

Fires *from A1*

probably once or twice a week, even when we don't have fires," said Raade. "It is routine for us to include the fire marshal's office in investigations. It does not mean that we're suspecting that there's an arsonist. It's one of the first calls we make when we get a fire put out."

In light of the fire trend, Raade encouraged people to exercise caution with their fire risks at home.

"If people are choosing to use open flames, make sure that you're doing that in a safe manner," he said. "If people have homes that may not have updated wiring, I'd encourage that when the chance exists to have their wiring inspected or replaced."

Raade praised the responses of SLCFR to cover all emergencies, especially during Saturday morning's deluge of events.

"I had four alarms going off in about a 10-minute period," Raade said.

Two medical emergencies, a grass fire and the structure fire on Main



NICK SNYDER/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

A member of the South Lane Country Fire and Rescue surveys the remains of a structure fire from the deck of a ladder truck Saturday.

Street enveloped emergency responders' morning.

"We put life in front of

property," he said. "Sometimes, and it's not very often, we have to make

the decision of running to someone who's having a life or death medical emergen-

cy or going to a property emergency. But we've been able to meet every emer-

gency as they've come so far."

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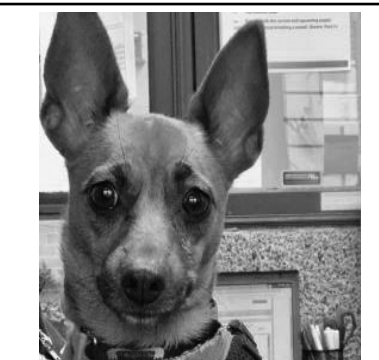
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