



The Charged Line

News from Glide Fire



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Property Insurance Premiums Reduced!

Starting August 1, 2016, some property owners will start to see lower property insurance rates, thanks to an improved classification of Glide Rural Fire Protection District by the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

ISO is an organization that evaluates and rates Fire Districts and Departments on their firefighting capabilities. Some of the items ISO evaluates are: 911 dispatch center's capabilities; Fire District firefighting equipment, Firefighter training hours, and number of Firefighters available to respond to structure fires; water supply capabilities from the hydrant system and water tenders (tanker trucks).

During ISO's recent evaluation, the following changes were made to Glide Fire District's ratings for **properties within 5 road miles of Glide Fire's Main Station or Whistler's Substation:**

- For properties within 1,000 feet of a hydrant, the ISO rating was reduced from class 5 to class 4.
- For properties not within 1,000 feet of a hydrant but within 5 miles of a fire station, the ISO rating was reduced from class 5Y to class 5.

If your property insurance company utilizes ISO to determine premiums, these ratings are great news! You should expect to see lower insurance rates for policies renewing after August 1, 2016.

The people responding to Fire, Motor Vehicle, and Medical emergencies are all volunteers trained by the District to serve our community. To maintain these improved ratings, more residents within the District will need to volunteer their time at Glide Fire!

Properties more than 5 road miles from one of our stations will remain ISO class 10.

These ratings apply only to properties in Glide Rural Fire Protection District. If you are unsure if your property is within our taxing district, take a look at your property tax statement from the Douglas County Assessor's Office. Under "General Government", the statement will list "FI GLIDE". Or if you view your property on Douglas County's Tax Assessor's Website at <http://www.co.douglas.or.us>, Glide Rural Fire Protection District Property Tax Codes are 01203, 01207, 01211, 01214, and 01216.

Six Reasons to Join a Volunteer Fire Agency



- Gain knowledge and skills you can't get anywhere else.
- Feel a sense of accomplishment for helping others in your community.
- Become part of a close team of emergency responders.
- Gain education and experience you can use to step up to a new career.
- Earn respect of family and friends for serving your community.
- Reward the kid in you by driving a Big Red Truck!

Characteristics of a Glide Fire Volunteer

Commitment	Courage
Compassion	Integrity

CALL US TODAY TO LEARN MORE!



Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

Most fatal fires occur at night, and half of all home fire deaths happen in homes without working smoke alarms. Because every home needs working smoke alarms to provide warning, Glide Fire Volunteers have completed installation of 250 smoke alarms in area homes.



Smoke alarms should be installed in all sleeping areas, in hallways that lead to sleeping areas, and in each level of your home. Smoke alarms 10 years old or older should be replaced.

These smoke alarms were provided by the State Fire Marshal's Office and have a battery life of 10 years. They were installed in homes which had no working smoke alarms or had alarms 10 years old or older.

All smoke alarms should be checked periodically. **A good time to check your smoke alarms is when you change your clocks twice a year, when daylight saving time begins and ends.**

Do not remove batteries for nuisance alarms. Instead, push the hush button to temporarily silence the alarm.

How Many Volunteers Does Glide Fire Need?

To safely respond to ALL calls for emergency help, **Glide Fire needs more volunteers.** If you've read any of our previous newsletters, this isn't news. Our number of active volunteers is getting critically low, so low that we have been unable to respond to all 911 emergency calls. Would you want it to be **your** child with a broken leg, lying on the playground an extra 20 minutes before help finally arrives from Roseburg?

So, to answer the original question, **Glide Fire needs 20 NEW volunteers** to train NOW, **before** more of our experienced volunteers retire **without** sharing their knowledge and skills! So please give some serious thought to volunteering some of your time to your community by joining Glide Fire.

To give you an idea of how many volunteers are needed to safely respond to emergency calls, below are some examples:

Like many of our **18 current active volunteers**, you may find it more rewarding than you anticipated, and actually downright fun at times! After all, training to drive big red trucks and spraying water onto flames isn't something everyone gets to do!

