

Seal Rock Fire
Chiefs Report Activities
September 2025

The total number of alarms Seal Rock responds to:

- 35 Runs September 2025
- 57 Runs in August 2025
- 47 Runs in July 2025
- 52 Runs in June 2025

How many in Seal Rock District:

- 25 Runs in September 2025
- 44 Runs in August 2025
- 39 Runs July 2025
- 44 Runs in June 2025

How many in Mutual Aid Out of district:

- 10 September 2025 (8 Yachats, 2 Newport)
- 14 August 2025 (7 Yachats, 3 Central Coast, 2 Toledo, 2 Newport)
- 8 July 2025 (6 Yachats 1 Newport, 1 Toledo)
- 8 June 2025 (8 Yachats)

Personnel: 35 Seal Rock responders
19 East Lincoln responders
6-1011 (support)

Calls of interest: Well, the interesting calls were not in Seal Rock. Instead, they were in Yachats and Newport. In Yachats they had a fatal fall into Thor's well. The call was problematic as the situation was amplified by all the bystanders. It took a while to get the victim out of the well and it was the helo from the coast guard that finally made a third effort to do just that. I don't know if you have seen any of the videos of the well, but holy cow it's a violent situation. I wouldn't get too close, but he did!

The interesting call in Newport was a tour boat that had a fire, with 49 people on board. Talk about amplified! The coast guard towed the tour boat to a dock on the north side of the Yaquina Bay. As it turned out all 49 occupants were fine. This could have been very bad! While this was

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happening, we responded to a Newport medical call as we had a standby unit in Newport (as well as a unit at the boat incident). It is the time of year that we get busy with burning. We have had some rain. It seems to most people to be sufficient to be able to burn in their back yards. However, the Oregon Department of Forestry has to look at the risk throughout the whole state. It was not until October 10th that they lifted the burn ban. It was pretty problematic with the perception that we had plenty of rain. So, we had people burning. For the most part we didn't get too aggressive as it was pretty safe here. We had a couple of determined folks that pushed the issue, but no one had a reason to complain about Seal Rock Fire.

Operations: It seems like the auto industry is truly out to get firefighters. It was reported that 5 firefighters were sent to the hospital with toxic fume inhalation. This was a Tesla that had been in a wreck, no fire, but a damaged battery pack. The batteries had chemicals that, when mixed created toxic vapors. The firefighter were working the accident like one would if there were no fire involved. It appears we now have to be prepared to wear breathing apparatus on all accidents. What next?

We have placed our first order for turnouts and they should be here by the end of November. Our first round was a total of 7 sets. We ordered at the same time as East Lincoln for a total of 15 sets and received a break in priced as a result. We will more than likely place a second order late winter early spring.

Training: We have started our in- house firefighter academy. We have 5-7 new persons in the academy. If you look closely, you can see that one size does not fit all. This is why keeping up on the turnouts is so important. It allows us to fairly closely outfit an new person with the

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promise of better to come later. I would like to point out that everyone in this picture is a Seal Rock person. That is 16 people (5-7 recruits). At the same time, we have

3 persons taking the EMR class in Yachats. They all share the same last name (Stillman) and it represents the family culture we have here that turns this into more than just another fire agency.

This picture represents just under half of the persons we have on the 911 response roster.

That said, it saddens me to say we lost a member due to differences of opinion. I allow a lot of leeway when it comes to opinion, but we just couldn't resolve the differences in this case. When you have 40 people who interact with each other as like a family, nothing is going to be perfect!