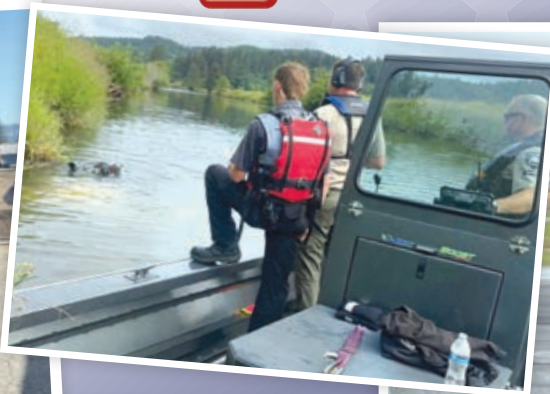


# Salute Our First Responders 2025







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

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# Honoring our first responders

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In a resolution in 2017, congress designated October 28 as National First Responders Day. We as a nation take this day to show

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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.

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Officer David Martinez, Officer Kurt Vanderhoff,  
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Officer Brian Fitzgerald

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Rikki (Dispatcher),  
Spencer (Dispatcher),  
Sarah (Dispatcher),  
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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.

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Roseman, Joseph  
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Cedar Braasch, Levi Hill, Bill Cardwell,  
Kalani Mersereau, Jesse Walsh.

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Support Services Bonnie Mayne,  
Support Services Adrienne Stahle





# Garibaldi Fire Department



**Pictured left to right:**

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David O'Connor,  
Tom Porter, Captain Brad Marugg,  
Megan Martensen,  
Alyssa Russell,  
Fire Chief Tad Pedersen

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# Rockaway Beach Fire and Rescue

## Rockaway fire celebrates new Ladder Truck

By Scott Fisher

On September 27, Rockaway Beach Fire & Rescue celebrated the arrival of Ladder Truck 21, named Quint, with a traditional push-in ceremony.

Dating to the days of horse-drawn fire equipment, push-ins are now a way for the entire community to welcome a new piece of gear, much like christening a new boat but without the champagne.

The day began with words from Michael Weissenfluh, City Manager Luke Shepard, Mayor Charles McNeilly and Fire Chief Todd Hesse. Then the Rockaway Beach Fire & Rescue crew began the ceremony by wetting down the cab and wiping it dry. Next, the push-in began.

Unlike the horse-drawn days, modern fire equipment is immensely heavy and, fortunately, has its

own propulsion. But still, the mayor and several city council members put their shoulders to the task of welcoming Quint, as the truck has been named, into the fire station.

### What's the significance of Quint?

"This is a five-in-one fire engine," Hesse explained. "It combines hose, a pump, its own water supply, ground ladders and an aerial device."

That combination makes Quint a formidable addition to our firefighting team. The hose and fittings mean Quint can connect with fire hydrants for urban and suburban duty, but the pump and water tank mean this truck is equally equipped for brush or wildland fires.

While other vehicles in the department's arsenal have ground ladders, those are limited to 24 feet in

height. "They wouldn't even reach the roof of city hall," Hesse explained, pointing to the roof in question as we stood on Anchor Street behind it. "The new ground ladders will reach up to 40 feet."

Better than that is the aerial device with which the truck is equipped. In addition to being able to rotate and extend, this device combines with built-in stanchions on the truck's chassis to make it possible to lift and carry several firefighters and their gear—or extract residents from a burning building.

"Fully extended, the aerial device can hold up to 750 pounds hanging off the tip," Hesse explained. "And that's fully horizontal: it can hold even more if it's elevated."

After Quint was safely ensconced in the station, a group of residents settled



**Top row left to right:** Dante Diaz, Ryan Boos, Cole Lindsay, Zandra Umholz

**Bottom Row left to Right:** Chris White, Fjara Venezia, Lt. Mikael Hesse, Chief Todd Hesse, Captain Geoff Grace, Mackenzie McCambridge, Ken Barry, and Asst. Chief Don Kiser

down to the fun of hot dogs, snacks, and Tillamook ice cream. A group of volunteers from the newly formed Go Rockaway group handled cooking and serving, as well as choosing winners for the free drawing of a go-bag.

Other drawings included the chance to ride Quint along 101 through town and

up to the high school and back. One of the first riders was my wife, Julie Bell, who was very impressed with the engine's capabilities. "It can make a U-turn in its own length," she said on her return.

On the subject of Go Rockaway, Hesse had some very kind words. "These people aren't in it for themselves," he said, gesturing to Deb Weissenfluh and her group of volunteers. "They're working to lift up everyone in town."

I caught up with Deb and chatted about the previous weekend's event, the Beach Bargains combining 40+ yard sales with special offerings from a large number of Rockaway businesses.

"Everyone wants to do a two-day event next year," Deb explained. Signage through town will be expanded to help shoppers find their way. When asked why the event took place in September and not in

summer, she said it was a conscious effort to bring excitement and visitors for the shoulder season—the end of summer when tourism starts dwindling with the onset of winter.

The Rockaway Beach Business Association, with Victor Troxel leading this project, has just launched a program meant to help sustain our local businesses through the winter slowdown. Called the First Friday Club, the message is simple: On the first Friday of each month, the club (made up of locals who wish to participate) agree to support a different business, spending \$25 or more.

Businesses will be chosen at random each month. Victor adds, "Whether you're a longtime local or new to the area, you're invited to join us in making a real difference, one Friday at a time. It's a way to build community while giving our local economy a boost."







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# Bay City Fire Department

The Bay City Fire Department proudly serves the approximate 2,000

residents of Bay City, Oregon, providing fire protection and emergen-

cy 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. How-

ever, 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.

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# Adventist Health Tillamook Ambulance



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

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## 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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