Fire Operations

Fire Operations

Gresham Fire & Emergency Services (FES) operates six fire stations within its service area and through a unique Intergovernmental Agreement also provides service from Portland Fire Station 31, which is staffed jointly by the City of Portland and Gresham. Each station includes an engine company that is an Advanced Life Support unit and has a trained firefighter/paramedic assigned to the crew.

Station 71, Public Safety Building at City Hall houses the Aerial Ladder Truck, Battalion Chief, Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and a Technical Rescue Team (including confined space and high-angle rescue.) Year Built – 1978.

Station 72, Kane Park, maintains a Regional Hazardous Materials (Haz-Mat) team to respond to chemical spills and biological incidents at fixed sites, such as manufacturing facilities, and transportation accidents, including interstate and rail. Year Built – 1973.

Station 73, South East Highland, houses the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) component of a regional response team and serves as a mass casualty unit. Year Built – 1980.

Station 74, North Gresham, was originally a Fire District 10 Station and was brought into Gresham during a period of annexation in the mid 1980s. Located next to the Fire Training Center, these crews assist with training activities. Year Built – 1966.

Station 75, Troutdale, is a Fire District 10 Station used by Gresham Fire under our Fire Service Agreements. Our Water Rescue and Boat operations are staffed by this station. Year Built – 1975.

Station 76, Dodge Park Blvd, is a new Fire District 10 Station that serves the unincorporated area south to the county line and east to the Sandy river. The Station opened in 2015 and is the only new station opened in east Multnomah County in about 40 years. The station is owned by the Fire District and is staffed and operated by Gresham Fire. The Brush Unit that responds to grass and wildfires is located at this station.

Fire Training Center, San Rafael at 192nd, is owned by Fire District 10 and operated by Gresham Fire as part of our Fire Service Agreement. The Fire Training Center was built in 1966 and remains basically unchanged. Challenges include lack of locker rooms, showers and adequate restroom facilities.

Fire Administration, Public Safety Building at City Hall, provides the offices for the Fire Chief and Administrative staff, as well as the Life Safety Division. The conference room doubles as the City's Emergency Operations Center. Growth in the Police Department and constriction in the Fire Department has led the way for office and administrative space to be lost. Located on the first floor, with Fire Station 71 on the second floor, and adjacent to the fire apparatus bays. Year Built – 1978.

OPERATIONS

MEET THE STAFF

Eric Lofgren
A-SHIFT
BATTALION CHIEF

Jason McGowan
B-SHIFT
BATTALION CHIEF

Michael Traeger
C-SHIFT
BATTALION CHIEF

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Fire Station 71

1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham

Year Built: 1978

Staff contact: Capt. Joshua Butler

Coverage

Mostly single family and multi-family residential.

Covers main access of Powell Butte Nature Park.

Commercial retail business.

Main thoroughfares and MAX light rail.

Units Assigned

Engine 71, Truck 71, C7, HR71, and Trench Van 71

Programs and projects

Urban Search &
Technical Rescue

Budget

Station 71: $9,000
Rescue Team (USAR): $7,500
Small Tools & Equipment: $39,000
Radios: $13,000

By the numbers

5,312 calls for service:
Engine 71- 2,936
Truck 71 – 1,837
C7- 539

Urban Search and Rescue Program (USAR)

Staff contact: Capt. Joshua Butler

Program

Established in 2004, Urban Search and Rescue involves the location, extrication, and initial medical stabilization of victims trapped in structural collapse due to natural disasters, mines and collapsed trenches.

A multi-hazard discipline, USAR team members are trained in a variety of low-frequency, high-risk emergencies:

- **Earthquakes.**
- **Storms, cyclones, tornadoes.**
- **Floods and dam failures.**
- **Technological accidents.**
- **Terrorist activities.**
- **Hazardous materials releases.**

Key highlights and work plan items

In addition to emergency response the USAR team also:

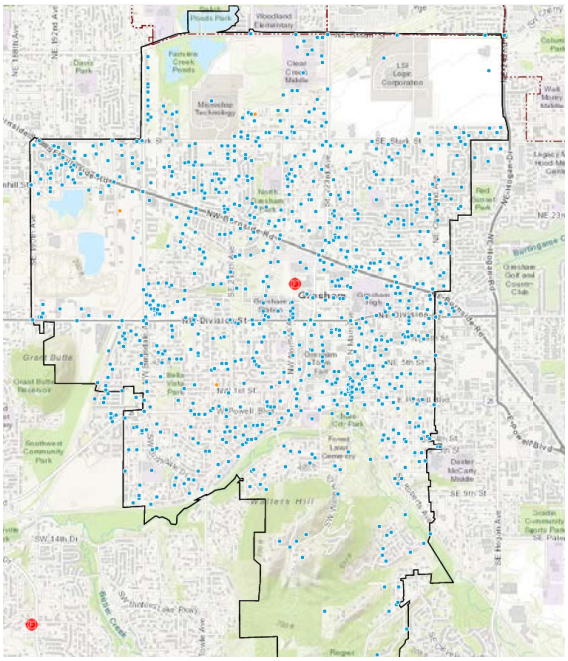
- **Serves as the confined space back-up team for the City's Department of Environmental Services.**
- **Works with community partners including Boeing, Microchip, On-Semi Conductor and Albertsons to provide joint training opportunities and collaborate on best rescue practices.**

