



Whiteaker Middle School students lined Lockhaven Drive Northeast on Tuesday, Feb. 18, to honor a funeral procession for Keizer Police Department Officer Dan Carroll. Carroll lost an intense battle with cancer earlier this month.

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## Growing, aging population taxes KFD resources

### Behind-the-scenes shifts help district meet needs

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For the Keizer Fire District, 2019 was a banner year. KFD responded to a record number of 5,678 calls last year, or approximately 15.5 calls per day and one call every 1.5 hours during a 24-hour period. It was a 3.1 percent increase from 2018 — KFD responded to 5,506 calls in 2018.

But what's even more impressive has been KFD's substantial growth in call volume over the last 10 years.

In 2009, KFD responded to 3,866 calls for service, meaning that the 5,678 calls they responded to in 2019 was a 46.87 percent increase

from 10 years prior. So why has their been such a massive uptick in call volume over the last 10 years? And how has KFD been able to handle the increase in calls? Whenever there is population growth, there is a greater need for service. The population in Keizer has risen from 36,314 in 2009 to 39,692 in 2019, which is an increase of 9.3 percent. But according to Brian Butler, the division chief of operations with KFD, the call volume really started increasing in the last decade due to the number of assisted living facilities that have been built in Keizer over the last 10 years.

“Anytime you have a population increase, especially when it’s a elderly population increase, you’re going to have a greater need for services.”

— Ann-Marie Storms,  
Deputy Fire Marshal,  
Keizer Fire District

“We have had some very

## TOP 10 2019 CALL VOLUME

# Calls	Location
553	Avamere Court at Keizer
217	Bonaventure at Keizer Station
200	Village at Keizer Ridge
141	Brookdale Senior Living
139	Simonka Place
136	Salem Clinic Urgent Care at Inland Shores
135	Emerald Pointe Senior Living Community
124	The Arbor at Avamere
91	The Oaks at Sherwood Park
60	Kaiser Permanente Keizer Station Medical Office

Senior Living Facilities

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large facilities come in that take up a lot of our resources,” Butler said.

Keizer Fire Chief Jeff Cowan, who has been with KFD since 2008, said that the station only gets around 70 calls per year for fires, but that the vast majority of calls go towards emergency medical services (EMS) — 4,531 calls in 2019 were for

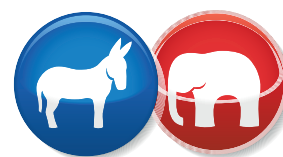
EMS services, which made up 80 percent of the total call volume.

And most of those EMS calls go to assisted living facilities.

In 2019, KFD responded to 217 calls at Bonaventure of Keizer, (which opened in 2016), 200 calls to The Village

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## Keizer bullish on Bernie



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Giving to presidential campaigns fell sharply in the fourth quarter of 2019, but Keizer residents threw the most financial support to Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Businessman Andrew Yang, who dropped out of the race last week, topped Sanders’ total contributions, but the support came from only two donors. Sanders had eight donors in total.

ProPublica recently shared fourth quarter reports from every state’s campaign giving. *Keizertimes* culled the contributions from Keizer residents for this story.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren led in campaign donations in the third quarter of 2019 and fell to third as the year closed out, but she is still far and away the biggest recipient of Keizer’s presidential campaign cash.

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Lt. Andrew Copeland leads members of the KPD Citizens Academy on a tour of the police evidence room.

## KPD rolls out Citizens Academy

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Every Thursday night for the next few weeks, the Keizer Police Department is giving about a dozen Keizer residents an inside look into how policing works as part of its second Citizens Academy.

For now, the residents selected for the program are invited to participate, but the plan is to open up the rolls to every resident of the city in the future.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, the syllabus was a deep dive into how police officers in Keizer are approaching crime.

Lt. Andrew Copeland and Crime Analyst Cara Steele led

discussions before taking a tour of the police station. Copeland encouraged participants to envision the three components of crime as the points of a triangle. One point is the potential offender, the second is a suitable target, the third is a guardian.

“The offender is looking for the moment the guardian isn’t paying attention and that’s when a crime occurs,” Copeland said. “Solving the guardian role is the focus of crime prevention.”

One of Steele’s many roles in the department is to watch for data trends that reveal the spaces in the city where suitable targets are being consistently left unguarded. She uses a variety of tactics to

develop “intelligence,” or data that has been analyzed, which she then uses to help department officials deploy officers in ways that deter criminal activity.

Some of the things she looks at to crack cases border on humorous.

“If we have a series of car clouts (break-ins) in a neighborhood, one of the things I look for is if there is a known offender who has a mother or mother of children in the neighborhood. We know that there is a good chance those offenders will be in the area because criminals love their moms,” Steele said. “What they are looking for is targets of opportunity.”

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