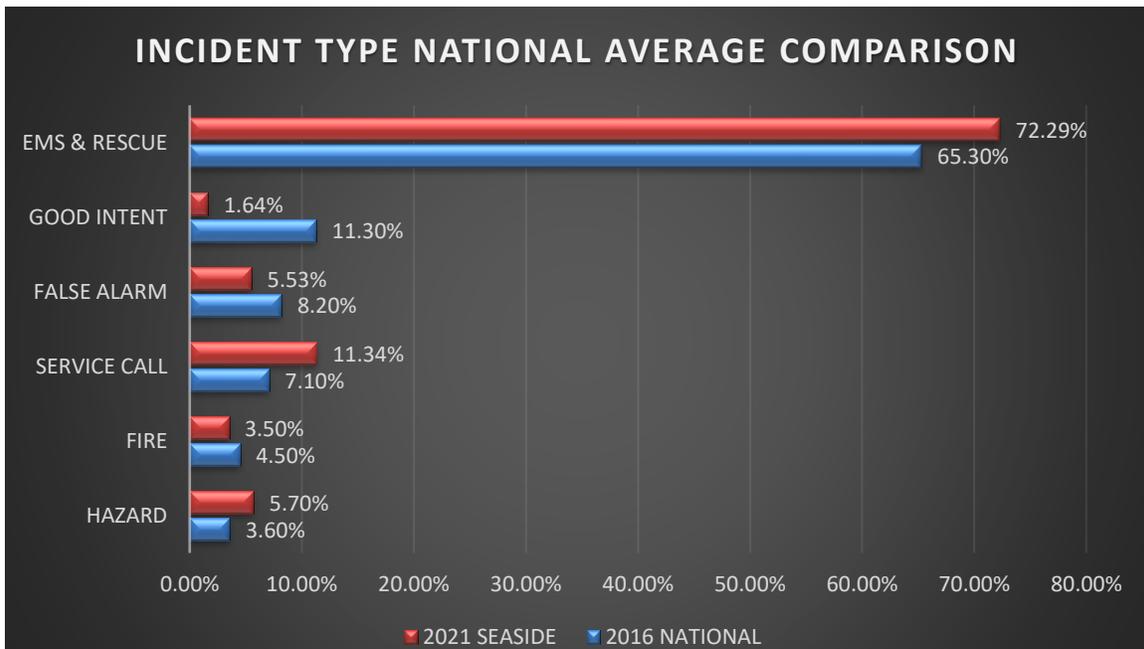
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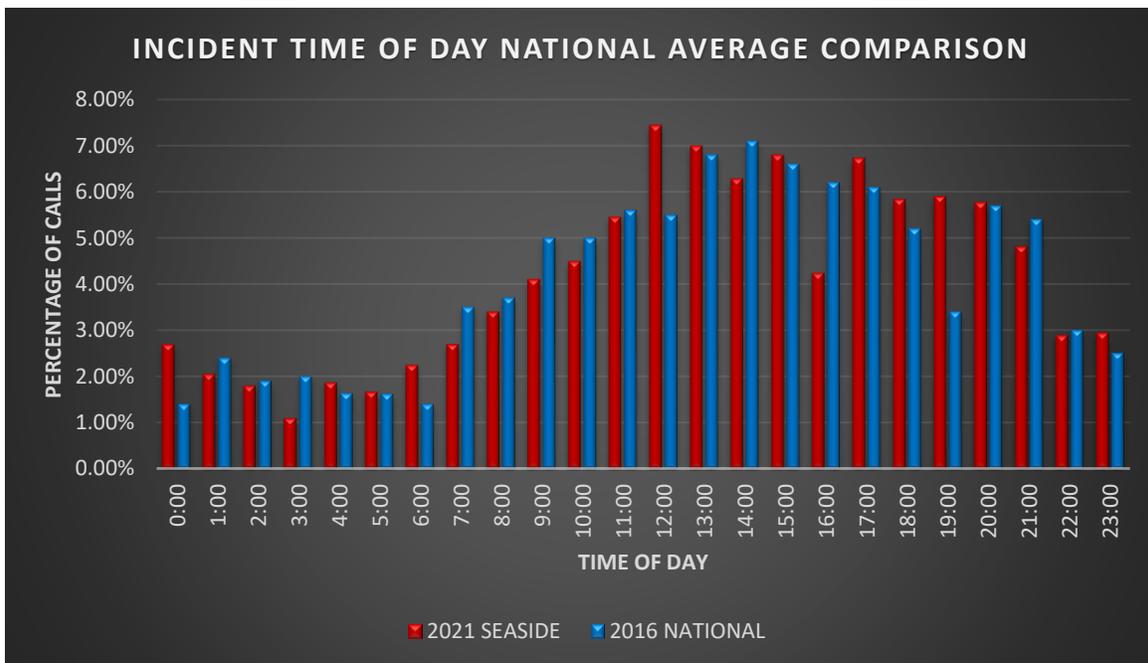
CALL VOLUME CHANGE 10 YEARS