Budget

$12,650

FMA 71

FMA 71 - Medical Incidents 2018



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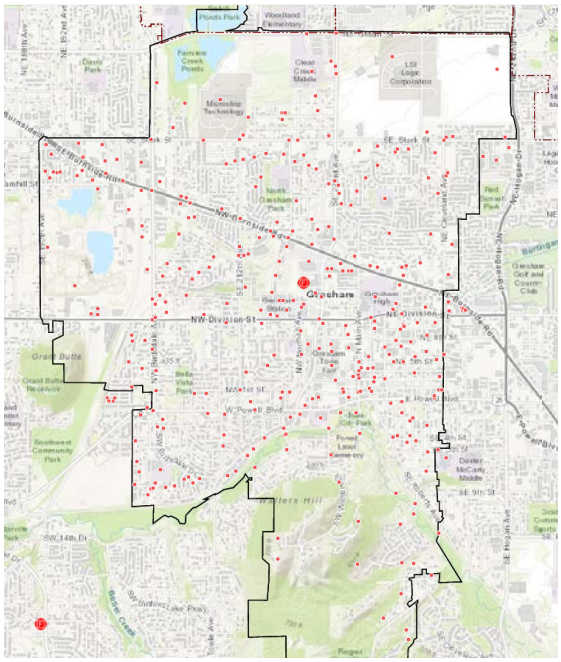

504 Incidents

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STATION 71

MEET THE STAFF

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CAPTAIN

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Jason Nicholls

LIEUTENANT

Reggy Becker

LIEUTENANT

Andrew Nguyen

LIEUTENANT

Raymond Kellstrom

LIEUTENANT

Julie McAllister

LIEUTENANT

Anthony Foster

LIEUTENANT

Keston Kim-Proudfoot

LIEUTENANT

Jacob Fish

LIEUTENANT

Jeffrey Markham

FIREFIGHTER

Patrick McAbery

FIREFIGHTER

Kevin Larson

FIREFIGHTER

Miles Brokaw

FIREFIGHTER

Brett Swenson

FIREFIGHTER

Robert Chamberlin

FIREFIGHTER

Dillon Pendleton

FIREFIGHTER

William Thran

FIREFIGHTER

Mitchell McIntire

FIREFIGHTER

Eric Olson

FIREFIGHTER

Tyson Guillory

FIREFIGHTER

Timothy Murkland

FIREFIGHTER

Steven Hartsock

FIREFIGHTER

Riley Keltz

FIREFIGHTER

Chandra Holestine

FIREFIGHTER

Michael Stuck

FIREFIGHTER

Jaswha James

FIREFIGHTER

Taj Wortham

FIREFIGHTER

Fire Station 72

500 NE Kane Dr., Gresham

Year built: 1973-74

Staff contact: Capt. Andrew Goeden

Coverage

Western border roughly Cleveland Avenue to the west. To the east, 282nd Avenue in south end and 302nd Avenue in the north end. The northern border is southeast Stark; the southern border the Clackamas/Multnomah County line.
Urban areas.
Rural areas.

Units Assigned

Engine 73
HazMat 73

Programs and projects

Hazmat
Physical Fitness
Atmospheric Monitors

By the numbers

2,831 runs
Fire: 677
Emergency Medical Services (EMS): 2,154

Budget

Station 72: $3,500
HazMat: $7,500
Physical Fitness: $13,500
Atmospheric Monitors: $1,000

Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Program

Staff contact: Capt. Andrew Goeden

History

When Portland Fire and District 10 merged in 1984, Gresham Fire started its own HazMat team. Initially, this team provided hazmat response for the states of Oregon and Washington. In 1990, they assisted the Office of the State Fire Marshal with establishing the original 10, now 13, regional response teams. Gresham then became a HazMat 3 State Team.

Program

Gresham firefighters, who receive specialized training in the prevention and mitigation of incidents involving hazardous materials, perform both regular firefighter duties as well as serving as part of the HazMat team. Multnomah County Sheriff's Office deputies also play a role on the team. Team members are required to maintain a working knowledge of:

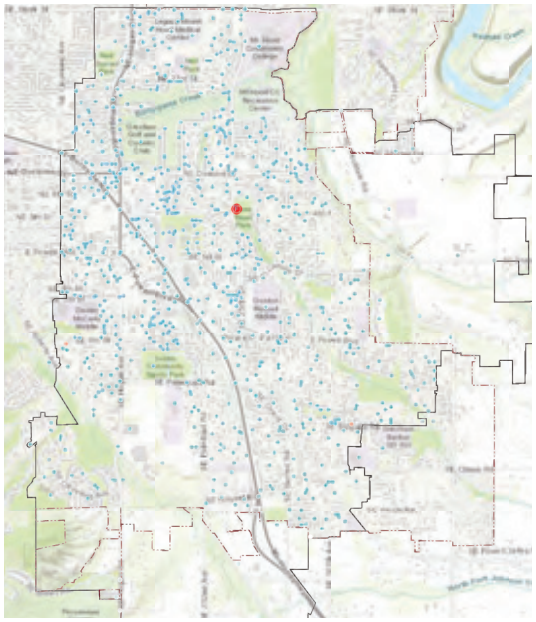
- **Highly-specialized chemical protective clothing.**
- **Field use of complex scientific monitoring equipment.**
- **Safe methods of containing chemical spills.**
- **Correct techniques for "off-loading" chemicals from damaged containers into intact containers.**
- **Various reference materials to determine hazards of chemicals.**
- **Proper methods and locations for disposal of hazardous wastes.**
- **Basic chemistry.**

