

## Fire Operations

This Division is charged with maintaining an emergency response system that can protect the life and property of the citizens of Lake Oswego from fire and other disasters. Fire suppression personnel respond to all emergency and non-emergency requests for help and render the proper assistance to those in need. The Operations activities are performed through the following sections:

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### [Fire Suppression](#)

These activities focus on the actual fire problems found in Lake Oswego and the three contract districts: residential structural, commercial structural, high-rise structural, wildland, wildland/urban interface, and non-structural firefighting such as vehicles, refuse/garbage and brush fires.

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### [Hazardous Materials Response](#)

All personnel meet Oregon and federal regulations as Haz-Mat first responder certification requirements. Each member of the command staff has also been certified to state and federal standards as hazardous materials incident commanders.

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### [Emergency Medical Services](#)

All Lake Oswego firefighters maintain State certification as emergency medical technicians. Currently, 21 maintain certification as paramedics and provide the highest levels of pre-hospital emergency advanced life support. The remaining personnel maintain certification as EMT-Basics or EMT-Intermediates to complete our EMS service delivery system.

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### [Property Conservation](#)

As a modern full-service fire department deeply committed to excellent customer service, one important aspect of our emergency response service delivery is the protection of property against not only the ravages of fire but of other natural and man-made catastrophes.

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### [Water and Dive Rescue](#)

Lake Oswego Fire Department has been a leader in Dive Rescue for many decades. Starting in the early 1970's the Dive team consists of twelve certified divers trained as Water Rescue specialists. The Dive Team responds from the main fire station with a dedicated Dive Rescue vehicle fully equipped with modern equipment to facilitate a water emergency as well as ice rescues.

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