

Calls for Keizer Fire services hit new peak

It was a record-breaking year for the Keizer Fire District.

District crews responded to 4,512 calls for service in 2015 compared to 4,132 calls for service in 2014. The increase marks the fifth straight year the district has seen an increase in emergency responses. During the last ten years, KFD has seen a 35 percent increase in calls.

Medical crews responded to 3,476 requests for emergency medical service. That category of calls covers people who are injured in accidents or suffering from medical

conditions such as heart attacks, falls and strokes.

District firefighters responded to a total of 71 fire calls. Of that number, 29 were for residential fires which include private homes and apartments.

Other types of calls for service included 112 smoke, fire or carbon monoxide alarms, 351 public assists, and 350 responses for various types of other service calls. The district also responded to 152 requests for assistance from other fire agencies.

To manage the increase in calls for service the fire district

applied for two SAFER grants from FEMA in 2013 and 2015. The grants are designed to help departments provide adequate staffing to improve firefighter safety and to serve local residents.

Keizer used the FEMA grants to hire two firefighter/paramedics and three firefighter/EMTs. The additional staffing has helped in reducing the strain on our emergency response system, said district officials. Keizer voters also approved a bond measure in November which is helping to replace aging equipment and vehicles.



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Celt Christian Bospflug takes down a McKay Royal Scot Thursday, Jan. 7.

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McNary won the McNary dual meet 49-21. Match winners were: R. Vincent by pin in 17 seconds; Kibbey by pin in 27 seconds; Nick Hernandez in a 10-2 major decision; Jon Phelps in a 14-1 major decision; B. Ebbs by pin in 2:52; C. Vincent in an

11-3 major decision; Wyatt Kesler in an 8-0 major decision; Bonn in 5-2 decision; and Keifer Smith by pin in 5:48.

The Celts beat the Titans 66-9. Match winners were Brooke Burrows in a 6-4 decision; R. Vincent by pin in 42 seconds; Hernandez by pin in 1:05; Phelps by pin in 1:35; B. Ebbs by pin in 2:30; C. Vincent in an 8-4 decision; Kesler by pin in 4:49;

Jesse Gomez by pin in 3:46; Isaiah Putnam by pin in 2:48; Bonn by pin in 3:00; and Smith by pin in 33 seconds.

"They looked good coming out of the break and those two duals looked good, but our last four duals will be our real challenge this season," J. Ebbs said. "The last four duals will be where the world can change. Each of them is going to come down to four or five key matches."

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Senior Harry Cavell led the team with 19 points, Ismay put up 15 and Trent Van Cleave had seven. Goff led the team on the boards with eight rebounds, Ismay had seven.

"Coming back from a loss you always have something to prove, and we were determined not to underestimate them," said Ismay.

It will be almost two full weeks before McNary gets another bite at the Saxon apple – and it will have to maintain an even keel through some tough opponents – but Goff expected the Celts to be a different team next time around.

"We have to play with a bit of a chip on our shoulder. They next time we face (South), they're going to think they can beat us but it definitely will not happen again," he said.

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"We put in a new full-court defense. It forced us to communicate a lot more, but our offense was a little rocky," said Strand.

After a 13-2 first quarter, the Celts "let Sprague hang with them for the next two quarters," said Handley.

By the start of the fourth quarter, the Lady Celts had only extended their lead to 36-21.

"It wasn't bad, we just expected more after the first quarter," Handley said.

Hunter led all scoring with 23 points for the night, Hings-ton had 11 and Strand had 5.

"I think I'm getting more confidence to shoot, I've had a few games where I've struggled this year but it was nice to see the shot going in against Sprague," said Hunter. She was only nine points away from the school record.

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