By the numbers

- **13 state regional Hazardous Materials Response Teams.**
- **54 HazMat incidents in 2018.**
- **15 required HazMat 3 response.**

FMA 72

FMA 72- Medical Incidents 2018



2,736 Incidents

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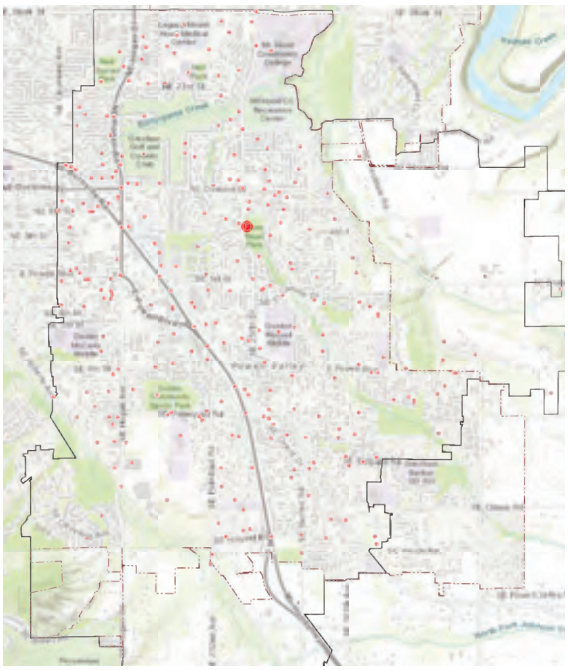

409 Incidents

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STATION 72

MEET THE STAFF

Andrew Goeden

CAPTAIN

Tiffanie Andrew-Rost

LIEUTENANT

Timothy Habeck

LIEUTENANT

Jeffrey Hairston

LIEUTENANT

William Terrill

FIREFIGHTER

Joseph Costigan

FIREFIGHTER

Kurt Pothast

FIREFIGHTER

Brent Stewart

FIREFIGHTER

Ian Wynne

FIREFIGHTER

Charles Sabella

FIREFIGHTER

Victor Polyakov

FIREFIGHTER

Brandon Guerrero

FIREFIGHTER

Michael Bono

FIREFIGHTER

Fire Station 73

2301 SW Pleasant View Dr., Gresham

Year built: 1980

Staff contact: Capt. Michael Wesener

Station history

Built and staffed up to three firefighters through the unified lobbying of the Southwest Gresham Neighborhood Association and Gresham Firefighters Local 1062.

Coverage

6.5 miles includes southwest Gresham, northwest Gresham, Pleasant Valley, Persimmon, Gresham Butte, and Centennial.

Largely residential with some rural and light commercial areas.

14 risks identified including schools, high-density housing, and elderly care and assisted living facilities.

Unique issue: In the neighborhoods that make up the majority of the Fire Management Area (FMA) there are few straight roads and many cul-de-sac and loops. The three main thoroughfares have a large amount of speed bumps that are not emergency vehicle friendly.

Programs and projects

CBRNE
Peer Support Team
SCBA maintenance

By the numbers

1,494 runs

Budget

Fiscal year
2018/2019 $4,500

CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive)

Staff contact: Capt. Michael Wesener

History

CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive) started in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Gresham Fire received multiple apparatus and equipment, some of which has been designated for a CBRNE event, with the CBRNE rig (Light Heavy Squad) positioned at Station 73. Subsequent funding and support comes from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) group.

Program

The UASI program provides financial assistance to high-threat, high-density urban areas in efforts to build and sustain the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. Using the whole community approach, UASI helps Gresham Fire take advantage of unique multi-discipline planning, organization, equipment, training and exercise needs.

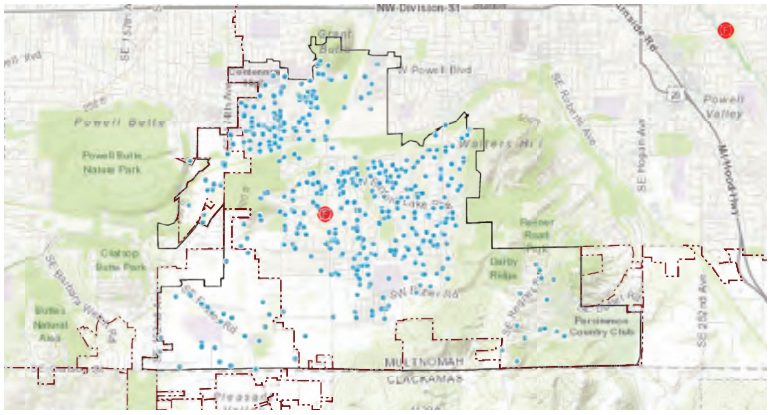
Key highlights and work plan items

In the event of a CBRNE emergency, Gresham Fire and surrounding agencies will:

- Evaluate the scene.
- Ensure self-protective measures for responders and residents.
- Rapidly detect and identify the nature, source and location of release, and support a potential criminal investigation.
- Identify victims needing care and rescue those in hazard zones.
- Conduct search and rescue.
- Conduct firefighting and hazardous materials operations.
- Medical triage and treatment.
- If needed, set up Medical Care Points with equipment on CBRNE squads.
- Notify hospitals, City and county officials.
- Provide decontamination for first responders and civilians.
- Request additional regional/ state/federal resources.

