Salute Our First Responders 2026





















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What we do

Emergency responders do far more than put out fires or bandage wounds. We are the first line of defense in natural and manmade disasters. We also respond to motor vehicle accidents, hazardous materials incidents, specialized rescues, and a vast array of emergency medical complaints. Every day, throughout Tillamook County, emergency responders answer the call of our families, friends and neighbors who are in need of assistance.

We invite you to

Become a volunteer firefighter!

Contact your local Fire Department to find out how to become an volunteer emergency responder. Becoming an emergency responder can be the most rewarding experience of your life. Being an emergency responder gives you the training to truly help those in need.

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Nestucca Fire District 503-392-3313
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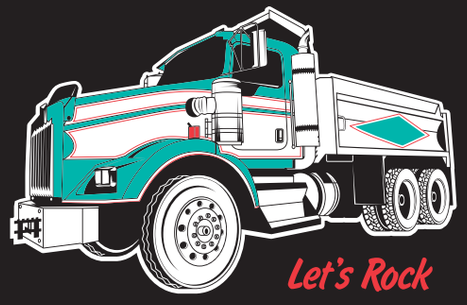
When disaster strikes it is the first responders who jump into action, putting their lives on the line to help and protect us all. These brave individuals risk their lives every day through their selfless actions, working some of the most dangerous jobs.

In a resolution in 2017, congress designated October 28 as National First Responders Day. We as a nation take this day to show respect and appreciation towards all of those heroic people who are the first to arrive on the scene of an emergency.

We salute our brave firefighters who charge into burning buildings without pause. We honor all of our upstanding law enforcement officers who go out every day, risking injury just to keep us safe. We pay tribute to every EMT, paramedic and all others who rush in, before anyone else, to provide life-saving care to those in need.

We are so grateful for these courageous people and the vital services they provide to us all. Here, in Tillamook County, we would like to pay special thanks to all of our first responders. Your dedication and bravery do not go unnoticed. Thank you to each and every individual one of you for all that you do!

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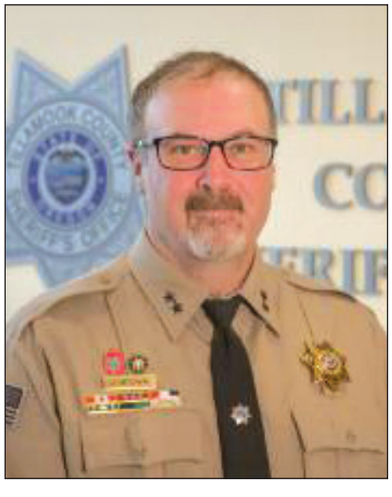
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Sheriff Josh Brown

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To accomplish this mission, the Criminal Division enforces County ordinances along with County, State and Federal laws. in addition to normal patrol duties, the Criminal Division has three Marine Deputies, two Forest Deputies, two Detectives, one Deputy assigned to the Sandlake Recreational Area, and one Deputy assigned to the Garibaldi area for enhanced patrol services. Select a division below for more information.

Civil Division

The Civil Division is responsible for carrying out the duties imposed and mandated by the Sheriff as an officer of the Court system, and as required by law. The division fulfills these responsibilities as it pertains to Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED) actions, Garnishment, Abuse Prevention Restraining Orders, Extraordinary Writs, Notices, Small Claims, Summons and Complaints, Summons and Petitions, Writs of Execution, Property Sales, and Criminal, Juvenile and Civil Subpoenas.

Search & Rescue

Tillamook County Sheriff's Office provides Search and Rescue throughout Tillamook County. Our team of highly trained and motivated volunteers bring special skills, equipment and provide their personal time to assist the Sheriff's Office with exceptional Search and Rescue services.

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Tillamook 9-1-1 Dispatch



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If you would like to become a volunteer and help provide emergency services to our citizens, please stop by the station and pick up an application.

Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District



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Support Services Bonnie Mayne,
Support Services Adrianne Stahle



Garibaldi Fire Department



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Captain Brad Marugg,
Lieutenant Levi Hill,
Sylvain Noctem,
Letty Buchanan,
Lieutenant Shane Mergel,
Fire Chief Tad Pedersen

Not Pictured:
Alyssa Russel,
Josh Hamilton,
Battalion Chief Chris Miller

Garibaldi Fire Department

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Chief Todd Hesse,
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Ken Barry, and
Asst. Chief Don Kiser



How communities can honor local police

Safe communities allow residents to thrive and live their lives to the fullest. Such communities are sought-after places to live, and maintaining a community-wide sense of safety and security is no small task.

Local police forces do much to keep their communities safe, so it's no great mystery why residents want to show how much they appreciate the people who ensure their towns and cities remain wonderful places to call home. With that in mind, community residents, small business owners and elected officials can consider the following ways to honor local police.

