

# Canby Fire District Strategic Plan

*Save Lives - Protect Property*



# INTRODUCTION



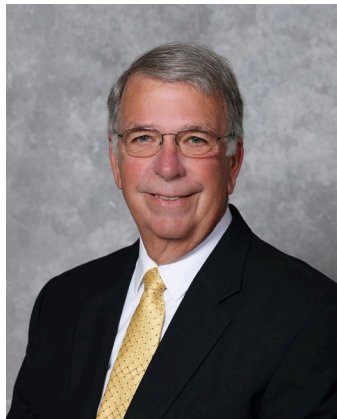
Canby Fire District has been proudly serving the communities of Canby and Barlow since 1899. Canby Fire controls one of three ambulance service areas within Clackamas County, which means we provide ambulance service straight out of Canby Fire's stations. By providing our own ambulance service, taxpayers experience shorter wait times, a higher level of care, and compassion from our outstanding Canby personnel.

Without the support of our community, Canby Fire would not be where it is today. We take pride in providing our taxpayers with trained professionals who strive to serve the community, save lives, and protect property.

# VISION

*Provided by our Elected Leaders*

As Elected Leaders, our vision for Canby Fire District is to continue to grow with our community by ensuring a fully trained and prepared staff that prioritize being responsible and efficient with taxpayer dollars. We are committed to enhancing community resilience through proactive medical, structure fire, and wildland response. Through preparedness initiatives we will provide timely and accessible emergency response information to the public and aim to keep our community informed and ready. In collaboration with our partners, we will build a safer, more connected, and well-prepared community.



# The Value of Canby Fire District

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We proudly serve 54 square miles of Canby and Barlow, as well as supporting our mutual aid partners, through 3 fire stations, 4 fire trucks, 4 ambulances, 3 water tenders, 25 volunteers, and 32 career personnel.

Canby Fire prioritizes excellent financial stability and stewardship of resources while forecasting future growth and ensuring financial health.

Canby Fire is funded by the following tax rates:

**Permanent Tax Rate:** \$1.5456 per \$1,000 assessed value.

**Local Option Levy:** \$0.95 per \$1,000 assessed value. This was voter-approved in 2023 by 60.61% and funded 12 firefighter medic positions.

The average home assessed value in Canby for tax year 2025 is \$326,264, making the average annual cost of tax for Canby Fire District taxpayers \$814.23 per year. Assessed value is assigned to a property for the purpose of tax rates, which is different than real market value.

Through fire code compliance, life and property loss is minimized while protecting the value of properties within the Canby Fire District.

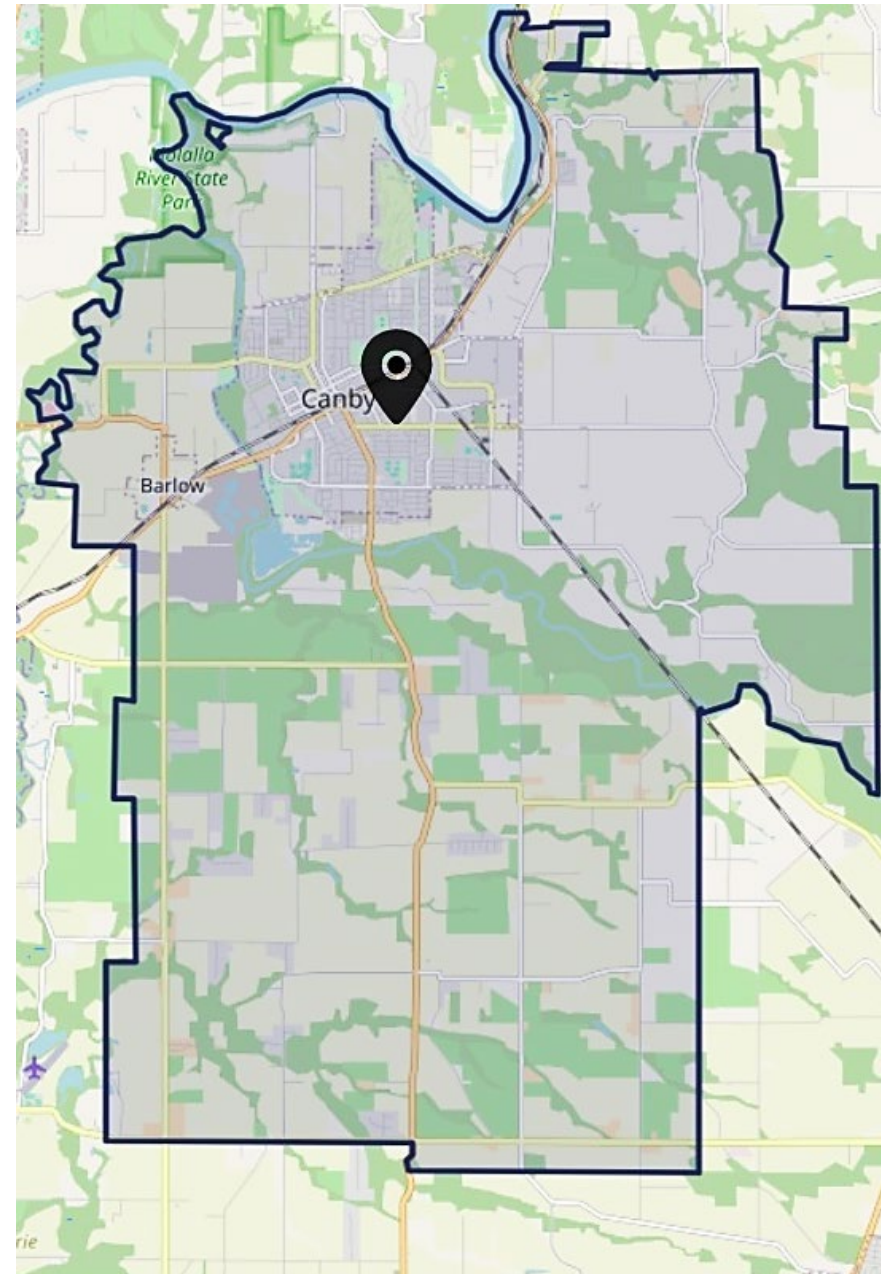
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Canby Fire has earned an exceptional Insurance Service Offices Class 2 rating for fire protection performance – placing it among the top agencies nationwide. The Insurance Service Offices scale ranges from 10 (lowest) to 1 (highest), making this achievement a strong indicator of operational excellence and community safety.