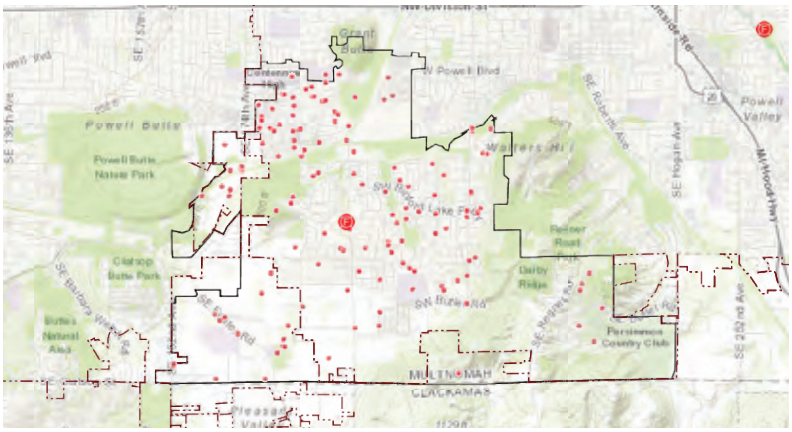
FMA 73

FMA 73- Medical Incidents 2018

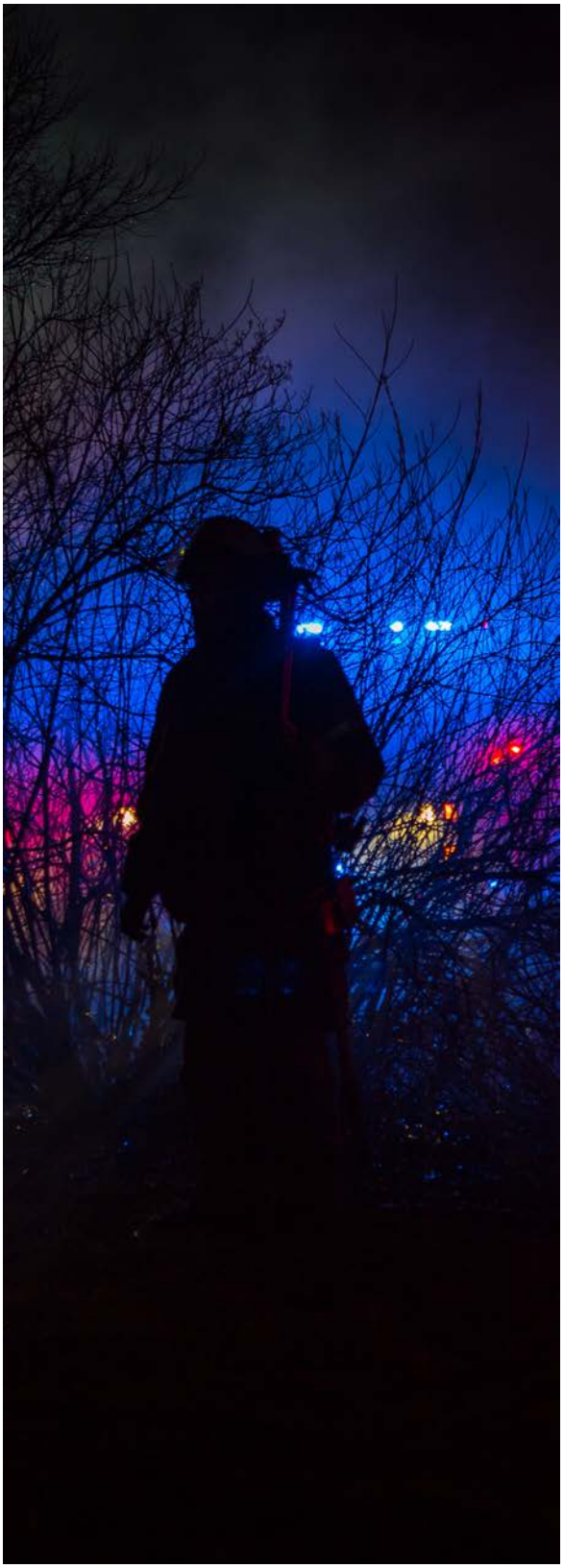


1,281 Incidents

FMA 73- Non Medical Incidents 2018



213 Incidents



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STATION 73

MEET THE STAFF

Mick Wesener

CAPTAIN

Lloyd Nickson

LIEUTENANT

Greg Renfro

LIEUTENANT

Ken Hooser

FIREFIGHTER

William Eddy

FIREFIGHTER

Nicole Aden

FIREFIGHTER

Seth Theroux

FIREFIGHTER

Jared von Schell

FIREFIGHTER

Dylan Crimp

FIREFIGHTER

Samuel Brost-Turner

FIREFIGHTER

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Fire Station 74

1520 NE 192nd Ave., Portland

Year built: 1966

Staff contact: Capt. Peter Graves

Station history

Built in 1966 by Fire District 10, the station was taken over by Gresham in 1988. This station serves the communities of Gresham, Wood Village and Fairview with mutual aid from Portland Fire and Rescue. Station 74 houses Engine 74 and Rescue 74 and neighbors the Gresham Fire Training Center in Rockwood.

