



## **Lookingglass Rural Fire District 7173 Lookingglass Road Roseburg, OR 97471**

On Tuesday, December 27, at 11:07 pm, the Lookingglass Rural Fire District, along with mutual and automatic aid units from Douglas Fire Protection Dist. 2 and Winston- Dillard Fire Dist., were dispatched to a report of the Lookingglass School on fire.

Subsequent reports of the gymnasium fully involved, fire coming from the library, fire from the roof, and fire seen in the stage area were received by Douglas County Communications by 11:08 pm. At 11:16 pm, Engine 1030 responded with 4 firefighters. A second alarm was requested enroute as the fire had been seen by responding personnel on the way to the station. Engine 1030 arrived at 11:17 pm,, and reported a fully involved gymnasium, the school exposed to the fire, initiating a defensive attack to cover the exposure, and establishing Lookingglass Command.

Water Tender 1061 arrived at 11:18 pm, and LRFD E1031, D2 Engine 1133 and 1132, D2 Water Tender 1163, and Winston Dillard Engine/Tender 1760 arrived by 11:22pm.

The second alarm request brought additional units from Tenmile (Engine 2030, Tender 2060, and Brush 2080 with foam) along with their Public information Officer and the D2 station in Green.

LRFD initial actions included laying a supply line from the hydrant in front of the school to the building and spotting to defend the classroom portion of the school. The eaves of the building were smoking at that time, and a large amount of heat was impacting that area. Two lines from Engine 1030 were placed at the school, one to the roof and one to the facing side of the building. Water Tender 1061 supported D2 Engine 1132 with a foam attack to the library area, reducing heat and flame exposure to the classroom building. A master stream monitor from E1030 was also flowing water intermittently to the south side of the gymnasium to reduce heat and flame at that area. This attack was unsustainable due to our water supply, but the combined efforts allowed us to accomplish our defense of the school building.

D2 1133, LRFD 1031, and 1760 along with responding water tenders were assigned to Coos Bay Wagon Rd (Division D) to initiate a tender supported fire attack. An additional 5 water tenders were requested, and at the height of the fire there were 3 each 3,000 gallon water tanks supported by 3 engines and 7 water tenders in Division D. Total resources committed were 7 engine companies, 9 water tenders, 1 rescue unit, and 3 overhead/investigation vehicles. Second alarm and supplemental units responding were coordinated through Douglas County Dispatch with County Fire Chief Bill Stearns of Oakland Fire and included units from DCFD2, WDFD, Tenmile Fire, Tri City Fire, Canyonville/South Umpqua Fire, Riddle Fire, and Myrtle Creek Fire. We were also offered but turned down aerial equipment from D2 and Riddle as the fire was essentially under control and we were switching to a long term "mop up" mode by 12:45 am.

Most second alarm outside agencies were released by 1:30 am, and other outside agencies were returned home by 3:30 am.

The State Fire Marshal for the area was requested at 11:44pm, and arrived by 3:00am from Grants Pass. The DCSO and State Police also had investigation personnel on scene by 6:00 am Wednesday. Initial actions were to gather witness statements, District and school specific information, and initiate their investigation. Investigation responsibility lies with the State Fire Marshal's Office, and a final cause determination will be made and released through that agency along with the School District's Insurance investigators.

As listed above, there were 51 firefighters on scene from 8 agencies. The LRFD had 11 volunteers and 6 Explorer/Junior FFs on scene throughout the night. The last LRFD unit was released at 4:25pm Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The LRFD was present Wednesday and Thursday with the investigation team, and continued overhaul operations through Thursday afternoon, Dec. 29.

#### Fire Loss

Total \$2,400,000    \$2,100,000 building, \$300,000 contents

#### Save due to FD Actions

Total \$2,416,000    Lookingglass School

Cause - Undetermined at this time

#### Hazards - Building Construction (Balloon)

- Electrical wires in front of building (live wires down)

- Unsupported rear wall (collapse danger)

- Unsupported masonry chimneys

- Basement/floor burn through

- Structural Collapse of second floor

Steve Rhodes, Volunteer Fire Chief

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