

# **DOBBINS/OREGON HOUSE FIRE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**



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## Chief Butler's Message

Thank You to communities of the Dobbins and Oregon House for being fire safe this summer. **To help the fire department**, by clearly marking your driveway numbers and keep the vegetation from growing in the way. Reminder that we have severe weather coming, so please be careful by slowing down on the roadways, they maybe slippery when wet. Before you start using your fireplaces/ woodstove, remember to clean the chimney. When we have power outages this winter, please check on the elderly neighbors, by checking on them once in a while.

Thank you, Chief Butler

## Year to Date Stats

In the past year, the Fire Department responded to 335 incidents. The broad categories include accidents (18), Emergency Medical Services (231), false alarms (36), fire related (20), and miscellaneous such as lockouts or police assistance (30). The Emergency Medical Services, or 911 calls, account for 68%, the vast majority of the incidents. Although fire related calls are only 6%, the 25 or so volunteers are the first responders and can often get a fire under control before it gets into the wildland. They are on call 24/7 ready to respond when an incident is reported.

## Community Happenings

**Speical Picnic** - It was a crisp fall day on Saturday, October 12, when there was a special picnic at the Alcouffe Community Center to honor the people who man our volunteer Fire Department. The picnic was hosted by volunteer firefighter Greg Stensler.



**Fuels Removal Project** - On October 26 starting at 8:30 am, ther will be a *Fire-Fuel Removal Project* at a [YES Charter Academy](#), 9841 Texas Hill Rd in Oregon House. 95962.

This is a day of volunteer-powered climate action! This hands-on event will help us make YES Charter Academy more wildfire resilient as we remove fire fuel, and prepare the space for its future transformation into a vibrant native garden. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference, learn about wildfire prevention, and contribute to a healthier, more resilient community.

California Climate Action Corps has partnered with Keep California Beautiful, Keep America Beautiful, Yuba Resource Conservation District, Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council, and SayLove to support local wildfire resiliency efforts. Volunteers will remove brush and other ladder fuels onsite in order to better protect the community from the harshest effects of wildfires in the region.



**Firewise Communities** - Firewise communities can help protect your house and your neighbors. To start forming a Firewise Community, contact the Firewise Community Coordinator Sandie Huckins at: 530 645-2236. For more information see: [Yuba Watershed and FireSafe Council](#). The next Firesafe Council meetings are on Wednesday, November 13, and Wednesday December 11. The meetings are held at the Alcouffe Community Center, 9185 Marysville Rd, Oregon House 95962 and start at 9:30 pm.

**Resource Conservation District** - The Yuba County Resource Conservation District has funding for fuel reduction efforts for areas beyond the 100 foot zone. To see if you may qualify for this funding, contact the Resource Conservation District Executive Director DJ Baker by email at: [dbaker.yrcrd.info@gmail.com](mailto:dbaker.yrcrd.info@gmail.com)  
For more information about the Resource Conservation District, see the website at: [www.yubarcd.org](http://www.yubarcd.org)

### Department Training/Equipment

If you would like to become a volunteer with the Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Department, please contact the chief ([mcblobo60@aol.com](mailto:mcblobo60@aol.com)) or come by the station on a Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM when training occurs. We welcome applications from interested residents of our community.

The following equipment has been ordered. This equipment was paid for by Measure K funds.

- Approved and ordered in October 2022 – Type 6 Mini Pumper engine brush/rig for \$230,000.00 from QTAC Fire and Resue.
- Approved and ordered in June 2024 – Type 5 engine with 400-gallon capacity built on Ford F550 chassis - Metal "Diamond Plate" construction material for \$260,000.00 from Cascade.

### Safety Topics

- **WINTER SAFETY TIP:** AVOID FLUE FIRES!! Clean your chimney.
- **REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS:** Help us to help you by having a reflective address marker, and make sure access to your home is free of overhanging tree limbs; fire engines can be 14 feet tall! Free signs are available from the Fire Safe Council, see: [Reflective Signs](#)

### Thrift Store

The sole purpose of the [Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Auxiliary and Thrift Store](#) is to raise funds for our local Volunteer Fire Department (Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Protection District). Since 2008 over \$360,000 has been raised to help purchase fire engines, safety equipment or whatever they need to protect our community.

The Thrift Store has furniture, clothing, shoes, jewelry, wall art and collectibles, books, CD's, miscellaneous kitchen ware and hardware items and seasonal decorations. Donations arrive daily and put out as quickly as we can. Please stop by often and browse and buy. We are opened Wednesday thru Saturday from 10 AM – 4 PM.

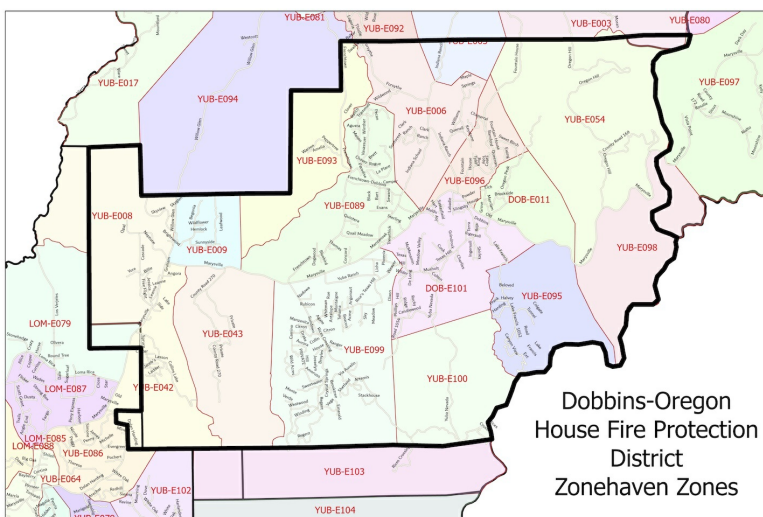
How you can help: Volunteer to work at the Thrift Store and make some new friends and donate gently used items for resale when the store is open. We also do a March Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser each year and have done flea markets, breakfasts, and a joint Fire House Open House and BBQ to raise funds.



## About the Fire District

The Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Protection District was established in 1986. Below is a map showing the area the Fire District covers. The Board administers the Fire District. The Board makes sure the bills are paid and pursues grants for equipment. The District's income comes from taxpayers, grants, and outright gifts. Plus, the Thrift Shop contributes substantial funding to the District. The District is self-sufficient, it is paying its way. *Financial donations are always welcomed.*

Any registered voter who lives within the District's boundaries may be either elected or appointed to the Board. Meetings are every fourth Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the Fire Station on Marysville Rd.



Dobbins-Oregon House Fire Protection District Zonehaven Zones

## Contacting the Fire Department

**If you have an emergency, call 911**

**Main Fire Station:**  
9162 Marysville Rd.  
Oregon House, CA 95962

**Send Mail To:**  
Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Protection District  
P.O. Box 164  
Oregon House, CA 95962

**Information Requests and to add or to be removed from the Newsletter Distribution List:**  
dohfpd@gmail.com

**Thrift Store:**  
9162 Marysville Road  
P.O. Box 574  
530 692-2255  
[Thrift Store](#)