Coverage

High value commercial buildings, like Boeing and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Freeways: I-84 and occasionally I-205, railways, moorages, residential structures, schools, churches, community parks and rural areas.

Programs and projects

Uniform Program

Mapping Program

Budget

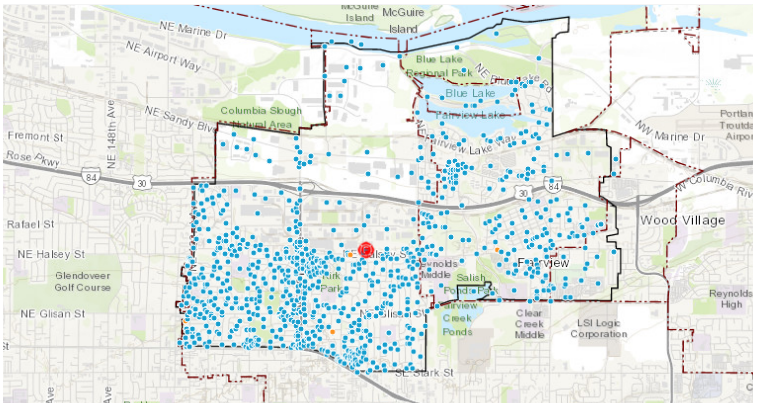
Station74: $6,750
Uniform Program: $40,000

By the numbers

2,831 runs
Fire: 677
Emergency Medical Services (EMS): 2,154

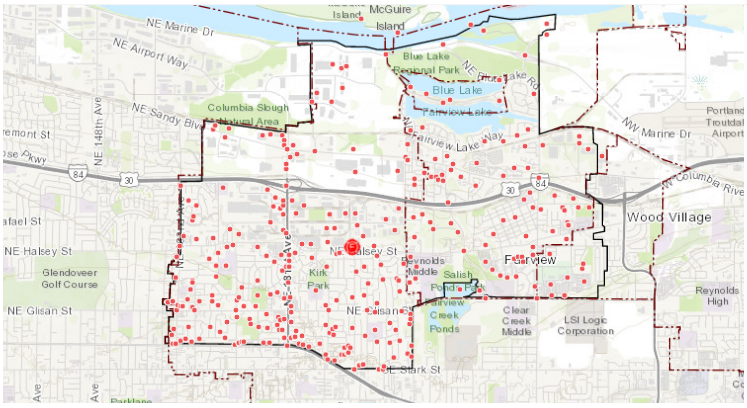
FMA 74

FMA 74 - Medical Incidents 2018



2,788 Incidents

FMA 74 - Non Medical Incidents 2018



476 Incidents

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STATION 74

MEET THE STAFF

Peter Graves

CAPTAIN

Chad Freyer

LIEUTENANT

Craig Hardie

LIEUTENANT

Randy Horton

FIREFIGHTER

Jared Pargas

FIREFIGHTER

Jeremy Forrest

FIREFIGHTER

Craig O'Meara

FIREFIGHTER

Justin King

FIREFIGHTER

Taylor Lee

FIREFIGHTER

Ronald Carranza

FIREFIGHTER

Nicolas Haney

FIREFIGHTER

Lyle Keathley

FIREFIGHTER

Christopher Hatch

FIREFIGHTER

Joel Anderson

FIREFIGHTER

Rustam Abbasov

FIREFIGHTER

Fire Station 75

600 SW Cherry Park Ave., Troutdale

Year built: 1975

Staff contact: Capt. Travis Soles

Station history

Fire District 10 built Station 75 in 1975, originally named Station 49. In 1992, Gresham Fire took responsibility of the station and territory.

Coverage

Currently Station 75 operates with a three-person Engine company, which is cross-staffed to additionally staff Water Rescue 75 and Rescue Boat 75. Coverage includes the City of Troutdale, areas in Gresham, as well as I-84, rural neighborhoods, railways from Portland into the Columbia River Gorge, the Troutdale Airport, parts of the Sandy River, Columbia River and shared responses into Blue Lake with Station 74.

Units Assigned

Engine 75, Water Rescue 75, Rescue Boat 75

Programs and projects

Water Rescue Team

Pre-plans

By the numbers

1,708 runs in 2018

Budget

Station 75: $4,500
WR Team: $4,500

Water Rescue Program

Staff contact: Capt. Travis Soles

Program

The rivers and streams that flow through Gresham present some serious hazards to both the public and rescue personnel. Risk is historically high when residents underestimate:

- **Water depth**
- **Temperature**
- **Water power**
- **Various hazards along the shore**

The risk increases when rescuers do not have proper training, or equipment, when responding to these emergencies.

