



## WOODBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT

# Ask The Department!!

There is a nation wide shortage of volunteer firefighters and EMT's. The Woodburn Fire Department is struggling on staffing the ambulance. 9 years ago, with the help from our Membership Program, we were able to hire 2 full time firefighters/EMT's to staff Monday through Friday 7 am—5 pm. Nights and weekends fall back on the volunteer staff. We have a severe shortage of firefighters and EMT's which makes it very hard to respond to emergency calls in the off hours from the full time staff. We are asking the community we serve to help support us in creating a Fire Territory. With the territory we would be able to do a tax levy increase to be able to raise the funds we need to provide 24/7 fire and EMS coverage.



Imagine calling 911 for a loved one and having to wait 20 min for an ambulance to arrive on scene. With our staffing levels currently that is becoming a reality. Our call volumes in 2010 were a combined total of 425 calls of service that year. In 2019 we had a combined total of 724 calls. Each year those numbers continue to grow. That puts a huge strain on the volunteer staff who all work full time jobs, have families and still have to dedicate hours to the department. Today's volunteer firefighter or EMT have a responsibility to maintain their level of training every year. Along with annual trainings they have a duty to serve the public's 911 calls, go to monthly trainings and meetings, and special events held by the department, schools, or the city/ township events. They do all of this while maintaining a normal job and family life the best they can.

We feel we are failing to serve you and want to make sure we do everything in our power to help prevent this getting any worse than what it already is.

We are asking that you please ask a member of the department of our situation. We have a solution and would like to share with you as to what it is and what it looks like to you as tax-paying citizen.

Please Call for information  
PHONE: 260-632-3021 or 260-632-5218

