

SERVICES WE PROVIDE WITH YOUR TAX DOLLARS.

Rural Fire Districts were formed with a mandate to only respond to fires.

Over the last 20 years we have become all hazard response agencies.

- Fires
- Medical
- Vehicle Accidents
- Vehicle Rescue (Extrication)
- Heavy Rescue
- Large and small animal rescue
- Water Rescue
- Rope Rescue
- Search and Rescue
- Hazardous Materials
- Public assistance

(Members of our agencies maintain advanced certifications in all of the above.)

Since the formation of the rural fire districts a requirement of 60 hours of training per year by each volunteer has been mandated to maintain a basic firefighter certification.

Most Volunteers have advanced certifications requiring hundreds of hours of training per year.

Command staff also attend on average an extra 100 hours of training each year.

While training is paid for by the districts the members volunteer their time to attend.

Most rural Fire Districts in Coos County are having staffing issues and we have Auto-Aid and Mutual-Aid agreements with our neighboring agencies to assist each other.

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Fire District Information For Homeowners



**MILLINGTON
FIRE DISTRICT #5**

Central Coos Fire & Rescue
*We volunteer because your
life is worth it.*



Where we are today.

Operation costs are increasing and volunteerism is on the decline. A majority of our volunteers were working for both Millington and Sumner. We were providing the same services to our respective districts.

As a result, the District Fire Boards signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement forming a Fire Authority named Central Coos Fire & Rescue.

- This eliminated duplication of services.
- This eliminated paying dual insurance for volunteers.
- This also allowed for a better allocation of equipment.
- The new fire authority encompasses 31 square miles of Coos County.
- 10 years ago, Millington Fire averaged 150 calls per year and Sumner Fire averaged 30. This year we are on course to run over 500 combined.

THE REALITY OF TODAY'S FIRE DISTRICTS

The tax rate for Fire Districts was set by a vote 25 years ago and has not changed.

Costs have far outpaced income for the fire districts.

There is no procedure to increase the tax rate of an established district.

Most of our staffing and new equipment has been paid for with grants.

The departments are staffed primarily with volunteers.

There is 1 full-time staff between the two departments.

The majority of our emergency vehicles average 30 years old.

The departments are at a crossroads of finding additional funding or having to cut services to survive.



Crews practicing vehicle extrication

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

To allow our fire districts to face today's challenges and continue to provide current service levels we need to merge districts. This will require the support of the district's residents. The current districts will need to be dissolved and a new combined district formed via a public vote. This vote will also be the only time we can set our tax revenue. Tax rates are based on property value and are currently \$1.34/\$1000 for Millington and \$1.65/\$1000 for Sumner. CCF&R's current annual budget is \$350,000 while Coos Bay Fire's is over \$3.3 million. There is a rural fire district in Coos County that has a \$4.75/\$1000 tax rate. That is not what we feel the new district will need. We would like your support for a \$3.00/\$1000 rate.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Please reach out to us. We can be reached during business hours by phone at 541-267-3151 or stop by the station at 62866 Millington Frontage Road.

We can be reached with email at info@coosnet.com.

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