By the numbers

- **35 miles of rivers/streams within Gresham Fire's response area.**
- **50 acres of still waters, including lakes/ponds.**
- **20 years of providing water rescue services.**
- **23 rescue calls in 2018, approximately two per month.**
- **12-member team trained in Surface Water Rescue and Maritime Boat Operator skills.**

Types of calls

Varies, includes:

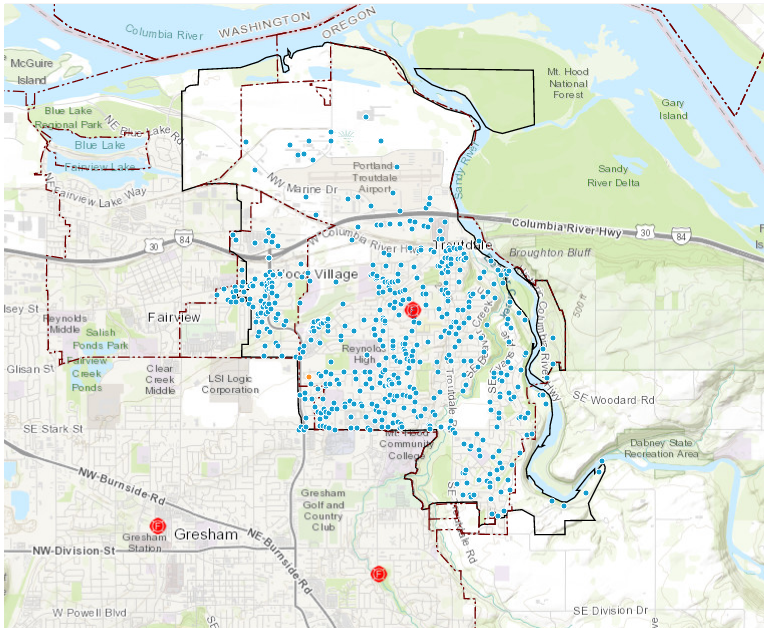
- **Watercraft rescue**
- **Person in distress on the water rescue**
- **Swiftwater rescue**
- **Ice rescue**

Water rescue need

The U.S. averaged 3,868 fatal, unintentional drownings a year from 2005-2014, about 10 deaths a day. Statistically there are more deaths each year due to drowning than from fire. This is true locally, regionally and nationally. Drowning is the second leading cause of death, from unintentional injuries, for people ages 5-24, according to the National Safety Council.

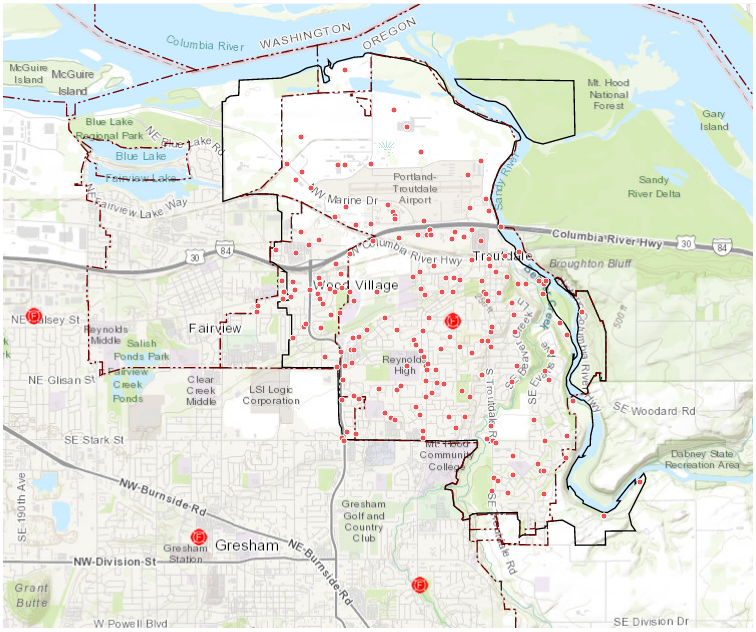
FMA 75

FMA 75 - Medical Incidents 2018



1,416 Incidents

FMA 75 - Non Medical Incidents 2018



289 Incidents

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STATION 75

MEET THE STAFF

Travis Soles

CAPTAIN

Ryan Miller

LIEUTENANT

Shane Kooch

LIEUTENANT

Darrin LaBuda

FIREFIGHTER

Richard Dyal

FIREFIGHTER

Ryan Doern

FIREFIGHTER

Brandon Wymore

FIREFIGHTER

Brian Flowers

FIREFIGHTER

Joseph Covey

FIREFIGHTER

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Fire Station 76

30300 SE Dodge Park Blvd., Gresham

Year built: 2015

Staff contact: Capt. Daniel Lickteig

Coverage

14 square miles.

Primarily rural.

US Highway 26 and county line run along the southern part. The Sandy River is the northern boundary.

Borders Clackamas FD#1 and Sandy Fire.

E76 and BU76 mutual aid with both neighboring departments regularly.