YEARS	# INCIDENTS	% CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR
2011	848	8%
2012	959	12%
2013	958	0%
2014	1,140	15.96%
2015	1,155	1%
2016	1,329	13.09%
2017	1,495	11%
2018	1,455	-3%
2019	1,569	7%
2020	1,562	-0%
2021	1,773	12%

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Good Intent Example: Dispatched to a person slumped over in a parked vehicle unknown medical, responders arrive to find the person is sleeping no medical need.



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Prevention

In May 2021 Chris Dugan retired after working for the City of Seaside for 20 years and continues to volunteer still. Genesee Dennis was promoted to Division Chief of Prevention/ Fire Marshal. Some changes that have been incorporated since include updating the city fire prevention ordinances to adhere to the current Oregon Fire Code, which helps fire personnel better deal with the more common situations they run into. With more than 350



commercial occupancies to inspect, we have started adding pictures of the code violations for documentation purposes and to add convenience of doing reinspections to know exactly what violation to look for. As we approach 1,800 calls annually, one of the issues we face is false alarms. Although it has been an ordinance since 1986, Seaside Fire & Rescue from now on will charge \$100 upon the 4th false call and for each additional one in a calendar year. This will hopefully motivate people to fix their fire & life safety systems, making the public safer while also saving the fire department valuable time and resources. We will send out letters when a person or business has had the 2nd false call at their address to notify them of the ordinance. Another time saving addition to inspections was to start using The Compliance Engine software. Businesses are required to have their fire and life safety equipment inspected and serviced when necessary. The hard



part is for us to keep track of those services because depending on the equipment the inspection ranges from 6 months to 10 years. With the new software, the inspection company is required to input their inspection findings into the software which we have access to out in the field. We also will get notifications of any deficiencies or past due inspections.

Inspection Report



Form: Fire & Life Safety
Occupancy Inspection

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Occupancy:
Occupancy ID:
Address:
Seaside OR 97138

Inspection Type: **Annual**
Inspection Date: **12/6/2021** By: Dennis, Genesee (27975)
Time In: **16:02** Time Out: **16:30**
Authorized Date: **12/06/2021** By: Dennis, Genesee (27975)
Next Inspection Date: **12/06/2022 Annual**

Inspection Topics:

Fire Protection Systems

Portable fire extinguishers annual maintenance / service complete.

Annual maintenance will provide for properly charge and serviced extinguishing devices, and assure proper operation if needed to fight a small fire.

Status: FAIL

Notes:



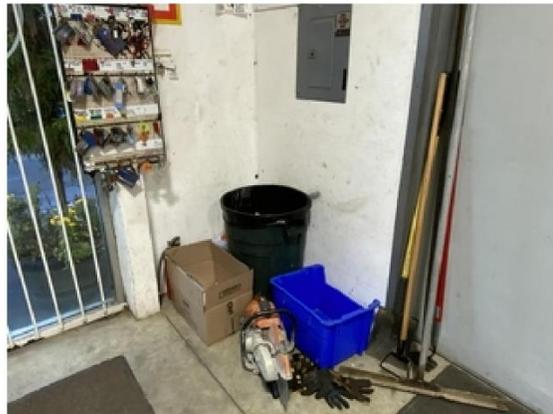
Electrical

Electrical panels must have at least 30 inches clearance maintained in front of them

Access to electrical panels must be cleared to allow for general inspection and emergency shutdown.

Status: FAIL

Notes:



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Training

2 years now since covid began and we have had to adapt without the ability to meet together. Many of the classes and training that we normally attend throughout the year were canceled. This means we are behind in things like Rope Rescue Certifications, Swift Water or all the courses offered at Winter Fire School. On the bright side a new way of doing business emerged which is the use of zoom meetings. It has always been a goal for Clatsop County Fire Departments to do more joint training but the distance between us has always been an obstacle. Now with the use of zoom being more familiar for everyone, out of necessity, it has given us the ability to connect as a county for the trainings that everyone is required to have, like bloodborne pathogens, mandatory reporter, medical and many more. Any training that has an instructor in a classroom setting can now be shared throughout the county departments. Because we often help each other on bigger incidents, for mutual aid, this gives us the opportunity to get to know each other, even if it is virtual. Each department has people with different strengths so when we can share those with one another it makes all our communities safer.

