

# Eugene Rural Fire Protection District #1 (ERFPD#1)

## May 2024 Newsletter

**Fireboard Mission: To secure Fire and Emergency Medical Services and to assure that District funds are appropriately managed.**

### In an emergency, **FIRST CALL 911!**

Fire season is approaching. This newsletter is provided as a reference guide to reduce fire risk on your property. You can watch an excellent video on protecting your home from wildfires. Go to: [www.oregon.gov/ODF](http://www.oregon.gov/ODF), then click on: **Oregon Department of Forestry: Welcome: State of Oregon**. Under **Fire** select **Fire Prevention**. Select the box **Homeowners** and then **How to Make Your Home and Property Fire-Safe video**.

What else can you do?

#### **1) Check the Triage list on the back of this newsletter.**

The fire department completes a form like this at the time of a wildfire and places it in your mailbox. When firefighters arrive they know whether it's safe to enter your property. By reviewing this list you will have a good idea if your home is defensible. Also, you can see how you can improve your home site to make it more defensible. If you answer "Yes" to the majority of questions on the Triage list, your home may not be defended during a wildfire.

#### **2) Have you done maintenance on your driveway to allow fire apparatus access?**

Lane County requires driveways (for one home) to be cleared of brush and tree limbs to a height of 13' 6" and 2' from each side of the 12' wide travel surface. Roads (for two or more homes) must be 4' wider.

#### **3) Security gates:**

Eugene Springfield Fire Department has requested that homeowners with security gates install a KnoxBox brand lock box at your gate to give Fire Department vehicles access to your property in an emergency. For more information email our Board.

#### **4) Ask to be notified of an emergency in your area**

Register your home or cell phone by going to the Lane County Emergency Management site, selecting: **Emergency Alerts** and following the directions.

#### **5) Emergency Preparedness**

In addition to what's listed on our website, a good source is: **Lane County Emergency Management at:**

[https://www.lanecounty.org/government/county\\_departments/lane\\_county\\_emergency](https://www.lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/lane_county_emergency)



#### **6) Address Markers**

Do you have one of these at your driveway? If not, notify ERFPD#1. Emergency personnel use these markers to quickly find addresses during an emergency. Our Fire District supplies these markers and installs them. **After that, it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain them and notify the District if they are damaged or missing.**

## **BEFORE YOU BURN!**

Call Lane Regional Air  
Protection Agency  
(541-726-3976) then 5  
or check the website at:  
[lrapa.org](http://lrapa.org) and select  
Outdoor Burning Advisory  
before burning

To reach ERFPD#1 email:

[EugRFPD1@gmail.com](mailto:EugRFPD1@gmail.com)