



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Four Cities User Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 24, 2024– 4:30 pm  
Zoom Meeting

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and ended at 5:06 p.m.

Members Present:

Allan Berry	Interim Fairview City Manager
Steven Marker	Fairview City Council
Greg Dirks	Wood Village City Manager
Bruce Nissen	Wood Village Representative
Ray Young	Troutdale City Manager
Glenn White	Troutdale City Council

Others Present:

Scott Lewis	Fire Chief
Jeff Hairston	Assistant Fire Chief
Katie Lowell	Recording Secretary

Agenda Items:

- Review New Quarterly Response Reports
- Storm Call Volume Numbers
- Life Safety FEMA Grant
- Station Update and Funding
- Good of the order

**Quarterly Reports:** The new PDF doesn't have the capability to fully allow the viewer to see the "all" column. AAll Lowell will check with Bill on how to fix this issue.

**Storm Call Volume:**

Two ways to count calls: number of individual dispatches (one address being dispatched to a call) and number of unit responses (multiple units dispatched on a single call). Looking at both call counts on a yearly average there are 18,000 to 23,000-

unit responses in a year. 50–60-unit responses a day. During the storm over 100 individual responses and nearly 200 units responses a day.

There was a large fire on Wendy Lane. The fire appears to have been deliberately set and is still under investigation. One Fire Fighter was injured.

Crews responded to a call on Troutdale Rd. with power lines down and individuals trapped in cars waiting for PGE. Important to stay in the car when power is involved.

A few care homes lost power, and some don't have generators causing an uptick in call volume. One person was stuck in an elevator, but staff members were unaware. Staff state they were checking on residents frequently, but residents felt as if they were not being checked on as often causing residents and families of residents to call 911 for help.

- Was it reported to Multnomah County? How do the care facilities not have a generator or heat source with the amount of people they are caring for?
- There were a few hotel rooms available for citizens who were not suited for shelter.
- The County shut down shelters early in the week but opened the East County Shelter with room for 30-50 people.

There was a power line down on Kane due to a tree. Fire station 72's generator was temporarily not operating, and they were moved to another station until they were able to return.

### **Station Update/Funding:**

1.2 million has been allocated for fire station safety improvements. The city will hire an industrial hygienist to look at facilities and complete air monitoring. An additional 500,000 will be used to replace the training tower as it doesn't meet seismic requirements and cannot be used for repelling training. Cardiac equipment has been purchased and ARPA funds have been approved to cover the cost allowing money to go back into the equipment replacement fund to buy a brush unit for station 74, fire Hose, and an additional SCBA.

If the levy proposal for May passes it would add an additional 2 person rescue at station 72 and would require an additional bunk room.

AMR can't meet response standards and issues with paramedic availability. Fire has the same problem recruiting medics. Council approved ARPA funds to help pay for medic school for our existing Fire Fighters.

The 2.5 million in ARPA funds must be under contract by 2024 and received by the end of 2026.

Paramedic education requires an Associate Degree in Oregon and there is a lag in medics applying or EMTS opting not to get their medic certification. There is a nationwide shortage of applicants in general.

All 4 City Managers will be speaking with Megan Peterson on 1/25 to talk about AMR issues. The County needs to change their model and allow for an ambulance to be

staffed with one medic and one EMT. Fire can provide a second medic on calls and help with transport when needed.

**Good of the Order:** 3 Cities Billing rate memo went out 1/24 for 2024. This is the first time a min. % increase has been put in place at 2.5%. Additional Firefighter personnel were hired with ARPA funds lowering the rate for the other cities.

Next Meeting:  
April 24,2024