



# Sandy Fire Annexation

- **Emergency Services in Sandy**
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  - Today
  - What Annexation Means



# Current Services Under Contract

Sandy Main Station 71: 3 firefighters 24/7, all Paramedic/EMT

New Rescue Unit: Staffed by firefighter/Paramedic/EMT 12/7

Eagle Creek Station 18: 24/7 staffing

1<sup>st</sup> due engine into south side of Sandy Fire District

2<sup>nd</sup> due engine into main part of Sandy Fire District

Firwood Road Station 74: Volunteer FF/EMT coverage most nights

No longer reliant on mutual aid for minimum staffing

# Why the New Rescue Unit Matters

Keeps fire engines available for structure fires and large incidents

All incidents with focus on medical and rescue calls, including simultaneous calls (20% of monthly calls)

Staffed by firefighter/Paramedic/EMT → increases reliability

Annexation would expand coverage from 12 hours/day to 24/7 coverage

# Effective Response Force (ERF)

**ERF = # of firefighters & equipment needed for a structure fire**

**NFPA standard: 15–20 firefighters for a typical house fire**

**Before contract: Relied on mutual aid → slower response**

**Current contract: ERF is established by Clackamas Fire in 15:38 min. → faster response**

# Response Time Improvements

<u>Category</u>	<u>Before (Sandy alone)</u>	<u>Today (Contract)</u>	<u>Improvements</u>
Effective Response Force (Structure Fires)	25:21 min	15:38 min	38% faster
First Fire Unit Arrival	16:01 min	10:54 min (urban: 6:31)	32%-59% faster
EMS / Cardiac Arrest Response	12:11 min (1 <sup>st</sup> unit)	10:25 min (1 <sup>st</sup> unit) 11:03 (2 <sup>nd</sup> unit)	14% faster
Station 74 Coverage	4 nights/month	26 nights/month	Significant

\*All times are from call received at dispatch to arrival at front door

# Financial Context

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Operating two separate districts is less efficient → duplicate administrative costs

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Sandy Fire could exhaust capital reserves by 2034 without annexation

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Funding through local taxes (no County/City funds)

Sandy Fire: \$2.17/\$1,000 assessed value

Clackamas Fire: \$2.40/\$1,000 assessed value

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Difference (\$0.22/\$1,000) supports staffing, 24/7 rescue, enhanced services (i.e. water rescue, wildland, rope rescue, etc.)

# Key Information

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**Annexation does not create a new system - it solidifies and expands current services**

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**Protects improvements: faster response, reliable staffing, rescue coverage**

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**Allows for community representation on Clackamas Fire Board**

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**Supports sustainable funding for equipment and personnel**

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**Decision ensures permanent protection of lives and property in Sandy**