Units Assigned

Engine 76, Brush Unit 76, Reserve Engine 76

Programs and projects

Staffing management

PPE

By the numbers

Engine 76: 674 calls 39

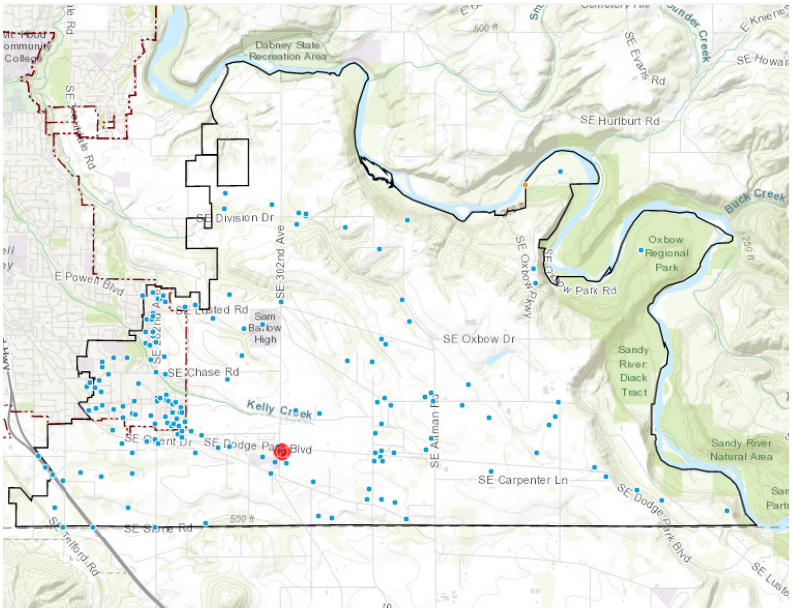
mutual aid calls

Budget

Station 76: $4,500
Staffing management: $8,500
PPE: $125,000

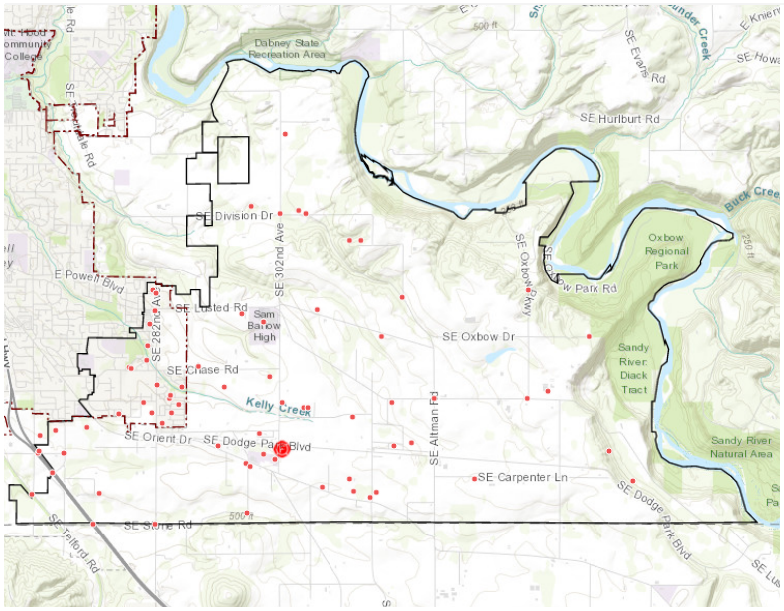
FMA 76

FMA 76 - Medical Incidents 2018



325 Incidents

FMA 76 - Non Medical Incidents 2018



88 Incidents

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STATION 76

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CAPTAIN

Rob Womack

LIEUTENANT

Eric Stevenson

LIEUTENANT

Joe Griffin

FIREFIGHTER

Dianna McGowan

FIREFIGHTER

Jeffrey Saul

FIREFIGHTER

Grant Kimble

FIREFIGHTER

Brandon Norbury

FIREFIGHTER

Jordan Flikkema

FIREFIGHTER

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Fire Station 31

1927 SE 174th Ave., Portland

Year built: 2011

Staff Contact: Capt. Eric Byrne

Station history & coverage

Originally, Fire District 9 station built in 1950s. In the 1960s, Multnomah County Fire District 10 absorbed Fire District 9 and took over the station, renaming it Station 45. In the 1980s, the mid-Multnomah County Sewer Project connected homes and businesses and precipitated Gresham and Portland to annex mid-Multnomah County, encompassing areas of Fire District 10.

Annexation placed the boundary of the two cities immediately east of then Fire Station 45 and transferred the ownership of the station to the City of Portland. The Gresham/Portland agreement shares staffing and funding of the station. Portland Fire renumbered the Station 31. A new station was rebuilt on the site, reopening in 2011.

Today, Gresham Fire staffs one of three 24-hour shifts. The station and response vehicles are owned and maintained by Portland Fire and Rescue. Station 31 covers mostly urban residential areas, churches and schools, access to the Powell Butte Nature Park, as well as commercial and industrial buildings.

Programs and projects

Fire Cadet Program

By the numbers

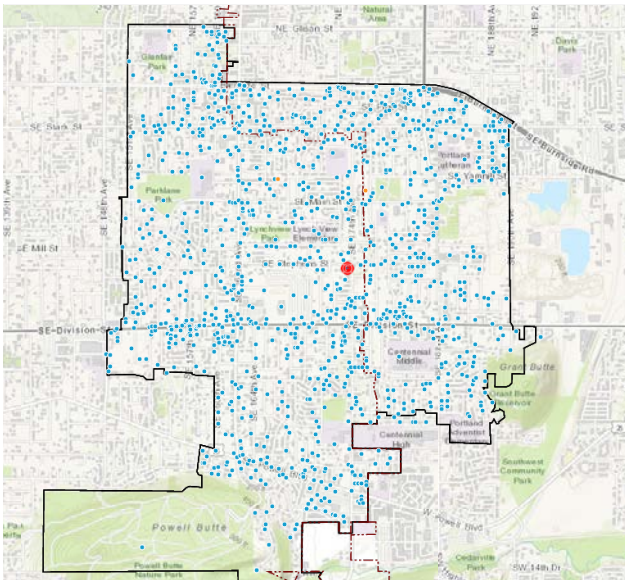
16.3 average responses a day.
Almost 6,000 responses annually.

