



# Lane Fire Authority

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### **Lane Fire Authority wants to get the word out**

*Fire chief asks, "What's the best way for us to share information with you?"*

[Veneta, Ore.] Lane Fire Authority is looking for ways to improve communication with its taxpayers. The fire authority has updated its web site ([www.lanefire.org](http://www.lanefire.org)), redesigned its newsletter, and regularly shares information through the local news media. It also shares information through its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LaneFireAuthority](http://www.facebook.com/LaneFireAuthority).

The fire authority also has a brief presentation to share with interested community service organizations. Fire Chief Terry Ney has spoken to a number of groups so far this year and encourages others to contact him to be a speaker at [terryney@lanefire.org](mailto:terryney@lanefire.org) or (541) 935-2226.

Even with these efforts, Chief Ney is concerned about the people the fire authority isn't able to reach and wants to do better. For example, firefighters were called out numerous times this summer to put out brush fires despite a burn ban being in effect.

"These are good people who had no idea there was a burn ban in place," he said. "We had posted the information on our web site and Facebook pages, but some people don't have access to the internet."

Chief Ney says that the fire authority wants to do better, and is asking community members to share ideas for how it can get the word out. Timing is important because next year voters will be asked to finalize the merger between Lane County Fire District 1 and Lane Rural Fire/Rescue. These two fire districts have been operating under a special agreement as Lane Fire Authority since 2012 to reduce costs and improve emergency services for the community.

Community members can share their ideas by visiting Lane Fire Authority's web site and clicking on "Contact Us." Those without internet access are encouraged to write Chief Ney at P.O. Box 398, Veneta, OR 97487.

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*Lane Fire Authority provides fire, life safety and emergency medical services (EMS) to 36,000 residents over 276 square miles in the Willamette Valley. This new partnership is actually two fire districts – Lane County Fire District 1 and Lane Rural Fire/Rescue – operating under a special agreement since 2012 that saves money and improves emergency services for the community. Our career and volunteer emergency personnel respond to over 4,700 emergency calls per year, 85% of which are for EMS.*



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