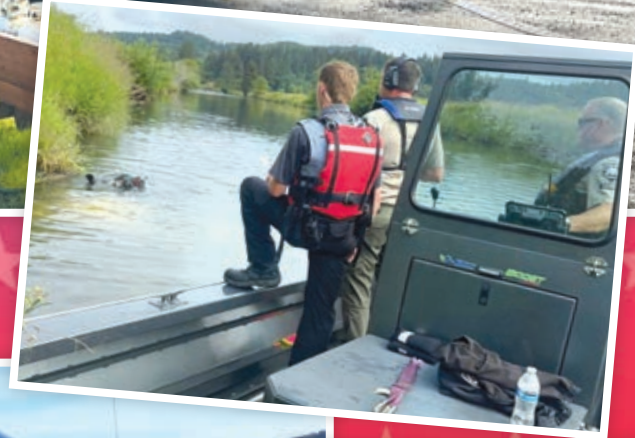


# Salute Our <sup>2024</sup> First Responders





## Tillamook County Fire Defense Board

*Protecting all of Tillamook County*

### 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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**Garibaldi Fire Department** 503-322-3635

**Nehalem Bay Fire District** 503-368-7590

**Netarts Oceanside Fire District** 503-842-5900

**Nestucca Fire District** 503-392-3313

**Rockaway Beach Fire Department** 503-374-1752

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# Honoring our first responders

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

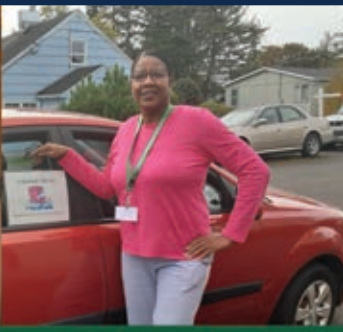
respect and appreciation towards all of those heroic people who are the first to arrive on the scene of an emergency.

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 oth-

ers 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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*Editor's Note:* Due to the logistical challenges and expense of assembling the entire staff, Tillamook County's Sheriff's Office is using the same photo as in last year's Salute. Look for an updated version in next year's publication.



# Tillamook County Sheriff's Office



**Sheriff Josh Brown**

## **Criminal Division**

The mission of the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division is to serve and protect the people and property in Tillamook County.

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

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# Tillamook Police Department



**Back row Left to Right:**  
Chief Nick Troxel,  
Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Moreland,  
School Resource Officer Trent Olson,  
Officer David Martinez, Officer Kurt Vanderhoff,  
Sergeant James Harrell

**Front row Left to Right:**  
Executive Assistant Lacey Laron,  
Officer Tim Saddler, Officer Zach Neubauer,  
Officer Lynn Lothman, Sergeant Corey Hollis,  
Officer Brian Fitzgerald



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## Tillamook Fire District

The Tillamook Fire District serves its citizens in a 97 sq. mile area. We provide Fire, Rescue, EMS, and other related emergency services. We currently have an Intergovernmental agreement with Bay City Fire Department, to enhance our response to specific emergency calls for service. We currently have three paid staff and thirty-one highly dedicated and trained volunteer firefighters. Tillamook Fire District holds an ISO class 3 public protection classification and is currently responding to an average of 1,000 calls for service per year.

### Back row Left to Right:

S. Harth FF  
J. Hamburger FF  
B. Hamburger FF/EMT  
J. Welch Lt. /EMR  
A. Patching FF/EMT  
M. Diaz FF  
M. Boydell Lt./EMT-I  
R. Ollikanien FF/EMR  
B. Reiff FF  
T. Miller FF

### Front row Left to Right:

M. Smith FF/EMR  
D. Audet FF/EMR  
K. Aufdermauer FF  
P. Edwards CH/EMR  
H. Wolnez FF  
J. Sterling CAPT/EMT  
T. Zuercher CAPT

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 Dist.



Chief Jeff McBryer (not pictured)

**Staff and volunteers at a Burn-to-Learn training are pictured.**

**The current roster includes:**

**Staff Officers:** Fire Chief James Oeder, Deputy Chief Mickey Hays, Division Chief of Training Jeremy Neel, Division Chief of Maintenance Eric Shoop

**Career Staff:** Captain Matthew Forte, Captain David Sellers, Firefighter Michael Jensen, Firefighter Gregory Wilkinson, Firefighter Logan Garrison, Firefighter Gunnar Lundeen, Firefighter Austin Howard, Firefighter Christian Waters, Firefighter Tyler Gould



# Netarts - Oceanside Fire District

Fire Chief Jeff McBryer,  
Assistant Chief Brian Bucknam,  
Division Chief Mark Baker,  
Lieutenant Tim Mayne,  
Lieutenant Luke Stahle,  
EMS Officer Shawna Yost,  
Firefighter MJ Dzunga,  
EMT Paige Stahle,  
Firefighter Gill Wiggin,  
Firefighter Ben Bly,  
EMT Kelsey Burnis,  
EMT Cindy Goh,  
Firefighter Koa Lyu,  
Firefighter Phillip De Clue,  
EMT Connor Whitlock,  
Firefighter John Keehn,  
EMT Morgan Cooper,  
CERT Coordinator Elizabeth Bly,  
Support Services Julie Bucknam,  
Support Services Bonnie Mayne,  
Support Services Adrienne Stahle



# Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue



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**Back row, left to right:** John Handler Board member, Julee Ward Drone Operator, FF Aubrey Romain, FF/EMR Patrick Maher, FF Lucy Wild, FF Michael Taylor, FF Peter McClure, EMT/RN Larry Wiedenhoft, FF/EMR Josh Hamilton, David Archer Drone Operator, Chuck Bridge Board Member, FF/EMT Jason Weiss

**Front row, left to right:** Div Chief/Paramedic Jesse Walsh, LT/EMR Brian Ruef, FF/EMT Cedar Braasch, FF Dirk Onosaki, FF/EMT Justin Danh, FF Frank Knight Jr, FF/EMT Holly Saindon, Administrative Assistant/AEMT Kristen Coyle, LT/EMT Leisha Mizze-Riggert, FF/EMR Levi Hill, FF Bill Cardwell, FF/EMT Tim Anderson, Fire Chief/AEMT Frank Knight III

**Not pictured:** Paramedic Joseph Compston, FF/EMR Zach Costello, FF/EMT-I Brad Shinpaugh, FF Nick Smith, WRT Brad Thayer, FF Stephen Tuttle, FF/EMT Elizabeth Watkins, Capt/EMT Daniel Weitzel

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# Garibaldi Fire Department



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Firefighter Tom Porter,  
Captain Brad Marugg,  
Deputy Chief Blake Paulsen

**Front row, left to right:**  
Battalion Chief Cory Perkins,  
Fire Chief Jay Marugg,  
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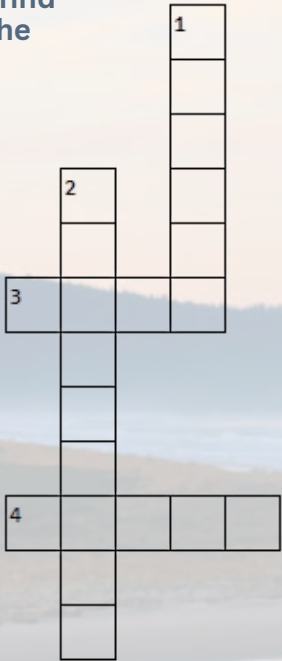
Explore the pages at [www.opgr.org](https://www.opgr.org) to find the answers for the crossword

**Down**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ starts here
- 2. Warning sign: \_\_\_\_\_ money in order to gamble

**Across:**

- 3. Cost of gambling treatment through OPGR
- 4. Call 1-877-MY-\_\_\_\_\_ to talk to a certified gambling counselor, for free, 24/7





# Rockaway Beach Fire and Rescue

## Top Row Left to Right:

Captain Geoff Grace,  
Zandra Umholtz,  
Ryan Boos,  
Assistant Chief  
Don Kiser,  
Chief Todd Hesse,  
Caleb Smith, Ken Barry,  
Lieutenant Mikael Hesse

## Bottom Row Left to

**Right:** Matt Sohler,  
Fjara Venezia,  
Maddie Rumley,  
Dantae Diaz,  
Mackenzey McCambridge

## Not Pictured:

Cole Lindsay,  
Warner Bryan, Rose Koch





## Bay City Fire Department



The Bay City Fire Department proudly serves the approximate 2,000 residents of Bay City, Oregon, providing fire protection and emergency medical services. As of November 2023, our department holds an ISO Class 3 public protection classification and is accredited by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), demonstrating our commitment to maintaining high standards in emergency response.

Operating from a single station located at 9390 4th Street, Bay City Fire is equipped with two Type 1 structural fire engines, a Type 6 brush truck, and two command vehicles. Our department is a combination of 20 dedicated volunteer firefighters and 2.5 career staff, working together to ensure the safety of our community. Volunteers complete rigorous in-house and academy training on various firefighting and emergency response topics, with many also

trained at different levels of emergency medical response. The team also receives specialized training in technical rescue areas, including rope rescue.

This year, 2024, has been one of our busiest yet, with a projected 350 emergency calls. Our volunteers remain the backbone of the department, displaying unwavering dedication to helping others. However, there is a continuous need for additional volunteers. If you are interested

in joining Bay City Fire Department, you can call us at 503-377-0233, email us at [firedept@ci.bay-city.or.us](mailto:firedept@ci.bay-city.or.us), or stop by the station Monday through Friday.

Additionally, Bay City Fire recently entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Tillamook Fire District, allowing both agencies to collaborate and enhance the level of service we provide to our communities.

# Adventist Health Tillamook Ambulance



## Featured Adventist Health Tillamook Ambulance team members shown left to right:

Joe Compston, Autumn Patching, Jackie Fox, Eric Swanson

## Ambulance team members not shown (last name a-z):

David Arnett, Greg Ayers, Joseph Bartling, Mike Boydell, Andrew Browning, Abigail Bunker, Kelsey Burnis, Casey Cannon, Tobin Capell, Casey Jo Clifton, Jennifer Conn, Alex Evans, Robert Garner, Cindy Goh, Aaron Harris, Sierra Hamilton, Shelby Jenck, Brook Klahn, Deon Kellar, Erin Luethe, Tammy Martin, Tony McGarvey, Madeline McKay, Victoria O'Halloran, Reilly Oleachea, Jenny Pratt, Holly Saindon, Makoa Soares, Jodi Richardson, Preston Robertson, Evan Wallace, Poppy Watkins, Gregory Wilkinson

## 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.



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# MORE CELEBRATION

Adventist Health Tillamook joins our community in recognizing first responder dispatchers, emergency medical technicians, firefighters, law enforcement officers and paramedics for their tireless dedication to keeping our community safe. Thank you for all you do to bring more compassionate care and rapid assistance to Tillamook County.

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