

Chapter 6: Emergency Operations

Fire Defense Board

Since 2012, the responsibilities of the technical subcommittees have been transferred to the Clackamas Fire Defense Board (FDB). The FDB meets monthly to discuss issues surrounding fire operations and emergency response. The board consists of rural fire districts, city fire departments, County Emergency Management, wildland fire agencies, and other officials. The FDB also appoints a chief who is the point person for the FDB for State Mobilization request and also serves on the State Fire Defense board.

Emergency Operations Objectives

- I. Enhance interoperability of fire districts, USFS, ODF, and neighboring jurisdictions.
- II. Improve upon current system for utilizing fire resources within the county and neighboring jurisdictions.
- III. Clarify and exercise policies and procedures from the Fire Operations Center (FOC) and Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The following Objective has been completed and thereby removed from the list because ICS is now integrated pragmatically into training standards.

Strengthen Incident Command Systems and improve efficiency in wildfire response efforts by setting and implementing consistent, all-hazard training standards.

Emergency Operations Accomplishments

Many of the action items pertaining to integration of the National Incident Management System and Incident Command System revised training standards into training programs have been accomplished. In addition, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) and National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG) have made progress in aligning training standards for wildland and structural firefighters.

The Clackamas Fire Defense Board (FDB) had a conflagration exercise in 2013 and then put that practice to use in 2014 during the 36 Pit fire.

Emergency Operations Actions

The Emergency Operations Action Plan has been updated since 2012 to reflect accomplishments and ensure that the action plan remains relevant to current issues (Table 1-1.2012 CWPP Action Plan). The high priority risk assessment actions to be addressed by the wildfire planning team will be to:

- 1) Develop an FDB Communications Work Group.
- 2) Conduct a Conflagration Exercise.