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The image shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main window displays a YouTube video titled "WFSTAR: The Point Fire Revisited". The video content features a document titled "POINT FIRE INCIDENT INVESTIGATION" with the text: "Establish and enforce standards for wildland fire cooperator qualifications, training, and equipment." The video is from WFSTAR, dated Mar 25, 2019. The Zoom meeting includes several participant windows on the right side, showing various individuals in different settings, some in uniform. The Zoom interface includes a search bar, a share button, and a timestamp of 25:23.

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Coverage

Seaside Fire & Rescue is a combination department. But what does that mean? It means that when the tones go off, it is up to the individual to decide at that time, whether they want to respond or not. We have 6 full-time staff, including the



chief. After they leave for the day, they become volunteers with the ability to choose whether they respond or not. Over the last 10 years, call volume has risen, on average, just over a hundred calls each year, up to 1,773 in 2021. Everyone gets tired and needs to take a day off from being on call, we understand that, so we have been implementing the following programs over the years to try to compensate for the rise in call volume and lower volunteer response.

Part-time Program

The part-time firefighter program helps offset daytime response giving eligible volunteers of the program more ownership and understanding of the behind-the-scenes aspect of the organization. It also improves their skills and abilities as firefighters. Firefighters are limited to a maximum of 20-30 hours



per week. During the 8-hour shift, firefighters are provided a working lunch. This means they are still on duty and ready to respond. Our firefighters are tasked and responsible for many duties such as data entry,

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equipment restocking, cleaning of station and apparatus, instructing dept. and community drills, administrative work, special projects etc.

Resident Volunteer Program

The resident volunteer program is an opportunity for someone interested in the fire service to be fully immersed into public safety. Our program is designed to get people real on-the-job experience to prepare someone for a career in



public safety. While on shift they have an assigned seat on the first out fire apparatus for all emergency calls and will work alongside with career and volunteer firefighters. They run calls, participate in drills, and have the same duties as career firefighters do. The department provides a private room while they are in the program. Participants are required to work shifts, go to school full time and in return gain extremely valuable skills and on-the-job experience that will assist them in obtaining full-time employment at a fire department. In our program participants can earn multiple certifications. Examples are Firefighter 2, Pump Operator, Aerial Operator, Tiller Operator, Rope Rescue Tech, Swift Water & Surface Rescue Swimmer, Wildland Firefighter & Engine Boss, Haz Mat First Responder etc. The return for Seaside Fire & Rescue is once trained we have a responder on shift 24/7 because again, especially at night response is not guaranteed.

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Nighttime Response

Trying to mitigate the lack of response at night we came up with the Nighttime Response program. Nighttime responders make a commitment to respond to all incidents that happen during the night they are signed up for. The shifts each day are 10pm to 6am.



