

Police Department:

- Hidden transient camp

This week our community response unit (CRU) located a fugitive out of New York that another officer was looking for at Wallace House Park. We knew the guy was supposed to be living down there but CRU did not locate him the first time. They went out the next day after receiving some information that he was well hidden and were able to locate him. The pictures show how hidden his camp was, but more importantly, how he used fishing line to create an alarm system with cans, as well as, a neck-high rope that was very thin.



Administration:

Governor's Office: More counties are coming off the watch list today as COVID19 cases have stabilized in many places. Wildfires have and will have an impact on COVID numbers over the last couple of weeks. The Governor's office will be analyzing those numbers as they begin to be put out more normally over the next week or so. A number of scams and fraudulent Go-fund-me pages that the Governor's office is trying to track. Be careful to make certain your contributions are going to a clearly reputable source.

Oregon Dept. of Forestry: 1M acres burned to date mostly on the Western side of the state. 7000 firefighters working on the fires throughout the state. Tracking 12 large fires right now, which is down from 17 last week. Really great progress has been made on these fires with teams going on the offense versus just trying to contain the fires. The fires have not been spreading much due to the amount of fire line that has been put in by fire crews. Also, evacuation ratings have been declining as well. The rain is great from a firefighting standpoint but creates challenges around landslides and falling rocks/trees as undergrowth has been burned away exposing the ground to the rain. Remarkable safety record throughout the fires for lack of firefighter injuries. Also, we have received help from almost all states and also Canada to help with the disaster. No fires being tracked from lightning last night because it was accompanied with significant rain.

Oregon Health Authority: Air quality is improving significantly for much of Oregon. The Coast is mostly clear and now the Willamette Valley is now improving rapidly. This will continue as weather continues to move in from off shore. Central Oregon is now suffering from the smoke that was

previously here, though that poor air quality should be clearing up for them over the next day or two. Just a reminder...we are not yet out of fire season so additional fires and smoke could occur through October. OHA has links to lots of public health information for both COVID19 and also smoke exposure in multiple languages on their website.

FEMA: The Major Emergency Declaration that has been approved at the federal level makes available resources for individuals for financial relief and also rebuilding help. They are working with OEM and the Red Cross to coordinate resources and help. The most important thing now for the **individual assistance program** is for people and families to register with FEMA and apply for disaster assistance. This opens the door for resources and allows help to begin flowing. Please let people know to register with FEMA. WWW.disasterassistance.gov, people can download the FEMA app to register with their smart phones as another method, or they can call FEMA on their primary phone number that can be found on their website. FEMA is also trying to deploy a team of 80-representatives to shelters to try to help and assist people with registration as well. The **Individual Assistance Program** allows for temporary housing (up to 18-months in a hotel), home repairs/replacement funds, low cost loans for business through SBA, etc.

Oregon Emergency Management: 200-employees are working to make sure that all resources possible are available to people who have been effected. www.Wildfire.oregon.gov is the main website for people to go to for the latest up to date fire information and also has links to the FEMA site. The state is making resources to public entities as well for replacement of infrastructure, getting water/sewer systems on line, other utilities like electricity and natural gas, etc. through the Major Disaster Declaration that was approved. The rain event helped with the fire but will likely make the ground less stable so be careful while driving in disaster areas.

Red Cross: Continuing to put people into shelter (mostly hotels due to COVID19 concerns, but some congregate shelters in certain instances). Wildfire kits are being handed out with supplies to help people with their 1st day back at their property. Stepping up outreach to all vulnerable (especially Latino) communities. Red Cross, FEMA, local not-for-profits, and State agencies are working closely together to coordinate resources. Red Cross services are available to all and wish to protect all persons who need aid. Reach out to Red Cross if you have a need! The best donation you can make to the Red Cross right now is cash. It allows them to be most flexible with meeting the individual needs of those they are helping.