As part of our commitment to delivering exceptional emergency medical services, Canby Fire District provides Advanced Life Support coverage with fully staffed units operating 24 hours a day. Your transport fees reflect our dedication to cost-effective, efficient service delivery. This ensures residents receive timely, high-quality care while maximizing value for the community.

Clackamas County standards require ambulances to arrive on scene to emergencies in Canby within 25 minutes. **Canby Fire's average ambulance arrival time in 2025 is under 7 minutes.**



# SAFETY

*Safety involves continuous assessment, education, and improvement to foster a secure environment for personnel, stakeholders, and the community.*



- Ensure all equipment and personal protective equipment is up to date and compliant with today's safety standards
- Provide the most current, high-quality training that promotes the safest outcome for all personnel during all hazard responses
- Prioritize mental resilience and physical health
- Budget appropriately to support all identified safety priorities



# RESPONSE

*Response during emergency and non-emergency situations is a high priority for Canby Fire District. We continuously strive to improve our response quality, arrival times, and care provided.*



- Save lives, protect property, minimize environmental damage, and ensure Firefighter safety
- Develop and meet Canby Fire's Standard of Cover
- Adequate staffing of apparatus with qualified personnel for immediate response readiness
- Minimum qualification of Firefighter I by all combat personnel, with goal of earning Firefighter II and Wildland Firefighter II
- Innovative communication capabilities among all personnel and partnering agencies
- Fully establish the unappropriated and reserve funds, ensuring continued and future response levels



# COMMUNITY

*Community is why Canby Fire exists. Community relationships involve engagement, collaboration, trust, and support. This enhances safety, resilience, and overall wellbeing.*



- Our shared intergovernmental and public responsibility fosters mutual trust, collaboration, and improved emergency outcomes
- Community emergency preparedness training and outreach programs
- Maintain a high level of support for continued levy funding that ensures adequate staffing levels and secures our premier Insurance Service Offices rating
- Barriers to communication, access, and service are addressed through all-inclusive community outreach, education, response, and innovative opportunities
- High level of financial transparency and fiscal stewardship of public funds to maximize community benefit



# INNOVATION

*Creating and implementing new ideas, methods, products, and services that bring value and improvement to emergency medical services and fire response to further support our communities.*



- Actively pursue modes and tools that enhance the safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of emergency response, community protection, and member health and satisfaction
- Seek out alternative revenue sources involving our interagency, county, state, and federal partners
- Being adaptable and prepared for unexpected economic challenges



# *CANBY'S EMERGENCY NEWS CONNECTION*

Your Fire Chief wants to ensure our community members are informed and up to date with the latest emergency notifications. It is highly encouraged that you sign up for Clackamas County Alerts / ClackGo through Everbridge: [www.clackamas.us/dm/publicalerts](http://www.clackamas.us/dm/publicalerts). These notifications are for large scale emergencies and evacuation notices.

You can stay informed on local emergencies using the free PulsePoint app and selecting Canby Fire District as your agency. This will give you real-time incident data and contains important notices about impacted traffic routes and related information.

Follow us on social media and our website to stay up to date with Canby Fire activities and to receive safety messages: [www.canbyfire.org](http://www.canbyfire.org)



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# THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to our community, taxpayers, elected officials, staff, and volunteers for supporting our mission and vision each and every day. The dedication of our personnel is what keeps Canby Fire strong, supported, and able to serve.



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