

Here's your update for the week ending 9/11/20

Public Works Department:

- Have restricted all unnecessary outside staff activities due to poor air quality.

Police Department:

- Case # 20-02925

On September 8, 2020, at about 11:10 p.m., Keizer Police officers responded to a report of a suspicious person who was reportedly highly intoxicated near River Road North and Parkmeadow Drive Northeast. While driving to that call, one of the responding officers saw a 2010 Toyota Tundra driving south on River Road. The Tundra matched the description given by the caller, but before the officer could take any action, the suspect quickly turned his vehicle directly toward the officer, crossing over the center median. The officer was able to maneuver to avoid a head-on collision. A second officer, who was driving behind the first officer, pulled to the far right portion of the roadway to avoid a secondary collision. The suspect drove directly toward the second officer as well before rapidly crossing back over the median and back into the southbound lane of travel.

The officers attempted to stop the driver, but he refused to stop, and a pursuit ensued. The suspect continued to drive erratically, apparently intentionally driving his vehicle toward other vehicles while quickly swerving back and forth across the travel lanes and the center median. The pursuit continued through neighborhood surface streets before the suspect stopped near Manzanita Street and 13th Street. The officers attempted to negotiate with the suspect, but he refused to exit his vehicle and sped away. The suspect drove at relatively slow speeds, below or near the posted speed limit, and continued to drive erratically during the pursuit.

Moments later, the suspect stopped again, in the center of the street, near the 1800 block of Manzanita Street NE. An officer drove around the suspect's vehicle to block him in. The suspect drove directly into the patrol vehicle, disabling it, before going a few hundred yards and stopping in a driveway. An officer attempted to arrest the suspect, and a K9 was deployed to subdue him. Despite being bitten twice by the police dog, the suspect continued to move toward the officers, refusing to stop or cooperate. An officer used a Taser to subdue him, and he was taken into custody. The suspect was transported to Salem Health for treatment and issued citations for the listed charges. The case will be referred to the Marion County District Attorney's office for disposition.

Arrested: 37 year old male, of Keizer

Charges: felony attempt to elude, reckless driving, misdemeanor attempt to elude, failure to perform the duties of a driver (hit and run), criminal mischief in the first degree, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and interfering with a peace officer.

Total bail: \$50,000

Administration:

Weekly League of Oregon Cities Disaster Update Conference Call: (Diverting from COVID19 this time)

Governor's Office: 500,000 evacuated throughout the state. 1M-acres burned across 36-fires to date. 5-confirmed deaths due to the fires. 3,000 fire crews are out fighting fires but we need at least 6,000 fire crews in action to begin actual containment. Air quality is hazardous throughout most of the Valley and will likely remain so until rains come on Monday night...this means stay inside unless absolutely necessary. Wildfire.oregon.gov is the best site for updated info. Things are moving very

rapidly so current information is likely to lag a little bit. The state has now officially stood up an emergency coordination center, which will help with consolidating information. FEMA has been activated which will bring aid to the state...not only for recovery but also to help with temporary relocation of evacuees. Discussions have started with the Department of Defense to potentially get federal troops deployed to help fight fires as well. National Guard is deployed to secure fire lines and keep people out of active fire areas. Some reports of price gouging by hotels for evacuees are starting to emerge though many other hotels are actually providing discounts to evacuees and waiving fees for pets, etc. to help out.

Oregon Department of Forestry: Extended drought conditions, large fuel supply on the ground, and the historic east wind event are the three primary drivers behind this year's wildfire explosion. Clackamas and Santiam fires have not merged as had been feared due to changing wind conditions. These two fires in addition to the Holiday Farm fire east of Eugene make up the three mega-fires in our theatre of operations that are creating significant acres burned and are consuming the most resources. None of these fires have any significant containment yet and likely won't see containment throughout the season due to the remote nature of some of the areas included in these fires. Winds have shifted as of today, relative humidity has increased, and these trends will continue into next week which will help tremendously so that containment lines can begin to be put in where topography allows especially near populated areas. Resources from other states are starting to flow into Oregon to help with the effort.

Oregon Health Authority: Pay close attention to emergency communications. Pay close attention to air quality measures and stay inside in any area with hazardous air quality levels. East winds have calmed so the fire is not being driven to the West any longer but offshore winds have not picked up yet and then it will take a few days for smoke to clear once the regular wind patterns pick up again...thus hazardous air quality levels will likely persist for about a week.

Oregon Emergency Management: The President of the US has issued an emergency declaration for Oregon which opens the door for federal resources and emergency assistance compacts from other states. This will provide additional capacity to shelter evacuees as well as help the additional EOC staff provide relief for long-term events. The Red Cross has marshaled national level resources to help Oregon and has identified the Oregon wildfires as the biggest need in the country this season. The state is working up a Major Disaster declaration which will allow even more resources for rebuilding public infrastructure. This will be routed through FEMA to the President and may be approved as early as next Tuesday. FEMA has already ramped up resource distribution even before the formal emergency declaration has been finalized.

LOC Advocacy: Economic recovery investment, comprehensive infrastructure (roadways and broadband) investment have been the main categories LOC has been working on for the upcoming legislative session but that is pivoting toward disaster recovery as the wraparound goal. Also working toward comprehensive wildfire mitigation legislation and policies.