TYPE OF EMERGENCY	PERSONNEL NEEDED
Lift a patient from the floor or ground	2 to 6 (depending on patient size and injuries)
Pack medical equipment to help an injured logger or hiker	4 or more (wheeled stokes, backboard and straps, medical bag, oxygen, rope bag)
Perform CPR	4 to 6 (2 rotating on chest compressions, 1 to operate AED, 1 to open and maintain airway and provide oxygen, 1 to establish IV, 1 to obtain patient medical history)
Fight a Structure Fire	<p>13 to 16 (1 incident commander, at least 4 interior/exterior Firefighters, 1 pump operator at engine, 1 pump operator at portable water tank, 2 water truck drivers to transport water, 2 EMS to provide Firefighter rehab. and help exchange Firefighters' SCBA tanks, 2 or more to carry extra SCBA tanks, hoses, and equipment up or down driveways, 3 on traffic control to flag traffic around fire equipment in roadways)</p> <p>Volunteers often spend 8 hours on scenes, plus 3 hours back at the station to clean equipment and resupply engines to prepare for the next call. Volunteers leave scenes as needed to prepare for their paid jobs.</p>
Extricate and perform patient care at a Motor Vehicle Accident	6 or more (1 to hold C-spine on each patient, 2 to provide patient care and assessment of each patient, 2 to plan and operate JAWS for patient extrication, 3 on traffic control)

FAST FACTS

Glide Fire Volunteers responded to **440** emergency calls in 2015.

- 312 Medical Emergencies
- 38 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 69 Fires
- 21 misc.



DID YOU KNOW?

If you have a Medical Emergency or Structure Fire in the Glide or Idleyld Park areas, the first people to come to your aid are all **VOLUNTEERS** from Glide Fire! Your Neighbors and Friends giving their time to help you!

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF . . .

Glide's Firefighters & Emergency Medical Personnel didn't volunteer?

WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE, AGES 14-80!

Join High School Explorer Program
Join Fire Association to Provide Support Services
Do Station Maintenance or Traffic Control
Wash Vehicles or Do Monthly Vehicle Checks

Glide Fire Honors Volunteer of the Year

Dylan Hokanson was selected as Glide Fire's Volunteer of the Year. Dylan's peers nominated him for this award saying, "Dylan has a great attitude while both training and on calls," "He has a sense of humor," and "Dylan spends extra time above and beyond the normal volunteer stuff." While providing excellent patient care, Dylan displays compassion toward all of his patients. The Glide community is fortunate to have such a conscientious and dedicated volunteer responding to its emergency needs.

Dylan responded to 185 calls in 2015, 42% of Glide Fire's 440 total emergency calls for the year. He works full time as a civil engineer for Umpqua National Forest's Supervisor's Office. Upon moving to the Glide area in 2011, Dylan joined Glide Fire and promptly updated his training to NFPA Firefighter 1 and Pumper Operator. In 2012, he attended classes through Umpqua Community College to obtain his EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) license and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2014.



Dylan Hokanson

It Is a Dark and Stormy Night . . .

. . . and Glide's Firefighters or EMTs are searching for your home to respond to a 911 emergency. Do we turn at this driveway before the tree, or is it the driveway just beyond the tree? When the driveway forks, if we turn right are we going to end up at your barn instead of your home? And can you imagine backing a firetruck or ambulance out a narrow driveway in the dark because we've taken the wrong turn?

Help us find your home more quickly by posting a reflective address sign along the roadway and at any driveway junctions. To make this easy for you, we have aluminum signs with reflective numbers we will happily install for you. Whether you live within Glide Fire District,

or outside the District (up Cavitt Creek or Rock Creek Roads, for example), get your address well marked *before* an emergency occurs.

Call or stop by the fire station to order a sign. Or fill out an order form at our upcoming Arts & Crafts Fair in October. To cover the cost of each sign, a contribution of \$5 per sign is appreciated but not required.



Get your address signs installed today!

Who Is Glide Fire?

Glide Fire has **18 active adult volunteers** responding to 911 emergency calls. **We need at least 40!**

Of our 18 volunteers, **only 8 are trained Firefighters**. 4 of these are also pump operators, plus we have 3 water truck tender drivers.

Our volunteers are licensed as follows:

- 6 EMRs (Emergency Medical Responders)
- 9 EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians)
- 3 EMT-I (Intermediate Medical Technicians who can provide a higher level of care including some IV medications)

The average age of our volunteers is 55:

- 2, ages 70+
- 4, ages 60-69
- 7, ages 50-59
- 2, ages 40-49
- 3, ages 30-39

Although our age 55+ volunteers remain dedicated to serving our community, they simply no longer have the physical stamina to wear 45 lbs. of fire gear and drag heavy hose lines for extended periods of time. **We need community members to step up as volunteers, to be trained to fill this void.**

Glide Fire pays for all training, equipment, and gear.

Call Today to Join the Team! 541-496-0224

We need 20 NEW VOLUNTEERS
to function effectively and to respond to all calls
with adequate personnel.



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