



CANBY FIRE DISTRICT

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RE: Coronavirus Assistance

To all Canby Area Citizens:

I would like to speak to you from the bottom of my heart and to ask for your help. In my 46 years of experience, I have managed and/or witnessed disasters, such as when Mt. St. Helens erupted, local earthquakes, multiple windstorms, and September 11, 2001. The events of September 11, 2001 brought our country together to unite and recover from that horrific day. What all of us are experiencing now, and for the distant future is unprecedented.

We will unite as a community to overcome this, as Canby always does. Why? Because we care.

The City of Canby and the Canby Fire District, when first hearing of the Coronavirus, immediately started planning. As we learned more about this virus, we continued to modify our preparedness and methods for response. Our first priority is to continue to respond to all 911 calls and to modify the procedures for conducting day to day administrative services. As we are learning, the Coronavirus has no boundaries as it affects people of all ages. The elderly over 60, as well as anyone with compromised health, are at a greater risk.

The City/Fire District, as a unified command, activated the Emergency Operations Center located at our Main Fire Station #361 on March 16, 2020, and the Mayor and the City officially Declared a State of Emergency on March 17, 2020. This Declaration was sent to both Clackamas County and the State of Oregon. The Emergency Operations Center team meets every day to establish objectives and make updates to our plan. We are prepared to implement new procedures as we learn more information. Chief Officers from Canby Fire have also been at the County Emergency Operations Center to volunteer their experience and their time.

Our Firefighter Paramedics are responding with the most up to date protective equipment. You will see them in protective masks, gowns, and sometimes TYVEK suits. This is for their protection, as well as yours, so they are not exposed and can continue to respond. Canby Fire and Canby Police are working together as partners when responding to emergencies and planning. To date, no Firefighters or Police Officers have been exposed to, or tested positive for the Coronavirus.

We are still in need of new, unused TYVEK suits, P100 respirators, N95 masks, and medical gowns. We have a trailer set up in front of the Main Fire Station #361 if you would like to donate these items.

Please, we need your help.

Do your part to slow the spread of the Coronavirus and keep yourself, your loved ones, and the community safe by following the guidelines below:

- Please follow the guidelines of social distancing from others by 6-feet
- Practice "Stay home. Save lives."

- Hygiene: washing hands frequently with soap and warm water, disinfecting surfaces, covering your mouth when sneezing or coughing
- Take walks and do other outside activities in small groups that allow you to keep a 6-foot distance. Do these activities as a family
- Check-in with neighbors that may not be able to take care of themselves or have compromised health. Do what you can to assist them

My fellow Canby area citizens, we will get through this, but only with your help.

Sincerely,

James X. Davis
Fire Chief
Canby Fire District