• Offer discounts to law enforcement and their families. Small business owners recognize the vital role local police play in keeping Main Street safe. A safe dining and shopping district is beneficial to business owners' bottom line, and that makes it worth their while to offer discounts to local law enforcement and their families. Local restaurant owners can offer percentage-based law enforcement discounts on food and drinks to active and retired law enforcement personnel and their families. Local shop owners can follow suit. Year-round discounts for law enforcement and their families are a nice token of business owners' appreciation, and such offers can be increased during busy times of year, such as the holiday season.

• Showcase officers on social media. Local governments can get in on the act by highlighting a different officer each month on various social media platforms. Interview a new officer each month and highlight their backgrounds and careers. This can be a great way to showcase the talents of local officers and foster strong connections between community residents and the men and women in law enforcement who keep their towns and cities safe.

• Feature officers during public celebrations. Parades, holiday bazaars and local scholastic sporting events are some examples of events that bring community residents together. Such events provide great opportunities to thank local law enforcement and bring them into direct contact with residents. Encourage parade attendees to shake hands with featured officers and utilize well-attended community events, such as high school football games, to formally recognize local police departments and officers. A halftime announcement honoring an "Officer of the Month" is one way to showcase officers so residents can put a name and a face on their local police departments.

• Support police during town council meetings. Attendance at town council meetings is a good way to remain informed about what's going on in a community, and it also serves as an opportunity to support measures aimed at benefitting local law enforcement personnel. Support efforts to increase salaries for local police officers and upgrade their resources so they can continue to do their jobs to the best of their abilities.

There's no shortage of ways for communities and residents to express their appreciation and support for the local law enforcement personnel who keep their towns and cities safe.


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Adventist Health Tillamook Ambulance



Members of the Adventist Health Tillamook Emergency Medical Services (EMS) team gathered for a photo at an early morning shift change at one of four ambulance quarters in Tillamook County, October 2026.

Back Row Left to Right:
Tony McGarvey, Paramedic Supervisor, and Nickolas Helvey, Paramedic.

Front Row Left to Right:
Micaiah Sode, Paramedic; Jessica Motsinger, EMT; Tina Fritz, Paramedic; and Jackie Fox, Paramedic and EMS Director.

Not pictured are full-time team members
Poppy Watkins, Paramedic; Jennifer Conn, Paramedic; Erin Luethe, EMT; Patrick Negra, Paramedic; Genna Aldrich, EMT; Mark Jee, Paramedic; Angie Sandu, EMT; Kyla Gordon, Paramedic; Andrew Browning, Paramedic; John DelPercio, Paramedic; Ashlynn Stanley, Paramedic; Mike Boydell, EMT-I; David Arnett, Paramedic; Tammy Martin, EMT; Brad Shackleton, Paramedic; Holly Saindon, EMT; Maddox Dickson, EMT; and Hydee Berger, Paramedic. Per diem team members include Tobin Capell, Paramedic; Jo Bartling, Paramedic; Greg Ayers, Paramedic; Casey Clifton, Paramedic; Aaron Harris, EMT; Autumn Patching, EMT; Crislin Kelly, EMT; Aubree Fagen, EMT; Brook Klahn, EMT; Megahan Martensen, EMT-A; and Kelsey Burnis, EMT-A.

The roles EMS workers play in your community

Every community has its unsung heroes. Without the contributions of selfless individuals whose efforts often go unnoticed, thriving communities would not be as safe, welcoming or successful.

EMS workers are among the most important individuals in a community. The contributions of these individuals, many of whom work as unpaid volunteers, are invaluable and worthy of recognition. Making an effort to understand the role EMS workers play is a great first step toward showing them how much they're appreciated.

What is EMS?

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of EMS notes that Emergency Medical Services, or EMS, is a system that provides emergency medical care. The Office of EMS also notes that EMS does not exist in isolation, as it is integrated with other services and systems with the goal of maintaining and enhancing the health and safety of a community and its residents. This is why EMS services, though they vary from community to community, may be based in fire departments, hospitals, independent government agencies, or nonprofit corporations.

When do EMS personnel interact with their communities?

Many people only encounter EMS workers during medical emergencies when they are most in need of help. That underscores the vital role EMS workers play in public health and safety and just how integral they are in instances that could escalate into life-or-death situations.

Recognition of the roles EMS workers play is a great way to show support for these often unsung community heroes.

What duties do EMS workers perform?

Because EMS is a system, EMS workers wear a range of hats. The Office of EMS notes that the responsibilities and services EMS workers provide may include:

- Incident recognition
- Access 911
- Dispatch
- First responder
- Basic life support
- Advanced life support
- Air/ground transport
- Emergency department services
- Specialty care
- Patient rehabilitation
- Prevention and awareness
- Public education

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Adventist Health Tillamook proudly honors the first responders who serve our community with courage, skill, and compassion. From dispatchers and EMTs to paramedics, firefighters, and law enforcement officers, your dedication helps keep Tillamook County healthy, safe, and connected.

Thank you for being there when our community needs you most.

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