

# *INSIDE THE STATION*

*Canby Fire District's Newsletter*



# **SUMMER EDITION 2026**

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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC BRENDAN SOMMERS

**What inspired you to become a firefighter/paramedic?**

“I have always had a desire to serve others, and I knew I wanted to pursue a job where I could work with my hands while still making a positive impact on someone’s life.”

**What is the most rewarding part of the job? Or a memorable call?**

“One of my favorite things about being a firefighter/paramedic is when I can help someone who is struggling and I can get them to smile. I like helping them feel safe and know they are in good hands.”



**What equipment do you enjoy using the most?**

“All of the equipment is very fun, but our heavy extrication equipment (jaws of life) is my favorite because it’s just awesome!”

**Any advice for others looking into firefighting as a career?**

“My biggest piece of advice is to pursue getting your paramedic because the fire service is predominantly EMS based now. The more medical training you have the more beneficial you will be for the community you want to serve.”



*The Jaws of Life*



# SAFETY MESSAGE

**FIRE CHIEF  
MATT DALE**

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**



Beyond personal preparedness, effective communication may be the most critical element when a community faces a disaster. In recent years, we've experienced several incidents that rose to the level of emergency notifications, including wildfires, ice storms, and flooding.

As your Fire Chief, I ask you to take just a few minutes to create or review your account with Clackamas County Disaster Management's emergency notification system. This system ensures you can receive alerts by phone or email—no matter where you are—if your home or property is impacted by an emergency. Notifications may include evacuation orders or shelter-in-place instructions.

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**PublicAlerts**

[WWW.CLACKAMAS.US/DM/PUBLICALERTS](http://WWW.CLACKAMAS.US/DM/PUBLICALERTS)

## QUARTERLY STATS

January-March 2026

EMS  
RESPONSES

622

FIRE

22

TRANSPORTS

468

CITIZEN ASSIST

44



# MESSAGE FROM...

## VOLUNTEER CHIEF WAYNE AUSTEN

This year, July 4, 2026, marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States independence. Every year the Canby Fire Volunteer Association raises funds to host the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show at Baker Prairie Middle School. The show is funded 100% by donations from local businesses and families. We enjoy continuing a cherished tradition that brings our community together in celebration and connections. Without donations, this show could not happen.

All donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made either in person or mailed to Canby Fire District at 221 S. Pine St. Canby, OR 97013. Checks should be made payable to the Canby Fire Volunteer Association.

We are truly grateful for the partnership and support from our Canby community!

## COME SEE US AT THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- **Bridging Cultures** *May 23, June 27, July 18, Aug. 22, and Sept. 12*
- **Touch-A-Truck** *June 4*
- **Independence Day fireworks & downtown events** *July 4*
- **Clackamas County Fair & Rodeo** *3<sup>rd</sup> week in August*
- **9/11 Memorial Ceremony** *Sept. 11 @ Canby PD*

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