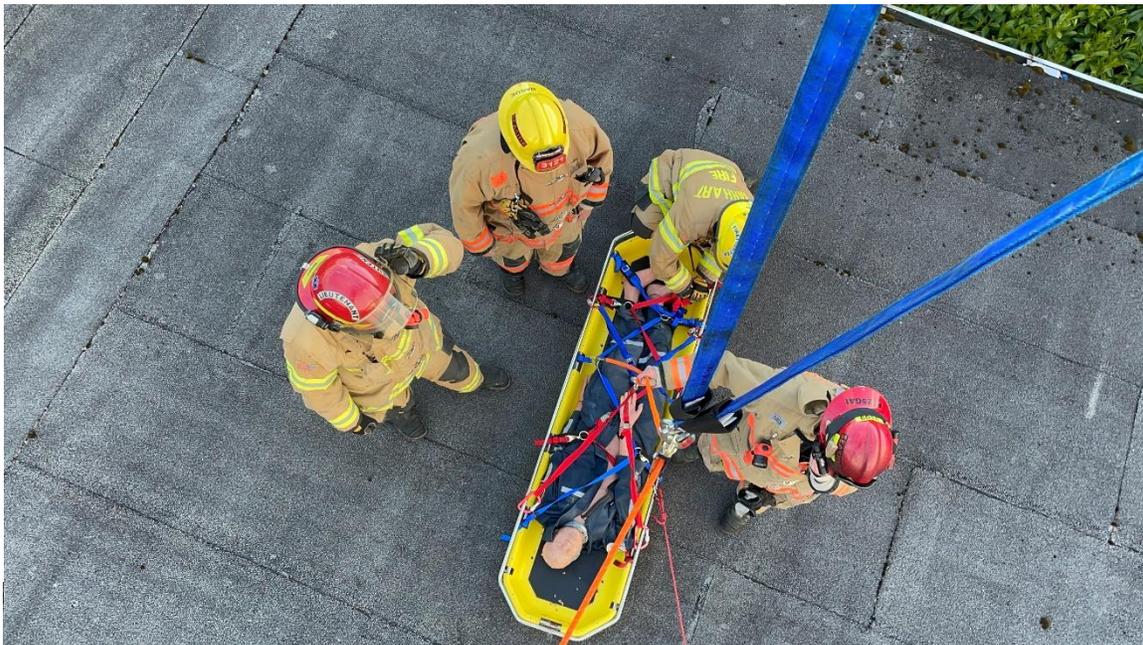
Nighttime responders must respond to the station for all incidents and remain in the district or within 5 miles of the station on their sign-up night. To be eligible, participants must be complete with the entire recruit academy obligations for Firefighter 1, be an Emergency Medical Responder or higher. There are 4 separate positions to sign up for, Engineer, Firefighter, Duty Officer and Fulltime. The pay incentive for responding for the night is a flat fee plus the call stipend received for each call. Driver's and below \$20, Engineers and above \$25, EMT and above \$25, Officers \$30 and fulltime receives a minimum of 1.5 hour of overtime for a call response. Anyone not



signed up for a shift is till eligible and encouraged to respond. While these shifts are rarely full it helps offset the growing gap between the number of calls and response. Another way to provide added service to the community is that the Duty Officers went from

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only doing weekend coverage to having it nightly. It is definitely harder, duty officers went from pulling a weekend duty once every 2 months to on average pulling duty once a week, sometimes twice a week. The most important role of the duty officer is to make decisions and solve problems. Even if the Duty officer is the only one who responds, they can assess the needs of the situation and voice the needs to dispatch, whether that is a second tone out or calling for mutual aid or assist Medix themselves with no additional aid requested.



Yard Debris

The Yard Debris Drop Box on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am-2pm continues to gain popularity as time goes on. This is an excellent direct service that the city provides for its residents and serves as an alternative to back yard burning which often causes a nuisance to neighbors. Thank you to the Public Works department for the transportation and disposal of the yard debris.



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Lifeguard Statistics

A Beach Lifeguards job revolves around watching people (pro-active surveillance), managing, and communicating danger, preventing incidents by talking with visitors in a tactful manner, dealing with First aid needs, record keeping, incident reporting and checking emergency gear (AED) (Rescue equipment).



Another responsibility is reuniting lost children with their parents. It only takes seconds for little ones to go missing in the crowd of thousands of beachgoers on the busier weekends.

In 2021 we held our first United States Lifeguard Association Lifeguard academy for all our guards, new and returning. The 40-hour class covers everything from how to identify a rip current to dealing with unhappy patrons on the beach. It's giving our team the knowledge to effectively do all aspects of the job before the emergency or situation arises. USLA is the gold standard



for beach lifeguarding, and you must be ULSA certified to work at most of Southern California beaches, so we are excited to bring this new level of professionalism to the City of Seaside and surrounding areas.

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General Information	Information about Seaside, the beach and Safety - Talking with people	1,106
Minor Medical Aid	First Aid without Fire Response	29
Major Medical Aid	First Aid with Fire Response	21
Lost Person	Lost & Found Persons, including false reports	27
Lost n Found	Lost items turned in	39
Agency Assist	Lifeguards assist another agency (police, fire, parks, etc.) or request assistance	24
Surf Rescue	Surf Rescue of persons in Imminent danger	3
Prevention	Recognize and prevent people from getting in dangerous situations such as entering a rip current.	369
Rule Enforcement	Warnings, rules, ordinances of the beach including put out fires, moving logs, hazards, tent warnings, etc.	343
Trash Pickup	Bags of trash removed from beach	95
Beach Attendance	Estimated beach attendance for the summer	198,400
	Total	200,474



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