Budget

Gresham's portion is a third of the operating cost.
Building R&M: $18,000
Apparatus: R&M $30,000
Station misc.: $800

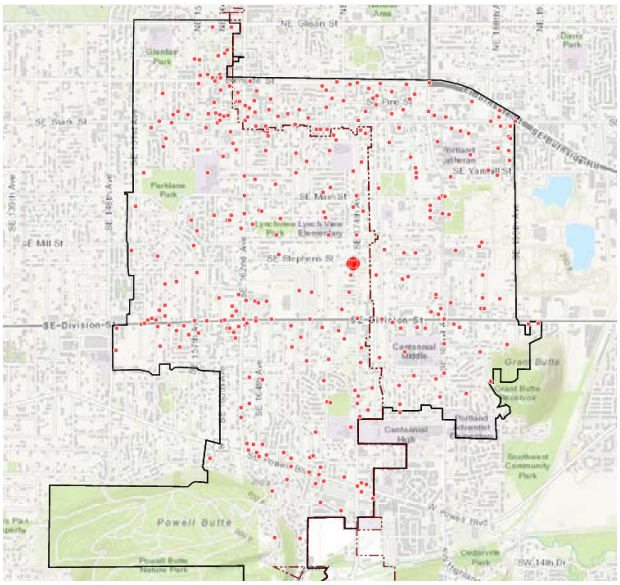
FMA 31

FMA 31 - Medical Incidents 2018



3,393 Incidents

FMA 31- Non Medical Incidents 2018



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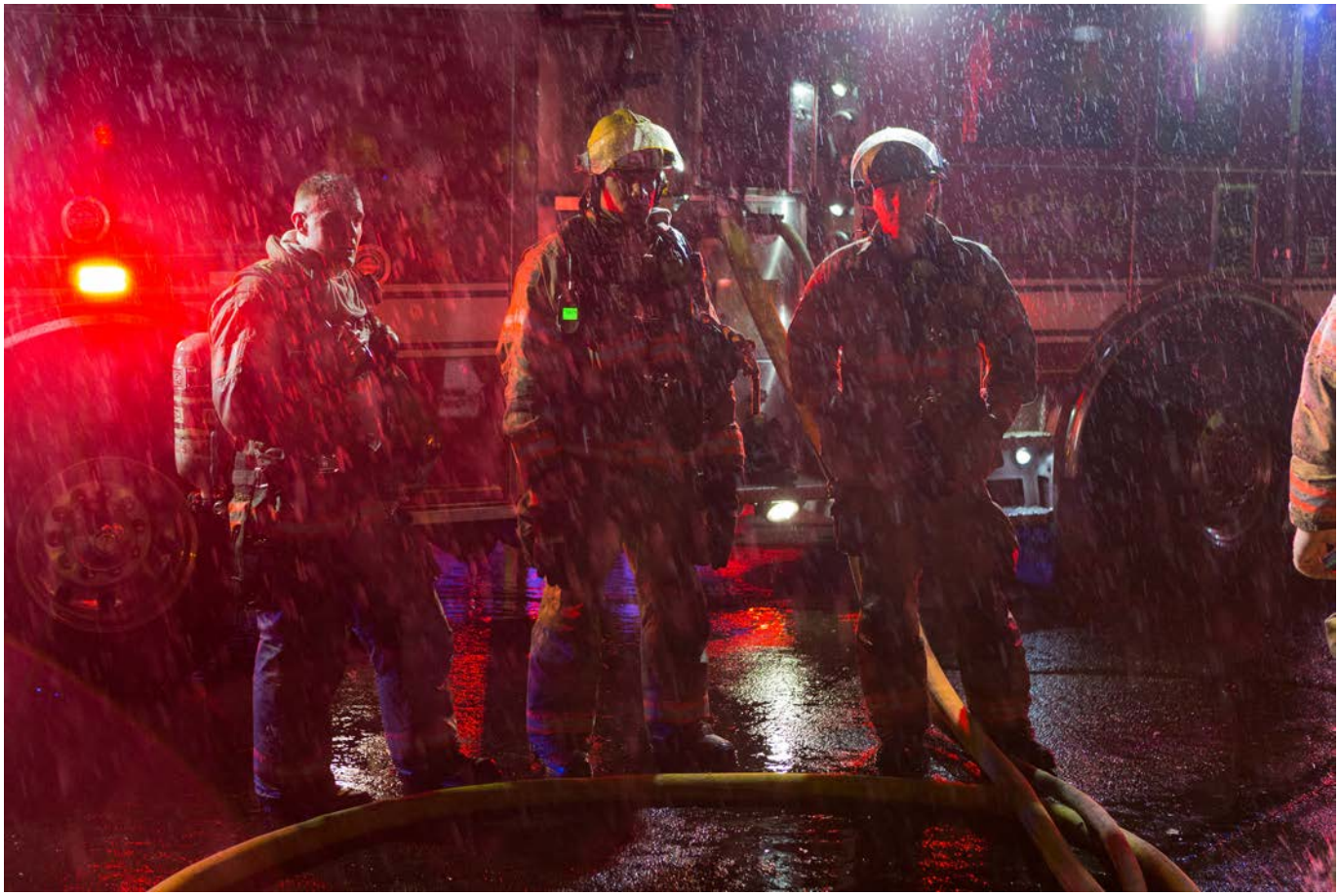

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STATION 31

MEET THE STAFF

Eric Byrne

CAPTAIN

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FIREFIGHTER

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